On December 23, 2013, Regency Energy Partners LP ("Regency"), announced a plans to purchase Eagle Rock Energy Partners, L.P. Regency's general partner is owned by Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE). The press release is below:

# Regency Energy Partners to Acquire Eagle Rock's Midstream Business for Approximately \$1.3 Billion

DALLAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 23, 2013-- Regency Energy Partners LP (NYSE: RGP) today announced plans to purchase Eagle Rock Energy Partners, L.P.'s (NASDAQ: EROC) midstream business. The acquisition, valued at approximately \$1.3 billion, will complement Regency's core gathering and processing business, and when combined with the proposed acquisition of PVR Resources, will further diversify Regency's basin exposure in the Texas Panhandle, East Texas and South Texas.

Eagle Rock's midstream assets include approximately 8,100 miles of gathering pipeline and over 800 MMcf/d of processing plants and its cash flows are supported by large, long-term acreage dedications. The combined system is expected to provide significant synergies, increase efficiencies on Regency's current system, and enhance services for its customers.

"This acquisition represents another attractive growth opportunity for Regency and is very strategic to our plans to increase our scale and expand our basin diversity in liquids-rich areas," said Mike Bradley, president and chief executive officer of Regency. "When combined with the proposed acquisition of PVR Partners, our expanded footprint will strengthen Regency's position as a midstream provider in the Mid-Continent region and provide additional growth opportunities."

"We expect this acquisition to be immediately accretive to our distributable cash flow per common unit and we also expect that this acquisition will be accretive to distributable cash flow per common unit on a pro forma basis with the pending acquisition of PVR Partners, L.P. As a result, we believe this transaction supports our objective of creating unitholder value through long-term cash distribution growth," continued Bradley.

In light of the expected cash flow accretion from the Eagle Rock transaction, Regency management expects to recommend to its board of directors distribution increases that would represent a growth rate of 6-8% for full-year 2014. The recommended increases are subject to board approval based on Regency's future operating results, including the performance of the acquired business.

The Eagle Rock acquisition is expected to close in the second quarter of 2014, and is subject to the approval of Eagle Rock's unitholders, Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act approval and other customary closing conditions.

Regency expects to finance the acquisition by issuing \$200 million of Regency common units to Eagle Rock, issuing \$400 million of Regency common units to Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE); and the assumption and like-kind exchange of up to \$550 million of outstanding Eagle Rock senior notes into Regency senior notes. The remaining portion of the consideration will be funded from borrowings under Regency's revolving credit facility.

Jamie Welch, Group Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Development for Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE), the owner of the general partner of Regency, stated, "ETE is very excited by Regency's continued strategic growth and we fully support this transaction through a \$400 million equity commitment. We believe that the acquisition of the Eagle Rock midstream business and the acquisition of PVR will be tremendous catalysts for continued unitholder growth for all Regency unitholders." Barclays Capital Inc. acted as financial advisor to Regency and provided a fairness opinion to Regency, and Andrews Kurth LLP acted as legal counsel to Regency with respect to the transaction.

Regency will hold a conference call to discuss the acquisition of Eagle Rock's midstream assets today, Monday, December 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Central Time (11:00 a.m., Eastern Time).

The dial-in number for the call is 1-800-299-8538 in the United States, or +1-617-786-2902 outside the United States, passcode 53993058. A live webcast of the call may be accessed on the investor relations page of Regency's website at www.regencyenergy.com. The call will be available for replay for seven days by dialing 1-888-286-8010 (from outside the U.S., +1-617-801-6888) passcode 88113953. A replay of the broadcast will also be available on Regency's website for 30 days.

This release includes "forward-looking" statements. Forward-looking statements are identified as any statement that does not relate strictly to historical or current facts and include statements regarding the timing of the acquisition and the proposed acquisition of PVR Partners and increases in our distribution rate. Statements using words such as "anticipate," "believe," "intend," "project," "plan," "expect," "continue," "estimate," "goal," "forecast," "may" or similar expressions help identify forward-looking statements. Although we believe our forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions and current expectations and projections about future events, we cannot give any assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These risks and uncertainties include the risks that these transactions may not be consummated or the benefits contemplated therefrom may not be realized. Additional risks include: volatility in the price of oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids, declines in the credit markets and the availability of credit for the Partnership as well as for producers connected to the Partnership's system and its customers, the level of creditworthiness of, and performance by the Partnership's counterparties and customers, the Partnership's ability to access capital to fund organic growth projects and acquisitions, including significant acquisitions, and the Partnership's ability to obtain debt and equity financing on satisfactory terms, the Partnership's use of derivative financial instruments to hedge commodity and interest rate risks, the amount of collateral required to be posted from time-to-time in the Partnership's transactions, changes in commodity prices, interest rates, and demand for the Partnership's services. changes in laws and regulations impacting the midstream sector of the natural gas industry, weather and other natural phenomena, acts of terrorism and war, industry changes including the impact of consolidations and changes in competition, the Partnership's ability to obtain required approvals for construction or modernization of the Partnership's facilities and the timing of production from such facilities, and the effect of accounting pronouncements issued periodically by accounting standard setting boards. Therefore, actual results and outcomes may differ materially from those expressed in such forward-looking statements.

These and other risks and uncertainties are discussed in more detail in filings made by the Partnership with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are available to the public. The Partnership undertakes no obligation to update publicly or to revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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visit Regency's website at www.regencyenergy.com.

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On October 10, 2013, Regency Energy Partners LP ("Regency"), announced a planned merger and acquisition of PVR Partners, L.P. Regency's general partner is owned by Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE). The press release is below:

# Regency Energy Partners to Acquire PVR Partners for \$5.6 Billion

Significantly Expands Regency's Gas Gathering and Processing Operations in Key Producing Regions

# Offers Compelling Strategic Growth Opportunities

DALLAS & RADNOR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 10, 2013-- Regency Energy Partners LP ("Regency") (NYSE:RGP) and PVR Partners, L.P. ("PVR") (NYSE:PVR) today announced that their respective boards of directors have unanimously approved a definitive merger agreement, pursuant to which Regency will acquire PVR. This acquisition will be a unit-for-unit transaction plus a one-time cash payment to PVR unitholders that collectively imply a value today for PVR of approximately \$5.6 billion, including the assumption of net debt of \$1.8 billion.

The transaction, which is expected to close in the first quarter of 2014, will create a leading gas gathering and processing platform with a scaled presence across North America's premier high-growth unconventional oil and gas plays in Appalachia, West Texas, South Texas, the Mid-Continent and North Louisiana. The combination continues to build on Regency's fee-based cash flows. The combination is expected to be slightly dilutive to 2014 DCF, but is not expected to affect anticipated cash distribution growth in 2014; moreover, the enhanced scale, balance sheet strength and diversification are expected to provide substantial EBITDA and DCF growth over time. Specifically, the acquisition better positions the combined company to capitalize on the long-term growth momentum of North American gas production through incremental, high-value expansions around its core asset base, as well as other growth and acquisition opportunities.

"This acquisition enhances our overall geographic diversity by providing Regency with a strategic presence in two prolific producing areas, the Marcellus and Utica shales in the Appalachian Basin and the Granite Wash in the Mid-Continent region," said Michael J. Bradley, president and chief executive officer of Regency. "These are tremendously complementary businesses, and as a result, we expect the increased footprint and scale to create significant synergies and provide substantial organic growth opportunities that will continue to support our goal of increasing distributions and creating unitholder value."

"We view this transaction as a merger creating a larger, more diversified operating platform that will be highly attractive to investors, customers, creditors and employees," said William H. Shea, Jr., president and chief executive officer of PVR. "We believe that the size and scope of the combined enterprise will be highly beneficial to our unitholders, offering added diversification and critical mass which will provide the needed financial flexibility to fully execute and benefit from the significant portfolio of organic growth projects we have developed over the past three years, especially in our Eastern midstream operations."

Under the terms of the definitive agreement, holders of PVR common units, Class B Units and Special Units will receive 1.020 common units of Regency for each PVR unit held. In addition, PVR unitholders will receive a one-time cash payment at closing of the merger estimated to be approximately \$40 million in the aggregate. The consideration to be received by PVR unitholders is valued at \$28.68 per common unit based on Regency's closing price as of October 9, 2013, representing a 25.7% premium to the closing price of PVR's common units of \$22.81 on October 9, 2013, and a 24.8% premium to the volume weighted average closing price of PVR's common units for the last 10 trading days ending October 9, 2013.

Following the closing, the name of the combined company will remain Regency with headquarters in Dallas.

## **Strategic Rationale**

The addition of PVR's asset base in Appalachia and the Mid-Continent region to Regency's existing footprint in the Permian Basin, South Texas and North Louisiana will create a diversified, high-growth midstream company with assets in many of the most economic, high-growth unconventional oil and gas plays in North America: the Wolfcamp, Bone Springs, Avalon and Cline shale plays in the Permian Basin, the Eagle Ford shale play in South Texas, the Marcellus and Utica shale plays in Appalachia, the Granite Wash play in Oklahoma and Texas and the Haynesville Shale and Cotton Valley formation in North Louisiana.

The increased scale and footprint of the combined company positions Regency to build deeper customer relationships and secure and execute additional accretive growth opportunities, both organically or via bolt-on acquisitions. The combined company will also benefit from the addition of a growing fee-based asset portfolio, with all the Marcellus and Utica margin coming from fee-based contracts. In addition, the acquisition provides Regency with an expanded talent base, allowing for more efficient collaboration and sharing of best practices across the business.

## Integration

Regency and PVR expect to establish a transition team comprised of members of both management teams to prepare for and to oversee the integration of the businesses.

Michael J. Bradley will continue as president and chief executive officer and Thomas E. Long will continue as executive vice president and chief financial officer of the combined company.

# **Terms and Conditions**

The transaction is subject to the approval of PVR's unitholders, Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act approval and other customary closing conditions.

#### Advisors

BofA Merrill Lynch and UBS Investment Bank acted as financial advisors and Baker Botts L.L.P. acted as legal counsel to Regency. Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Evercore Partners acted as financial advisors and Vinson & Elkins LLP acted as legal counsel to PVR.

#### **Conference Call Details**

Regency and PVR will hold a joint conference call to discuss the merger on Thursday, October 10, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., Central Time (2:00 p.m., Eastern Time).

The dial-in number for the call is 1-800-510-0146 in the United States, or +1-617-614-3449 outside the United States, passcode 66030745. A live webcast of the call may be accessed on the investor relations page of Regency's website at www.regencyenergy.com or PVR's website at www.pvrpartners.com. The call will be available for replay for seven days by dialing 1-888-286-8010 (from outside the U.S., +1-617-801-6888) passcode 54472610. A replay of the broadcast will also be available on Regency's and PVR's websites for 30 days.

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(NYSE: ETE). For more information, please visit Regency's website at www.regencyenergy.com.

**PVR Partners, L.P. (NYSE: PVR)** is a publicly traded limited partnership which owns and operates a network of natural gas midstream pipelines and processing plants, and owns and manages coal and natural resource properties. PVR's midstream assets, located principally in Texas, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania, provide gathering, transportation, compression, processing, dehydration and related services to natural gas producers. PVR's coal and natural resource properties, located in the Appalachian, Illinois and San Juan basins, are leased to experienced operators in exchange for royalty payments. For more information, please visit PVR's website at www.pvrpartners.com.

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#### Additional Information and Where to Find It

SECURITYHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT REGARDING THE TRANSACTION CAREFULLY WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. These documents (when they become available), and any other documents filed by PVR or Regency with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website, at www.sec.gov. In addition, security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement/prospectus from PVR by contacting Investor Relations by mail at Attention: Investor Relations, Three Radnor Corporate Center, Suite 301, 100 Matsonford Road, Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087.

#### Participants in the Solicitation

PVR and the directors and executive officers of its general partner may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from PVR unitholders in connection with the proposed merger. Information about PVR's directors and executive officers is set forth in its proxy statement for its 2013 Annual Meeting of Limited Partners, which was filed with the SEC on April 25, 2013, and its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, which was filed with the SEC on February 27, 2013. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, and by mail at Attention: Investor Relations, Three Radnor Corporate Center, Suite 301, 100 Matsonford Road, Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087, or by going to PVR's Investor Relations page on its corporate website at www.pvrpartners.com. Additional information regarding the interests of participants in the

solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed merger will be included in the proxy statement that PVR intends to file with the SEC.

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