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Washington, D.C. 20549

	FORM S-8 Registration Statement Under the Securities Act of 1933 Talen Energy Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)				
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PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Talen Energy Corporation (the "Registrant") will provide all participants in the Talen Energy Corporation 2025 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan") with document(s) containing the information required by Part I of Form S-8, as specified in Rule 428(b)(1) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act, the Registrant has not filed such document(s) either as part of this Registration Statement or as a prospectus or prospectus supplement pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of Form S-8, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act. The Registrant shall maintain a file of such documents in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428(a)(2) under the Securities Act. Upon request, the Registrant shall furnish to the Commission or its staff a copy or copies of all of the documents included in such file.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

Except to the extent that information is deemed furnished and not filed pursuant to securities laws and regulations, the following documents have been filed by the Registrant with the Commission and are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") and will be deemed to be a part hereof:

- (a) The Registrant's prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act on July 9, 2024, relating to the Registrant's Form S-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-280341), originally filed with the Commission on June 20, 2024 (as amended, including all exhibits);
- (b) All other reports, if any, filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Form S-1 Registration Statement referred to in (a) above; and
- (c) The Description of the Registrant's Securities to be Registered included in the Registrant's Form 8-A (File No. 001-37388), filed with the Commission on July 9, 2024, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating, changing or otherwise modifying such description.

Except to the extent that information is deemed furnished and not filed pursuant to securities laws and regulations, all documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date hereof and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that all securities offered have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall also be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the dates of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall 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 which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL") authorizes a court to award, or a corporation's board of directors to grant, indemnity to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification under certain circumstances for liabilities, including reimbursement for expenses incurred, arising under the Securities Act. Our Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation ("Charter") permits indemnification of our directors and officers to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL, and our Second Amended and Restated Bylaws ("Bylaws") provide that we will indemnify our directors and officers and permit us to indemnify our employees and other agents, in each case to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCI

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors and officers, whereby we have agreed to indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law, including indemnification against expenses and liabilities incurred in legal proceedings to which the director or officer was, or is threatened to be made, a party by reason of the fact that such director or officer is or was a director or officer of ours, provided that such director or officer acted in good faith, in a manner that the director or officer reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, our best interest, and with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful.

The indemnification provisions in our Charter, Bylaws and the indemnification agreements that we have entered into, or will enter into, with our directors and executive officers may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors and executive officers for breach of their fiduciary duties. They may also reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and executive officers, even though an action, if successful, might benefit us and other stockholders. Further, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent that we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and executive officers as required by these indemnification provisions. At present, there is no pending litigation or proceeding involving a director or officer of ours regarding which indemnification is sought, nor is the Registrant aware of any threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification.

We maintain insurance policies that indemnify our directors and officers against various liabilities arising under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act that might be incurred by any director or officer in his or her capacity as such.

Certain of our non-employee directors may, through their relationships with their employers, be insured and/or indemnified against certain liabilities incurred in their capacity as members of our board of directors.

The Plan also provides that the committee administering the Plan (the "Committee") is entitled to rely upon any opinion and/or computation furnished to them by the Registrant's legal counsel, consultants or agents assisting in the administration of the Plan. The Committee, its members, and any person designated or granted authority pursuant to the Plan shall not be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan. To the fullest extent permitted by law, no officer or employee of the Registrant or the Registrant's affiliates or member or former member of the Committee or of the board of directors of the Registrant shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any award granted under it.

The above discussion of the DGCL, the Registrant's Charter, Bylaws, indemnification agreements, the Plan, and the Registrant's maintenance of directors' and officers' liability insurance is not intended to be exhaustive and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such statute or applicable document.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The exhibits to this Registration Statement are listed in the Exhibit Index to this Registration Statement, which immediately precedes such exhibits 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;
 - (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this 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 this 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 this effective Registration Statement; and
 - (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 this Registration Statement;

- provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if 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 Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, 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, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this 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 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 Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities 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 Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description				
4.1	Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Talen Energy Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the Commission on June 20, 2024).				
4.2	Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of Talen Energy Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the Commission on June 20, 2024).				
5.1*	Opinion of Kirkland & Ellis LLP.				
10.1*	2025 Employee Stock Purchase Plan of Talen Energy Corporation.				
23.1*	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.				
23.2*	Consent of Kirkland & Ellis LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1).				
24.1*	Powers of Attorney (included in the signature page to this Registration Statement).				
107*	Filing Fee Table.				
*	Filed herewith.				

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, 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 Houston, State of Texas, on November 14, 2024.

TALEN ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mark A. McFarland
Name: Mark A. McFarland
Title: Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below appoints Mark A. McFarland and Terry L. Nutt, and each of them, any of whom may act without the joinder of the other, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each 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 to this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (including post-effective amendments), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or would do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of said attorneys-in-fact and agents or either of them or their, or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This power of attorney may be executed in counterparts and all capacities to sign any and all amendments.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Mark A. McFarland	Chief Executive Officer and Director	November 14, 2024
Mark A. McFarland	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Terry L. Nutt	Chief Financial Officer	November 14, 2024
Terry L. Nutt	(Principal Financial Officer)	
<u>/s/ Tony Plagens</u>	Chief Accounting Officer	November 14, 2024
Tony Plagens	(Principal Accounting Officer)	
/s/ Stephen Schaefer	Chairman of the Board of Directors	November 14, 2024
Stephen Schaefer	and Director	
<u>/s/ Gizman Abbas</u>	Director	November 14, 2024
Gizman Abbas		
/s/ Anthony Horton	Director	November 14, 2024
Anthony Horton		
<u>/s/ Karen Hyde</u>	Director	November 14, 2024
Karen Hyde		
<u>/s/ Joseph Nigro</u>	Director	November 14, 2024
Joseph Nigro		
/s/ Christine Benson Schwartzstein	Director	November 14, 2024
Christine Benson Schwartzstein		

Calculation of Filing Fee Table

Form S-8

(Form Type)

Talen Energy Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered Securities

Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation Rule	Amount Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (3)		Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee
Equity	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	Rule 457(c) and (h)	575,000	\$175.96	\$101,177,000.00	\$0.0001531	\$15,490.20
	Total Offering	Amounts			\$101,177,000.00		\$15,490.20
Total Fee Offsets					_		
Net Fee Due				\$15,490.20			

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") shall be deemed to cover an indeterminate amount of additional shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock") of Talen Energy Corporation, that may become issuable under the Talen Energy Corporation 2025 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to the adjustment or anti-dilution provisions of the Plan.
- (2) Represents shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Plan being registered herein, which Common Stock consist of shares of Common Stock reserved and available for delivery with respect to awards under the Plan and shares of Common Stock that may again become available for delivery with respect to awards under the Plan pursuant to the share counting, share recycling and other terms and conditions of the Plan.
- (3) Estimated pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. Represents the average of the high and low sales prices of a share of Common Stock as reported on The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC on November 11, 2024 (such date being within five business days prior to the date of filing this Registration Statement), multiplied by 85%. Under the Plan, the purchase price of a share of Common Stock is equal to 85% of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the Enrollment Date or the Purchase Date (as such terms are defined in the Plan), whichever is lower.

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November 14, 2024

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are issuing this opinion letter in our capacity as special counsel to Talen Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (as amended or supplemented, the "Registration Statement") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on November 14, 2024 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), by the Company. The Registration Statement relates to the registration by the Company of up to 575,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Shares"), issuable under the Talen Energy Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan").

In connection with the registration of the Shares, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents, corporate records and other instruments as we have deemed necessary for the purposes of this opinion, including (i) the Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, (ii) the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, (iii) resolutions of the board of directors of the Company with respect to the issuance of the Shares pursuant to the Plan, (iv) the Plan and (v) the Registration Statement and the exhibits thereto.

For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies and the authenticity of the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies. We have also assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of the signatures of persons signing all documents in connection with which this opinion is rendered, the authority of such persons signing on behalf of the parties thereto other than the Company and the due authorization, execution and delivery of all documents by the parties thereto other than the Company. We have not independently established or verified any facts relevant to the opinions expressed herein but have relied upon statements and representations of the officers and other representatives of the Company.

We have relied without independent investigation upon, among other things, an assurance from the Company that the number of shares which the Company is authorized to issue in the Company's charter exceeds the number of shares outstanding and the number of shares which the Company is obligated to issue (or had otherwise reserved for issuance) for any purposes other than issuance in connection with the Plan by at least the number of Shares which may be issued in connection with the Plan, and we have assumed that such condition will remain true at all future times relevant to this opinion.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing qualifications, assumptions and limitations and the further limitations set forth below, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, when issued, delivered and paid for in accordance with the terms of the Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

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Our opinion expressed above is subject to the qualifications that we express no opinion as to the applicability of, compliance with, or effect of any laws except the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, including the applicable provisions of the Delaware constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting these laws.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

We do not find it necessary for the purposes of this opinion, and accordingly we do not purport to cover herein, the application of the securities or "Blue Sky" laws of the various states to the sale of the Shares.

This opinion is limited to the specific issues addressed herein, and no opinion may be inferred or implied beyond that expressly stated herein. This opinion speaks only as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion after the date of effectiveness should the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware be changed by legislative action, judicial decision or otherwise after the date hereof.

This opinion is furnished to you in connection with the filing of the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act, and is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise relied upon for any other purpose.

Sincerely,

/s/ KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

TALEN ENERGY CORPORATION

2025 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

ARTICLE I.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Talen Energy Corporation 2025 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (as it may be amended or restated from time to time, this "Plan") is to assist Eligible Employees of Talen Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and its Designated Subsidiaries in acquiring a stock ownership interest in the Company. This Plan consists of two components: (i) the Section 423 Component and (ii) the Non-Section 423 Component. The Section 423 Component is intended to qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code and shall be administered, interpreted and construed in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 423 of the Code. The Non-Section 423 Component authorizes the grant of rights which need not qualify as rights granted pursuant to an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code. Rights granted under the Non-Section 423 Component shall be granted pursuant to separate Offerings containing such sub-plans, appendices, rules or procedures as may be adopted by the Administrator and designed to achieve tax, securities laws or other objectives for Eligible Employees and Designated Subsidiaries, but shall not be intended to qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code.

ARTICLE II.

DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

Wherever the following terms are used in this Plan they shall have the meanings specified below, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- 2.1 "Administrator" means the entity that conducts the general administration of this Plan as provided in Article XI. The term "Administrator" shall refer to the Committee unless the Board has assumed the authority for administration of this Plan as provided in Article XI.
- 2.2 "Applicable Law" means the requirements relating to the administration of equity incentive plans under U.S. federal and state securities, tax and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, the applicable rules of any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted and the applicable laws and rules of any foreign country or other jurisdiction where rights under this Plan are granted.
- 2.3 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 2.4 "<u>Code</u>" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time. Any reference to any section of the Code shall also be a reference to any successor provision and any guidance and treasury regulation promulgated thereunder.
- 2.5 "Common Stock" means the common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, of the Company.

- 2.6 "Compensation" of an Eligible Employee means wages as defined in Code Section 3401(a) plus amounts that would be included in wages but for an election under Code Section 125(a), 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), 402(k), or 457(b) and all other payments of compensation to an Employee by the Company or a Designated Subsidiary (in the course of the Company's or such Designated Subsidiary's trade or business) for services to the Company and the Designated Subsidiaries while employed as an Employee for which the Company or a Designated Subsidiary is required to furnish the Employee a written statement under Code Sections 6041(d), 6051(a)(3) and 6052. Compensation shall be determined without regard to any rules under Code Section 3401(a) that limit the remuneration included in wages based on the nature or location of the employment or the services performed (such as the exception for agricultural labor in Code Section 3401(a)(2)). Compensation does not include amounts received by a Participant after severance from employment.
- 2.7 "<u>Designated Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary designated by the Administrator in accordance with Section 11.2(b).
- 2.8 "Effective Date" means the date this Plan is adopted by the Board.
- 2.9 "Eligible Employee" means:
 - (a) an Employee who does not, immediately after any rights under this Plan are granted, own (directly or through attribution) stock possessing five percent (5%) or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of Shares and other securities of the Company, a Parent or a Subsidiary (as determined under Section 423(b)(3) of the Code). For purposes of the foregoing, the rules of Section 424(d) of the Code with regard to the attribution of stock ownership shall apply in determining the stock ownership of an individual, and stock that an Employee may purchase under outstanding options shall be treated as stock owned by the Employee.
 - (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator may provide in an Offering Document that an Employee shall not be eligible to participate in an Offering Period under the Section 423 Component if: (i) such Employee is a highly compensated employee within the meaning of Section 423(b)(4)(D) of the Code; (ii) such Employee has not met a service requirement designated by the Administrator pursuant to Section 423(b)(4)(A) of the Code (which service requirement may not exceed two (2) years); (iii) such Employee's customary employment is for twenty (20) hours per week or less; (iv) such Employee's customary employment is for less than five (5) months in any calendar year; and/or (v) such Employee is a citizen or resident of a foreign jurisdiction and the grant of a right to purchase Shares under this Plan to such Employee would be prohibited under the laws of such foreign jurisdiction or the grant of a right to purchase Shares under this Plan to such Employee in compliance with the laws of such foreign jurisdiction would cause this Plan to violate the requirements of Section 423 of the Code, as determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion; provided, further, that any exclusion in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this Section 2.9(b) shall be applied in an identical manner under each Offering Period to all Employees, in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.423-2(e).
 - Further notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to the Non-Section 423 Component, the first sentence in this definition shall apply in determining who is an "Eligible Employee," except (i) the Administrator may limit eligibility further within the Company or a Designated Subsidiary so as to only designate some Employees of the Company or a Designated Subsidiary as Eligible Employees, and (ii) to the extent the restrictions in the first sentence in this definition are not consistent with applicable local laws, the applicable local laws shall control.

- Each Employee who is subject to a collective bargaining agreement or other labor-related contract with a union, works council, labor organization, or other employee representative (each, a "Labor Agreement") and is otherwise an Eligible Employee under Sections 2.9(a), (b), and (c) shall be an Eligible Employee; provided, that, with respect to any Offering Period, an Employee who is subject to a Labor Agreement that, as of the applicable Enrollment Date, prohibits participation in this Plan shall not participate in such Offering Period. Any such union, works council, labor organization or other employee representative may elect to permit participation in this Plan by providing written notice of such determination to the Administrator no later than thirty (30) days prior to the applicable Enrollment Date.
- 2.10 "Employee" means, (a) with respect to the Non-Section 423 Component, any individual who renders services to the Company or any Designated Subsidiary in the status of an employee, and (b) with respect to the Section 423 Component, a person who is an employee within the meaning of Section 3401(c) of the Code. For purposes of an individual's participation in, or other rights under this Plan, all determinations by the Company shall be final, binding and conclusive, notwithstanding that any court of law or governmental agency subsequently makes a contrary determination. For purposes of this Plan, the employment relationship shall be treated as continuing intact while the individual is on sick leave or other leave of absence approved by the Company or Designated Subsidiary and meeting the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.421-1(h)(2). Where the period of leave exceeds three months and the individual's right to reemployment is not guaranteed either by statute or by contract, the employment relationship shall be deemed to have terminated on the first day immediately following such three-month period.
- 2.11 "Enrollment Date" means the first Trading Day of each Offering Period, unless otherwise specified in the Offering Document.
- 2.12 "Exchange Act" means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time. Reference to a specific section of the Exchange Act or regulation thereunder shall include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or interpretation promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing, or superseding such section or regulation.
- 2.13 "Fair Market Value" means, as of any date, the value of a Share determined as follows: (a) if the Common Stock is listed on any established stock exchange, its Fair Market Value will be the closing sales price for such Common Stock as quoted on such exchange for such date, or if no sale occurred on such date, the last day preceding such date during which a sale occurred, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or another source the Administrator deems reliable; (b) if the Common Stock is not traded on a stock exchange but is quoted on a national market or other quotation system, the closing sales price on such date, or if no sales occurred on such date, then on the last date preceding such date during which a sale occurred, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or another source the Administrator deems reliable; or (c) without an established market for the Common Stock, the Administrator will determine the Fair Market Value in good faith in its sole discretion.
- 2.14 "Non-Section 423 Component" means those Offerings under this Plan, together with the sub-plans, appendices, rules or procedures, if any, adopted by the Administrator as a part of this Plan, in each case, pursuant to which rights to purchase Shares during an Offering Period may be granted to Eligible Employees that need not satisfy the requirements for rights to purchase Shares granted pursuant to an "employee stock purchase plan" that are set forth under Section 423 of the Code.

- 2.15 "Offering" means an offer under this Plan of a right to purchase Shares that may be exercised during an Offering Period as further described in Article IV hereof. Unless otherwise specified by the Administrator, each Offering to the Eligible Employees of the Company or a Designated Subsidiary shall be deemed a separate Offering, even if the dates and other terms of the applicable Offering Periods of each such Offering are identical, and the provisions of this Plan will separately apply to each Offering. To the extent permitted by Treasury Regulation Section 1.423-2(a)(1), the terms of each separate Offering under the Section 423 Component need not be identical, provided that the terms of the Section 423 Component and an Offering thereunder together satisfy Treasury Regulation Section 1.423-2(a)(2) and (a)(3).
- 2.16 "Offering Document" has the meaning given to such term in Section 4.1.
- 2.17 "Offering Period" has the meaning given to such term in Section 4.1.
- 2.18 "Parent" means any corporation, other than the Company, in an unbroken chain of corporations ending with the Company if, at the time of the determination, each of the corporations other than the Company owns stock possessing fifty percent (50%) or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain.
- 2.19 "Participant" means any Eligible Employee who has executed a subscription agreement and been granted rights to purchase Common Stock pursuant to this Plan.
- 2.20 "Purchase Date" means the last Trading Day of each Purchase Period, unless otherwise specified in the Offering Document.
- 2.21 "Purchase Period" means one or more periods within an Offering Period, as designated in the applicable Offering Document; provided, however, that, in the event no Purchase Period is designated by the Administrator in the applicable Offering Document, the Purchase Period for each Offering Period covered by such Offering Document shall be the same as the applicable Offering Period.
- 2.22 "Purchase Price" means the purchase price designated by the Administrator in the applicable Offering Document (which purchase price, for purposes of the Section 423 Component, shall not be less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Enrollment Date or on the Purchase Date, whichever is lower); provided, however, that, in the event no purchase price is designated by the Administrator in the applicable Offering Document, the purchase price for the Offering Periods covered by such Offering Document shall be eighty-five percent (85%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Enrollment Date or on the Purchase Date, whichever is lower; provided, further, that the Purchase Price may be adjusted by the Administrator pursuant to Article VIII and shall not be less than the par value of a Share.
- 2.23 <u>"Section 409A"</u> means the nonqualified deferred compensation rules under Section 409A of the Code and any applicable treasury regulations and other official guidance thereunder.
- 2.24 <u>"Section 423 Component"</u> means those Offerings under this Plan, together with the sub-plans, appendices, rules or procedures, if any, adopted by the Administrator as a part of this Plan, in each case, pursuant to which rights to purchase Shares during an Offering Period may be granted to Eligible Employees that are intended to satisfy the requirements for rights to purchase Shares granted pursuant to an "employee stock purchase plan" that are set forth under Section 423 of the Code.
- 2.25 "Share" means a share of Common Stock.

- 2.26 "Subsidiary" means any corporation, other than the Company, in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company if, at the time of the determination, each of the corporations other than the last corporation in an unbroken chain owns stock possessing fifty percent (50%) or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain; provided, however, that a limited liability company or partnership may be treated as a Subsidiary to the extent either (a) such entity is treated as a disregarded entity under Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-3(a) by reason of the Company or any other Subsidiary that is a corporation being the sole owner of such entity, or (b) such entity elects to be classified as a corporation under Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-3(a) and such entity would otherwise qualify as a Subsidiary. In addition, with respect to the Non-Section 423 Component, Subsidiary shall include any corporate or non-corporate entity in which the Company has a direct or indirect equity interest or significant business relationship.
- 2.27 "Trading Day" means a day on which national stock exchanges in the United States are open for trading.

ARTICLE III.

SHARES SUBJECT TO THIS PLAN

- Number of Shares. Subject to Article VIII, the aggregate number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to rights granted under this Plan shall be 500,000 Shares. In addition to the foregoing, subject to Article VIII, on the first day of each calendar year beginning on and including January 1, 2026 and ending on and including January 1, 2034, the number of Shares available for issuance under this Plan shall be increased by the number of Shares equal to the lesser of (a) the number of Shares that, together with the remaining previously reserved but unissued Shares under the Plan, equals 1% of the outstanding Shares of the Company as of the last day of the immediately preceding calendar year and (b) such smaller number of Shares as determined by the Board; provided, that the aggregate number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to rights granted under the Section 423 Component of the Plan shall in no event exceed 5,000,000 Shares. If any right granted under this Plan shall for any reason terminate without having been exercised, the Shares not purchased under such right shall again become available for issuance under this Plan.
- 3.2 <u>Stock Distributed.</u> Any Common Stock distributed pursuant to this Plan may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Common Stock, treasury stock or Common Stock purchased on the open market.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFERING PERIODS; OFFERING DOCUMENTS; PURCHASING DATES

- 4.1 Offering Periods. The Administrator may from time to time grant, or provide for the grant of, rights to purchase Shares under this Plan to Eligible Employees during one or more periods (each, an "Offering Period") selected by the Administrator. The terms and conditions applicable to each Offering Period shall be set forth in an "Offering Document" adopted by the Administrator, which Offering Document shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as the Administrator shall deem appropriate in its sole discretion. The Administrator shall establish in each Offering Document one or more Purchase Periods during such Offering Period during which rights granted under this Plan shall be exercised and purchases of Shares carried out during such Offering Period shall be made in accordance with such Offering Document and this Plan. Except as otherwise determined by the Administrator or provided herein, the Non-Section 423 Component will operate and be administered in the same manner as the Section 423 Component. Offerings intended to be made under the Non-Section 423 Component will be designated as such by the Administrator at or prior to the time of such Offering. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the terms of separate Offering Periods under this Plan need not be identical. Solely by way of example and without limiting the foregoing, the Company could, but shall not be required to, provide for simultaneous Offerings under the Section 423 Component and the Non-Section 423 Component of this Plan.
- 4.2 <u>Offering Documents.</u> Each Offering Document with respect to an Offering Period shall specify (through incorporation of the provisions of this Plan by reference or otherwise):
 - (a) the length of the Offering Period, which period shall not exceed twenty-seven (27) months;
 - (b) the length of the Purchase Period(s) within the Offering Period, if applicable;
 - (c) the maximum number of Shares that may be purchased by any Eligible Employee during such Offering Period (which, in the absence of a contrary designation by the Administrator, shall be 1,000 Shares); and
 - (d) such other provisions as the Administrator determines are appropriate, subject to this Plan.

ARTICLE V.

ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

- 5.1 <u>Eligibility.</u> Any Eligible Employee who shall be employed by the Company or a Designated Subsidiary on a given Enrollment Date for an Offering Period shall be eligible to participate in this Plan during such Offering Period, subject to the requirements of this Article V and, for the Section 423 Component, the limitations imposed by Section 423(b) of the Code.
- 5.2 Enrollment in Plan.
 - (a) Except as otherwise set forth herein, in an Offering Document or as determined by the Administrator, an Eligible Employee may become a Participant in this Plan for an Offering Period by delivering a subscription agreement to the Company by such time prior to the Enrollment Date for such Offering Period (or such other date specified in the Offering Document) designated by the Administrator and in such form as the Company provides.

- (b) Each such subscription agreement shall designate a whole number percentage of such Eligible Employee's Compensation to be withheld by the Company or the Designated Subsidiary employing such Eligible Employee on each payday during the Offering Period as payroll deductions under this Plan. Such payroll deductions may not be less than the minimum amount specified by the Administrator in the applicable Offering Document (which shall be one percent (1%) in the absence of any such designation) and may not be greater than the maximum amount specified by the Administrator in the applicable Offering Document (which shall be ten percent (10%) in the absence of any such designation). The payroll deductions made for each Participant shall be credited to an account for such Participant under this Plan and shall be deposited with the general funds of the Company.
- (c) A Participant may decrease (but not increase) the percentage of Compensation designated in the Participant's subscription agreement (to as low as zero), subject to the limits of this Section 5.2 and subject to Section 5.9, at any time during an Offering Period; provided, however, that the Administrator may limit the number of times a Participant may decrease the Participant's payroll deduction elections during each Offering Period in the applicable Offering Document (and in the absence of any specific designation by the Administrator, a Participant shall be allowed one decrease (but no increases) to the Participant's payroll deduction elections during each Offering Period with respect to such Offering Period). Any such change of payroll deductions shall be effective with the first full payroll period following ten (10) business days after the Company's receipt of the new subscription agreement (or such shorter or longer period as may be specified by the Administrator in the applicable Offering Document). In the event a Participant decreases the Participant's payroll deductions to zero, such Participant's cumulative payroll deductions prior to such decrease shall remain in the Participant's account and shall be applied to the purchase of Shares on the next occurring Purchase Date and shall not be paid to such Participant unless the Participant withdraws from participation in this Plan pursuant to Article VII.
- (d) Except as otherwise set forth in Section 5.8, in an Offering Document or as determined by the Administrator, a Participant may participate in this Plan only by means of payroll deduction and may not make contributions by lump sum payment for any Offering Period. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan to the contrary, in non-U.S. jurisdictions where participation in this Plan through payroll deductions is prohibited, the Administrator may provide that an Eligible Employee may elect to participate through contributions to the Participant's account under this Plan in a form acceptable to the Administrator in lieu of or in addition to payroll deductions; provided, however, that, for any Offering under the Section 423 Component, any such alternative method of contribution must comply with the requirements of Section 423 of the Code.
- 5.3 <u>Payroll Deductions.</u> Except as otherwise set forth in Section 5.8, in an Offering Document or as determined by the Administrator, payroll deductions for a Participant shall commence on the first payroll following the Enrollment Date and shall end on the last payroll in the Offering Period to which the Participant's authorization is applicable, unless sooner terminated by the Participant as provided in Article VII or suspended by the Participant or the Administrator as provided in Section 5.2 and Section 5.6, respectively.
- 5.4 <u>Effect of Enrollment.</u> A Participant's completion of a subscription agreement will automatically enroll such Participant in this Plan for each subsequent Offering Period on the terms contained therein until the Participant either submits a new subscription agreement, withdraws from participation under this Plan as provided in Article VII or otherwise becomes ineligible to participate in this Plan.

- 5.5 <u>Limitation on Purchase of Common Stock.</u> An Eligible Employee may be granted rights under the Section 423 Component of this Plan only if such rights, together with any other rights granted to such Eligible Employee under any "employee stock purchase plans" of the Company, any Parent or any Subsidiary, as specified by Section 423(b)(8) of the Code, do not permit such Eligible Employee's rights to purchase stock of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary to accrue at a rate that exceeds \$25,000 of the Fair Market Value of such stock (determined as of the first day of the Offering Period during which such rights are granted) for each calendar year in which such rights are outstanding at any time. This limitation shall be applied in accordance with Section 423(b)(8) of the Code.
- Suspension of Payroll Deductions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to the Section 423 Component, to the extent necessary to comply with Section 423(b)(8) of the Code, Section 5.5 or the other limitations set forth in this Plan, a Participant's payroll deductions may be suspended by the Administrator at any time during an Offering Period. The balance of the amount credited to the account of each Participant that has not been applied to the purchase of Shares by reason of Section 423(b)(8) of the Code, Section 5.5 or the other limitations set forth in this Plan shall be paid to such Participant, without interest, in one lump sum in cash as soon as reasonably practicable after the Purchase Date.
- 5.7 Foreign Employees. In order to facilitate participation in this Plan, the Administrator may provide for such special terms applicable to Participants who are citizens or residents of a foreign jurisdiction or who are employed by a Designated Subsidiary outside of the United States, as the Administrator may consider necessary or appropriate to accommodate differences in local law, tax policy or custom. With respect to the Section 423 Component, such special terms may not be more favorable than the terms of rights granted under this Plan to Eligible Employees who are residents of the United States, and must satisfy the requirements for rights to purchase Shares granted pursuant to an "employee stock purchase plan" that are set forth under Section 423 of the Code. Moreover, the Administrator may approve such supplements to, or amendments, restatements or alternative versions of, this Plan as it may consider necessary or appropriate for such purposes without thereby affecting the terms of this Plan as in effect for any other purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such special terms, supplements, amendments or restatements shall include any provisions that are inconsistent with the terms of this Plan as then in effect unless this Plan could have been amended to eliminate such inconsistency without further approval by the stockholders of the Company. Without limiting the foregoing, the Administrator is specifically authorized to adopt rules and procedures, with respect to Participants who are foreign nationals or employed in non-U.S. jurisdictions, regarding the exclusion of particular Subsidiaries from participation in the Plan, eligibility to participate, the definition of Compensation, handling of payroll deductions or other contributions by Participants, payment of interest, conversion of local currency, data privacy security, payroll tax, withholding procedures, establishment of bank or trust accounts to hold payroll deductions or contributions.
- 5.8 <u>Leave of Absence.</u> During leaves of absence approved by the Company meeting the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.421-1(h) (2) under the Code, a Participant may continue participation in this Plan by making cash payments to the Company on the Participant's normal payday equal to the Participant's authorized payroll deduction.
- 5.9 <u>Insider Trading Policy.</u> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, any Participant's enrollment in the Plan, election made under the Plan or transaction made pursuant to the Plan, in each case, is in all respects subject to the terms and conditions of any insider trading policy of the Company adopted by the Board from time to time.

ARTICLE VI.

GRANT AND EXERCISE OF RIGHTS

- 6.1 <u>Grant of Rights.</u> On the Enrollment Date of each Offering Period, each Eligible Employee participating in such Offering Period pursuant to the terms of the Plan shall be granted a right to purchase, subject to the maximum number of Shares specified under Section 4.2 and the limits in Section 5.5, on each Purchase Date during such Offering Period (at the applicable Purchase Price), a number of whole Shares determined by dividing (a) such Participant's payroll deductions accumulated prior to such Purchase Date and retained in the Participant's account as of the Purchase Date, by (b) the applicable Purchase Price (rounded down to the nearest Share). Such right shall expire on the earliest of: (x) the last Purchase Date of the Offering Period, (y) the last day of the Offering Period and (z) the date on which the Participant withdraws from participation in the Plan in accordance with Section 7.1 or Section 7.3.
- 6.2 Exercise of Rights. On each Purchase Date, each Participant's accumulated payroll deductions and any other additional payments specifically provided for in the applicable Offering Document will be applied to the purchase of whole Shares pursuant to Section 6.1, up to the maximum number of Shares permitted pursuant to the terms of this Plan and the applicable Offering Document, at the Purchase Price. Shares issued pursuant to this Plan may be evidenced in such manner as the Administrator may determine and may be issued in certificated form or issued pursuant to book-entry procedures.
- Pro Rata Allocation of Shares. If the Administrator determines that, on a given Purchase Date, the number of Shares with respect to which rights are to be exercised may exceed (a) the number of Shares that were available for issuance under this Plan on the Enrollment Date of the applicable Offering Period, or (b) the number of Shares available for issuance under this Plan on such Purchase Date, the Administrator may in its sole discretion provide that the Company shall make a pro rata allocation of the Shares available for purchase on such Enrollment Date or Purchase Date, as applicable, in as uniform a manner as shall be practicable and as it shall determine in its sole discretion to be equitable among all Participants for whom rights to purchase Shares are to be exercised pursuant to this Article VI on such Purchase Date, and shall either (i) continue all Offering Periods then in effect or (ii) terminate any or all Offering Periods then in effect pursuant to Article IX. The Company may make a pro rata allocation of the Shares available on the Enrollment Date of any applicable Offering Period pursuant to the preceding sentence, notwithstanding any authorization of additional Shares for issuance under this Plan by the Company's stockholders subsequent to such Enrollment Date. The balance of the amount credited to the account of each Participant that has not been applied to the purchase of Shares shall be paid to such Participant, without interest, in one lump sum in cash as soon as reasonably practicable after the Purchase Date or such earlier date as determined by the Administrator.
- Withholding. At the time a Participant's rights under this Plan are exercised, in whole or in part, or at the time some or all of the Shares issued under this Plan are disposed of, the Participant must make adequate provision for the Company's federal, state, or other tax withholding obligations, if any, that arise upon the exercise of the right or the disposition of the Shares. At any time, the Company may, but shall not be obligated to, withhold from the Participant's compensation the amount necessary for the Company to meet applicable withholding obligations, including, without limitation, any withholding required to make available to the Company any tax deductions or benefits attributable to the sale or early disposition of Shares by the Participant.
- 6.5 <u>Conditions to Issuance of Shares.</u> The Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificate or certificates for, or make any book entries evidencing, Shares purchased upon the exercise of rights under this Plan prior to fulfillment of all of the following conditions:
 - (a) The admission of such Shares to listing on all stock exchanges, if any, on which the Common Stock is then listed;

- (b) The completion of any registration or other qualification of such Shares under any state or federal law or under the rulings or regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other governmental regulatory body, that the Administrator shall, in its absolute discretion, deem necessary or advisable;
- (c) The obtaining of any approval or other clearance from any state or federal governmental agency that the Administrator shall, in its absolute discretion, determine to be necessary or advisable;
- (d) The payment to the Company of all amounts that it is required to withhold under federal, state or local law upon exercise of the rights, if any; and
- (e) The lapse of such reasonable period of time following the exercise of the rights as the Administrator may from time to time establish for reasons of administrative convenience.

ARTICLE VII.

WITHDRAWAL; CESSATION OF ELIGIBILITY

- Withdrawal. A Participant may withdraw during an Offering Period all, but not less than all, of the payroll deductions credited to the Participant's account and not yet used to exercise the Participant's rights under this Plan by delivering written notice to the Company in a form acceptable to the Company and at such time prior to the Purchase Date for such Offering Period as may be established by the Administrator in the applicable Offering Document (and in the absence of any specific designation by the Administrator, no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Purchase Date for such Offering Period). All of the Participant's payroll deductions credited to the Participant's account during such Offering Period not yet used to exercise the Participant's rights under this Plan shall be paid to such Participant as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of notice of withdrawal, without interest, and such Participant's rights for such Offering Period shall be automatically terminated, and no further payroll deductions for the purchase of Shares shall be made for such Offering Period. If a Participant withdraws from an Offering Period, payroll deductions shall not resume at the beginning of the immediately subsequent Offering Period unless the Participant timely delivers to the Company a new subscription agreement pursuant to Section 5.2.
- 7.2 <u>Future Participation.</u> A Participant's withdrawal from an Offering Period shall not have any effect upon a Participant's eligibility to participate in any similar plan that may hereafter be adopted by the Company or a Designated Subsidiary, or in any subsequent Offering Periods that commence after the termination of the Offering Period from which the Participant withdraws.

Cessation of Eligibility. Upon a Participant's ceasing to be an Eligible Employee for any reason, such Participant shall be deemed to have 7.3 elected to withdraw from this Plan pursuant to this Article VII, and the payroll deductions credited to such Participant's account during the Offering Period shall be paid, without interest, to such Participant or, in the case of the Participant's death, to the person or persons entitled thereto under Section 12.4, as soon as reasonably practicable, and such Participant's rights for the Offering Period shall be automatically terminated. If a Participant transfers employment from the Company or any Designated Subsidiary participating in the Section 423 Component to any Designated Subsidiary participating in the Non-Section 423 Component, such transfer shall not be treated as a termination of employment, but the Participant shall immediately cease to participate in the Section 423 Component; however, any contributions made for the Offering Period in which such transfer occurs shall be transferred to the Non-Section 423 Component, and such Participant shall immediately join the then-current Offering under the Non-Section 423 Component upon the same terms and conditions in effect for the Participant's participation in the Section 423 Component, except for such modifications otherwise applicable for Participants in such Offering. A Participant who transfers employment from any Designated Subsidiary participating in the Non-Section 423 Component to the Company or any Designated Subsidiary participating in the Section 423 Component shall not be treated as terminating the Participant's employment and shall remain a Participant in the Non-Section 423 Component until the earlier of (i) the end of the current Offering Period under the Non-Section 423 Component or (ii) the Enrollment Date of the first Offering Period in which the Participant is eligible to participate following such transfer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator may establish different rules to govern transfers of employment between entities participating in the Section 423 Component and the Non-Section 423 Component, consistent with the applicable requirements of Section 423 of the Code.

ARTICLE VIII.

ADJUSTMENTS UPON CHANGES IN STOCK

- Changes in Capitalization. Subject to Section 8.3, in the event that the Administrator determines that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Common Stock, other securities, or other property), change in control, reorganization, merger, amalgamation, consolidation, combination, repurchase, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution, or sale, transfer, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or sale or exchange of Common Stock or other securities of the Company, issuance of warrants or other rights to purchase Common Stock or other securities of the Company, or other similar corporate transaction or event, as determined by the Administrator, affects the Common Stock such that an adjustment is determined by the Administrator to be appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended by the Company to be made available under this Plan or with respect to any outstanding purchase rights under this Plan, the Administrator shall make equitable adjustments, if any, to reflect such change with respect to (a) the aggregate number and type of Shares (or other securities or property) that may be issued under this Plan (including, but not limited to, adjustments of the limitations in Section 3.1 and the limitations established pursuant to Section 4.2 (as may be modified by the Offering Document) on the maximum number of Shares that may be purchased); (b) the class(es) and number of Shares and price per Share subject to outstanding rights; and (c) the Purchase Price with respect to any outstanding rights.
- 8.2 Other Adjustments. Subject to Section 8.3, in the event of any transaction or event described in Section 8.1 or any unusual or nonrecurring transactions or events affecting the Company, any affiliate of the Company, or the financial statements of the Company or any affiliate, or of changes in Applicable Law or accounting principles, the Administrator, in its discretion, and on such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, is hereby authorized to take any one or more of the following actions whenever the Administrator determines that such action is appropriate in order to prevent the dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under this Plan or with respect to any right under this Plan, to facilitate such transactions or events or to give effect to such changes in laws, regulations or principles:

- (a) To provide for either (i) the termination of any outstanding right to purchase Shares granted under this Plan in exchange for an amount of cash, if any, equal to the amount that would have been obtained upon the exercise of such right had such right been currently exercisable or (ii) the replacement of such outstanding right with other rights or property selected by the Administrator in its sole discretion:
- (b) To provide that the outstanding rights to purchase Shares granted under this Plan shall be assumed by the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, or shall be substituted for by similar rights covering the stock of the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, with appropriate adjustments as to the number and kind of shares and prices;
- (c) To make adjustments in the number and type of Shares (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding rights to purchase Shares granted under this Plan and/or in the terms and conditions of outstanding rights and rights that may be granted under this Plan in the future:
- (d) To provide that Participants' accumulated payroll deductions may be used to purchase Shares prior to the next occurring Purchase Date on such date as the Administrator determines in its sole discretion, and the Participants' rights under the ongoing Offering Period(s) shall be terminated as of such prior purchase date; and/or
- (e) To provide that all outstanding rights to purchase Shares granted under this Plan shall terminate without being exercised.
- 8.3 No Adjustment Under Certain Circumstances. No adjustment or action described in this Article VIII or in any other provision of this Plan shall be authorized to the extent that such adjustment or action would cause the Section 423 Component of this Plan to fail to satisfy the requirements of Section 423 of the Code.
- 8.4 No Other Rights. Except as expressly provided in this Plan, no Participant shall have any rights by reason of any subdivision or consolidation of shares of stock of any class, the payment of any dividend, any increase or decrease in the number of shares of stock of any class or any dissolution, liquidation, merger, or consolidation of the Company or any other corporation. Except as expressly provided in this Plan or pursuant to action of the Administrator under this Plan, no issuance by the Company of shares of stock of any class, or securities convertible into shares of stock of any class, shall affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number of Shares subject to outstanding rights under this Plan or the Purchase Price with respect to any outstanding rights.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, AND TERMINATION

Amendment, Modification and Termination. The Administrator may amend, suspend or terminate this Plan at any time and from time to time; provided, however, that approval of the Company's stockholders shall be required to amend this Plan to: (a) increase the aggregate number, or change the type, of Shares that may be sold pursuant to rights granted under this Plan under Section 3.1 (other than an adjustment as provided by Article VIII); or (b) change this Plan in any manner that would be considered the adoption of a new plan within the meaning of Treasury regulation Section 1.423-2(c)(4).

- 9.2 <u>Certain Changes to Plan.</u> Without stockholder consent and without regard to whether any Participant rights may be considered to have been adversely affected, subject to Section 9.1 and, solely with respect to the Section 423 Component of this Plan, to the extent permitted by Section 423 of the Code, the Administrator shall be entitled to change or terminate the Offering Periods, limit the frequency and/or number of changes in the amount withheld from Compensation during an Offering Period, establish the exchange ratio applicable to amounts withheld in a currency other than U.S. dollars, permit payroll withholding in excess of the amount designated by a Participant in order to adjust for delays or mistakes in the Company's processing of payroll withholding elections, establish reasonable waiting and adjustment periods and/or accounting and crediting procedures to ensure that amounts applied toward the purchase of Common Stock for each Participant properly correspond with amounts withheld from the Participant's Compensation, and establish such other limitations or procedures as the Administrator determines in its sole discretion to be advisable that are consistent with this Plan.
- 9.3 <u>Actions In the Event of Unfavorable Financial Accounting Consequences.</u> In the event the Administrator determines that the ongoing operation of this Plan may result in unfavorable financial accounting consequences, the Administrator may, in its sole discretion and, to the extent necessary or desirable, modify or amend this Plan to reduce or eliminate such accounting consequence including, but not limited to:
 - (a) altering the Purchase Price for any Offering Period including an Offering Period underway at the time of the change in Purchase Price;
 - (b) shortening any Offering Period so that the Offering Period ends on a new Purchase Date, including an Offering Period underway at the time of the Administrator action; and
 - (c) allocating Shares.

Such modifications or amendments shall not require stockholder approval or the consent of any Participant.

9.4 <u>Termination of Plan.</u> Upon termination of this Plan, the balance in each Participant's Plan account shall be refunded as soon as practicable after such termination, without any interest thereon. Additionally, the Administrator may, in its discretion, shorten the current Offering Period such that the Purchase Date for such Offering Period occurs prior to the termination of the Plan.

ARTICLE X.

TERM OF PLAN

This Plan shall be effective on the Effective Date, subject to approval of this Plan by the stockholders of the Company within twelve (12) months before or after the Effective Date. No rights may be granted under this Plan prior to stockholder approval of this Plan. No rights may be granted under this Plan during any period of suspension of this Plan or after termination of this Plan.

ARTICLE XI.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrator. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Administrator of this Plan shall be the Compensation Committee of the Board (or another committee or a subcommittee of the Board to which the Board delegates administration of this Plan) (such committee, the "Committee"). The Board may at any time vest in the Board any authority or duties for administration of this Plan. The Administrator may delegate administrative tasks under this Plan to the services of a brokerage firm, bank or other financial institution or Employees to assist in the administration of this Plan, including establishing and maintaining an individual securities account under this Plan for each Participant.

- 11.2 <u>Authority of Administrator.</u> The Administrator shall have the power, subject to, and within the limitations of, the express provisions of this Plan:
 - (a) To determine when and how rights to purchase Shares shall be granted and the provisions of each offering of such rights (which need not be identical);
 - (b) To designate from time to time which Subsidiaries of the Company shall be Designated Subsidiaries, which designation may be made without the approval of the stockholders of the Company and which such designation shall specify whether the participation is in the Section 423 Component or the Non-Section 423 Component;
 - (c) To impose a mandatory holding period pursuant to which Employees may not dispose of or transfer Shares purchased under this Plan for a period of time determined by the Administrator in its discretion;
 - (d) To construe and interpret this Plan and any rights granted under it, and to establish, amend and revoke rules and regulations for its administration. The Administrator, in the exercise of this power, may correct any defect, omission or inconsistency in this Plan or any Offering in a manner and to the extent it shall deem necessary or expedient to administer the Plan, subject to Section 423 of the Code for the Section 423 Component;
 - (e) To amend, suspend or terminate this Plan as provided in Article IX; and
 - (f) Generally, to exercise such powers and to perform such acts as the Administrator deems necessary or expedient to promote the best interests of the Company and its Designated Subsidiaries and to carry out the intent that the Section 423 Component of this Plan be treated as an "employee stock purchase plan" within the meaning of Section 423 of the Code.
- 11.3 <u>Decisions Binding.</u> The Administrator's interpretation of this Plan, any rights granted pursuant to this Plan, any subscription agreement and all decisions and determinations by the Administrator with respect to this Plan are final, binding, and conclusive on all parties.

ARTICLE XII.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.1 Restriction upon Assignment. A right granted under this Plan shall not be transferable other than by will or the Applicable Laws of descent and distribution, and is exercisable during the Participant's lifetime only by the Participant. Except as provided in Section 12.4 hereof, a right under this Plan may not be exercised to any extent except by the Participant. The Company shall not recognize and shall be under no duty to recognize any assignment or alienation of the Participant's interest in this Plan, the Participant's rights under this Plan or any rights thereunder.
- 12.2 <u>Rights as a Stockholder.</u> With respect to Shares subject to a right granted under this Plan, a Participant shall not be deemed to be a stockholder of the Company, and the Participant shall not have any of the rights or privileges of a stockholder, until such Shares have been issued to the Participant or the Participant's nominee following exercise of the Participant's rights under this Plan. No adjustments shall be made for dividends (ordinary or extraordinary, whether in cash securities, or other property) or distribution or other rights for which the record date occurs prior to the date of such issuance, except as otherwise expressly provided herein or as determined by the Administrator.
- 12.3 <u>Interest.</u> No interest shall accrue on the payroll deductions or contributions of a Participant under this Plan.

12.4 <u>Designation of Beneficiary.</u>

- (a) A Participant may, in the manner determined by the Administrator, file a written designation of a beneficiary who is to receive any Shares and/or cash, if any, from the Participant's account under this Plan in the event of such Participant's death subsequent to a Purchase Date on which the Participant's rights are exercised but prior to delivery to such Participant of such Shares and cash. In addition, a Participant may file a written designation of a beneficiary who is to receive any cash from the Participant's account under this Plan in the event of such Participant's death prior to exercise of the Participant's rights under this Plan. If the Participant is married and resides in a community property state, a designation of a person other than the Participant's spouse as the Participant's beneficiary shall not be effective without the prior written consent of the Participant's spouse.
- (b) Such designation of beneficiary may be changed by the Participant at any time by written notice to the Company. In the event of the death of a Participant and in the absence of a beneficiary validly designated under this Plan who is living at the time of such Participant's death, the Company shall deliver such Shares and/or cash to the executor or administrator of the estate of the Participant, or if no such executor or administrator has been appointed (to the knowledge of the Company), the Company, in its discretion, may deliver such Shares and/or cash to the spouse or to any one or more dependents or relatives of the Participant, or if no spouse, dependent or relative is known to the Company, then to such other person as the Company may designate.
- 12.5 <u>Notices.</u> All notices or other communications by a Participant to the Company under or in connection with this Plan shall be deemed to have been duly given when received in the form specified by the Company at the location, or by the person, designated by the Company for the receipt thereof.
- 12.6 Equal Rights and Privileges. Subject to Section 5.7, all Eligible Employees will have equal rights and privileges under the Section 423 Component of this Plan so that the Section 423 Component of this Plan qualifies as an "employee stock purchase plan" within the meaning of Section 423 of the Code. Subject to Section 5.7, any provision of the Section 423 Component of this Plan that is inconsistent with Section 423 of the Code will, without further act or amendment by the Company, the Board or the Administrator, be reformed to comply with the equal rights and privileges requirement of Section 423 of the Code. Eligible Employees participating in the Non-Section 423 Component need not have the same rights and privileges as other Eligible Employees participating in the Non-Section 423 Component or as Eligible Employees participating in the Section 423 Component.
- 12.7 <u>Use of Funds.</u> All payroll deductions received or held by the Company under this Plan may be used by the Company for any corporate purpose, and the Company shall not be obligated to segregate such payroll deductions.
- 12.8 Reports. Statements of account shall be given to Participants at least annually, which statements shall set forth the amounts of payroll deductions, the Purchase Price, the number of Shares purchased and the remaining cash balance, if any.
- 12.9 No Employment Rights. Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to give any person (including any Eligible Employee or Participant) the right to employment with (or to remain in the employ of) the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary thereof or affect the right of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary thereof to terminate the employment of any person (including any Eligible Employee or Participant) at any time, with or without cause.

- 12.10 <u>Conformity to Securities Laws.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Plan and the participation in the Plan by any individual who is then subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act shall be subject to any additional limitations set forth in any applicable exemption rule under Section 16 of the Exchange Act (including any amendment to Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act) that are requirements for the application of such exemptive rule. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Plan shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such applicable exemptive rule.
- 12.11 Section 409A. The Section 423 Component of the Plan and the rights to purchase Shares granted pursuant to Offerings thereunder are intended to be exempt from the application of Section 409A. Neither the Non-Section 423 Component nor any rights to purchase Shares granted pursuant to an Offering thereunder are intended to constitute or provide for "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, if the Administrator determines that any right to purchase Shares granted under the Plan may be or become subject to Section 409A or that any provision of the Plan may cause a right to purchase Shares granted under the Plan to be or become subject to Section 409A, the Administrator may adopt such amendments to the Plan and/or adopt other policies and procedures (including amendments, policies and procedures with retroactive effect), or take any other actions as the Administrator determines are necessary or appropriate to avoid the imposition of taxes under Section 409A, either through compliance with the requirements of Section 409A or with an available exemption therefrom.
- 12.12 <u>Disposition of Shares.</u> Each Participant shall give prompt notice to the Company of any disposition or other transfer of any Shares purchased upon exercise of a right under the Section 423 Component of this Plan if such disposition or transfer is made: (a) within two (2) years from the Enrollment Date of the Offering Period in which the Shares were purchased or (b) within one (1) year after the Purchase Date on which such Shares were purchased. Such notice shall specify the date of such disposition or other transfer and the amount realized, in cash, other property, assumption of indebtedness or other consideration, by the Participant in such disposition or other transfer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may impose any restrictions on the disposition or transfer of Shares purchased pursuant to this Plan as it deems necessary and appropriate to the administration of this Plan.
- 12.13 <u>Governing Law.</u> This Plan and actions taken in connection herewith shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without reference to principles of conflict of laws.
- 12.14 <u>Electronic Forms.</u> To the extent permitted by Applicable Law and in the discretion of the Administrator, an Eligible Employee may submit any form or notice as set forth herein by means of an electronic form approved by the Administrator. Before the commencement of an Offering Period, the Administrator shall prescribe the time limits within which any such electronic form shall be submitted to the Administrator with respect to such Offering Period in order to be a valid election.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Talen Energy Corporation of our report dated March 14, 2024, except for the financial statement schedule, as to which the date is April 4, 2024 relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedule of Talen Energy Corporation (Successor), which appears in Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Talen Energy Corporation filed on July 3, 2024.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Houston, Texas November 14, 2024

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Talen Energy Corporation of our report dated March 14, 2024 relating to the financial statements of Talen Energy Supply, LLC (Predecessor), which appears in Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Talen Energy Corporation filed on July 3, 2024.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Houston, Texas November 14, 2024