
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO
SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 12, 2017

CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-33292
(Commission File Number)

20-3431375
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1100 Walnut, Ste. 3350, Kansas City, MO
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

64106
(Zip Code)

(816) 875-3705
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On April 12, 2017, CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into an Underwriting Agreement with Wells Fargo Securities, LLC as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (the “Underwriters”) relating to the issuance and sale of up to 2,800,000 depositary shares, each representing 1/100th of a share of the Company’s 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, as well as an additional 420,000 shares depositary shares issuable to the Underwriters pursuant to an over-allotment option. The price to the public in the offering was \$25.00 per share. The Company’s gross proceeds from the offering are expected to be \$70 million, before deducting underwriting discounts and other estimated offering expenses. The offering is expected to close on or about April 18, 2017, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company. It also provides for customary conditions to closing, indemnification rights, other obligations of the parties thereto and termination provisions.

The offering was made pursuant to the Company’s effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration Statement No. 333-209045) and a prospectus supplement thereto.

The foregoing summary of the terms of the Underwriting Agreement is only a brief description of certain terms therein, does not purport to be a complete description of the rights and obligations of the parties thereunder, and is qualified in its entirety by the full Underwriting Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 12, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the pricing of the offering. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated April 12, 2017, by and between CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of several underwriters named therein
 - 5.1 Opinion of Venable LLP as to the legality of the registered securities
 - 5.2 Opinion of Husch Blackwell LLP as to the legality of the registered securities
 - 8.1 Opinion of Husch Blackwell LLP relating to tax matters
 - 23.1 Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
 - 23.2 Consent of Husch Blackwell LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2 and Exhibit 8.1)
 - 99.1 Press Release dated April 12, 2017
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SIGNATURES

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

COREENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, INC.

Dated: April 12, 2017

By: /s/ Rebecca M. Sandring
Rebecca M. Sandring
Secretary

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COREENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, INC.

(Maryland corporation)

2,800,000 Depositary Shares

Each Representing a 1/100th Interest in a share of 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable
Preferred Stock (Par Value \$0.001 Per Share)
(Liquidation Preference Equivalent to \$25.00 Per Depositary Share)

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

April 12, 2017

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
550 South Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

as representative of the several Underwriters

Ladies and Gentlemen:

CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), confirms its agreement with Wells Fargo Securities, LLC ("Wells Fargo Securities") and each of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (collectively, the "Underwriters," which term shall also include any underwriter substituted as hereinafter provided in Section 10 hereof), for whom Wells Fargo Securities is acting as representative (in such capacity, the "Representative"), with respect to (i) the sale by the Company and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the respective numbers of shares of its depositary shares (the "Depositary Shares"), each representing a 1/100th interest in a share of the Company's 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Preferred Stock") set forth in Schedule A hereto and (ii) the grant by the Company to the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the option described in Section 2(b) hereof to purchase all or any part of 420,000 additional Depositary Shares. The aforesaid 2,800,000 Depositary Shares (the "Initial Securities") to be purchased by the Underwriters and all or any part of the 420,000 Depositary Shares subject to the option described in Section 2(b) hereof (the "Option Securities") are herein called, collectively, the "Securities."

The Company understands that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of the Securities as soon as the Representative deems advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered.

The Company has prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-209045) covering the

public offering and sale of certain securities, including the Securities, the Preferred Stock and the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock") issuable upon conversion of the Preferred Stock (the "Conversion Shares"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "1933 Act Regulations"), which shelf registration statement has been declared effective by the Commission. Such registration statement, as of any time, means such registration statement as amended by any post-effective amendments thereto to such time, including the exhibits and any schedules thereto at such time, the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein at such time pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act and the documents otherwise deemed to be a part thereof as of such time pursuant to Rule 430B under the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 430B"), is referred to herein as the "Registration Statement;" provided, however, that the "Registration Statement" without reference to a time means such registration statement as amended by any post-effective amendments thereto as of the time of the first contract of sale for the Securities, which time shall be considered the "new effective date" of such registration statement with respect to the Securities within the meaning of paragraph (f)(2) of Rule 430B, including the exhibits and schedules thereto as of such time, the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference therein at such time pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act and the documents otherwise deemed to be a part thereof as of such time pursuant to the Rule 430B. Each preliminary prospectus used in connection with the offering of the Securities, including the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act, are collectively referred to herein as a "preliminary prospectus." Promptly after execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Company will prepare and file a final prospectus relating to the Securities in accordance with the provisions of Rule 424(b) under the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 424(b)"). The final prospectus, in the form first furnished or made available to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering of the Securities, including the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act, are collectively referred to herein as the "Prospectus." For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include the copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system (or any successor system) ("EDGAR").

As used in this Agreement:

"Applicable Time" means 9:10 AM, New York City time, on April 12, 2017, or such other time as agreed by the Company and Wells Fargo Securities.

"General Disclosure Package" means any Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectuses issued at or prior to the Applicable Time, the most recent preliminary prospectus (including any documents incorporated therein by reference) that is distributed to investors prior to the Applicable Time and the information included on Schedule B hereto, all considered together.

"Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433 of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 433"), including without limitation any "free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 405 of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 405")) relating to the Securities that is (i) required to be filed with the Commission by the Company, (ii) a "road

show that is a written communication” within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i), whether or not required to be filed with the Commission, or (iii) exempt from filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i) because it contains a description of the Securities or of the offering that does not reflect the final terms, in each case in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Company’s records pursuant to Rule 433(g).

“Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus” means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is intended for general distribution to prospective investors (other than a “bona fide electronic road show,” as defined in Rule 433), as evidenced by its being specified in Schedule B hereto.

“Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus” means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not an Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus.

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is “contained,” “included” or “stated” (or other references of like import) in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to include all such financial statements and schedules and other information incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to include the filing of any document under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the “1934 Act”), incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, at or after the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

SECTION 1. Representations and Warranties.

(a) *Representations and Warranties by the Company.* The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time, the Closing Time (as defined below) and any Date of Delivery (as defined below), and agrees with each Underwriter, as follows:

(i) Registration Statement and Prospectuses. The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act. The Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the 1933 Act, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company’s knowledge, contemplated. The Company has complied with each request (if any) from the Commission for additional information.

Each of the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the time of its effectiveness and at each deemed effective date with respect to the Underwriters pursuant to Rule 430B(f)(2) under the 1933 Act Regulations, complied in

all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations. Each preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, at the time each was filed with the Commission, complied in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act Regulations and each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with this offering was identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, when they became effective or at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission, complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1934 Act (the "1934 Act Regulations").

(ii) Accurate Disclosure. Neither the Registration Statement nor any amendment thereto, at its effective time, at the Closing Time or at any Date of Delivery, contained, contains or will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. As of the Applicable Time, neither (A) the General Disclosure Package nor (B) any individual Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus, when considered together with the General Disclosure Package, included, includes or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Neither the Prospectus nor any amendment or supplement thereto, as of its issue date, at the time of any filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b), at the Closing Time or at any Date of Delivery, included, includes or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, at the time the Registration Statement became effective or when such documents incorporated by reference were filed with the Commission, as the case may be, when read together with the other information in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, did not and will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

The representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through Wells Fargo Securities expressly for use therein. For purposes of this Agreement, the only information so furnished shall be the information in the first paragraph under the heading "Underwriting-Commissions and Discounts," the information in the second and third paragraphs under the heading "Underwriting-Price Stabilization, Short Positions" and the information under the heading "Underwriting-

Electronic Distribution” in each case contained in the Prospectus (collectively, the “Underwriter Information”).

(iii) Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses. No Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference therein, and any preliminary or other prospectus deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified. No offer that is a written communication relating to the Securities was made prior to the initial filing of the Registration Statement by the Company or any person acting on its behalf (excluding any Underwriter).

(iv) Company Not Ineligible Issuer. At the time of filing the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the earliest time thereafter that the Company or another offering participant made a bona fide offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations) of the Securities and at the date hereof, the Company was not and is not an “ineligible issuer,” as defined in Rule 405, without taking account of any determination by the Commission pursuant to Rule 405 that it is not necessary that the Company be considered an ineligible issuer.

(v) Independent Accountants. Ernst & Young LLP, who certified the financial statements and supporting schedules of the Company included in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, are independent public accountants of the Company as required by the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act, the 1934 Act Regulations and the Public Accounting Oversight Board.

(vi) Financial Statements; Non-GAAP Financial Measures. The financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, together with the related schedules and notes, present fairly the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries at the dates indicated and the statement of operations, stockholders’ equity and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries for the periods specified; said financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved. The supporting schedules, if any, present fairly in accordance with GAAP the information required to be stated therein. The selected financial data and the summary financial information included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements included therein. Except as included therein, no historical or pro forma financial statements or supporting schedules are required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus under the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations. All disclosures contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or incorporated by reference therein, regarding “non-GAAP financial measures” (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Commission) comply with Regulation G of the 1934 Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K of the 1933 Act, to the extent applicable. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting

Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(vii) No Material Adverse Change in Business. Except as otherwise stated therein, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, (A) there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect"), (B) there have been no transactions entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than those in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, and (C) except for regular quarterly dividends on the Common Stock in amounts per share that are consistent with past practice, there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its capital stock.

(viii) Good Standing of the Company. The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland and has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement; and the Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each other jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure so to qualify or to be in good standing would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(ix) Good Standing of Subsidiaries. Other than Pinedale GP, Inc., Pinedale Corridor, LP, LCP Oregon Holdings, LLC, Corridor MoGas, Inc., MoGas Pipeline LLC, Grand Isle GP, Inc., Grand Isle LP, Inc., and Grand Isle Corridor, LP, the Company does not have any "significant subsidiary" (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X). The only subsidiaries of the Company are Pinedale Corridor, LP, Pinedale GP, Inc., Mowood, LLC, Omega Pipeline Company, LLC, Mowood Corridor, Inc., Hunton GP, LLC, Hunton Corridor, LP, Corridor Public Holdings, Inc., Corridor Private Holdings, Inc., CorEnergy Operating Partnership, LP, CorEnergy GP, LLC, Corridor Bison, LLC, Black Bison Water Service, LLC, Black Bison Properties, LLC, CorEnergy BBWS, Inc., Corridor MoGas, Inc., Corridor Leeds Path West, Inc., LCP Oregon Holdings, LLC, MoGas Pipeline LLC, United Property Systems, LLC, CorEnergy Pipeline Company, LLC, Four Wood Corridor, LLC, Grand Isle GP, Inc., Grand Isle LP, Inc., and Grand Isle Corridor, LP. Each such subsidiary has been duly organized and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, has corporate or similar power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required,

whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing would not result in a Material Adverse Effect. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of each subsidiary of the Company has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and non-assessable and is owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity. None of the outstanding shares of capital stock of any subsidiary of the Company were issued in violation of the preemptive or similar rights of any securityholder of such subsidiary.

(x) Capitalization. The authorized, issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company are as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus in the column entitled "Actual" under the caption "Capitalization" (except for subsequent issuances, if any, pursuant to this Agreement or pursuant to reservations, agreements or employee benefit plans referred to in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus). The outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable. None of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company were issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company.

(xi) Authorization of Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(xii) Authorization of Deposit Agreement. The Deposit Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(xiii) Authorization and Description of Securities. The Securities and the Preferred Stock to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Company have been duly authorized for issuance and sale to the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement and, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to this Agreement against payment of the consideration set forth herein, will be validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable; and the issuance of the Securities is not subject to the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company. The Preferred Stock conforms to all statements relating thereto contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and such description conforms to the rights set forth in the instruments defining the same. Prior to the Closing Time, the Articles Supplementary (as defined below) will have been duly filed with the Secretary of State of the state of Maryland. The form of certificate representing the Securities complies with the requirements of Maryland state law, the charter, the bylaws and the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. No holder of Securities will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder. The Conversion Shares have been duly authorized and reserved for issuance upon such conversion by all necessary corporate action and, when issued and delivered upon such conversion in accordance with the Articles Supplementary, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. The issuance of the Conversion Shares upon conversion of the Preferred Stock in accordance with the

Articles Supplementary will not be subject to preemptive or other similar rights arising by operation of law, under the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the Company, under any agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or otherwise.

(xiv) Registration Rights. There are no persons with registration rights or other similar rights to have any securities registered for sale pursuant to the Registration Statement or otherwise registered for sale or sold by the Company under the 1933 Act pursuant to this Agreement.

(xv) Absence of Violations, Defaults and Conflicts. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (A) in violation of its charter, bylaws or similar organizational document, (B) in default in the performance or observance of any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound or to which any of the properties or assets of the Company or any subsidiary is subject (collectively, "Agreements and Instruments"), except for such defaults that would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, or (C) in violation of any law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any arbitrator, court, governmental body, regulatory body, administrative agency or other authority, body or agency having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties, assets or operations (each, a "Governmental Entity"), except for such violations that would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (including the issuance and sale of the Securities and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described therein under the caption "Use of Proceeds") and compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any properties or assets of the Company or any subsidiary pursuant to, the Agreements and Instruments (except for such conflicts, breaches, defaults or Repayment Events or liens, charges or encumbrances that would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect), nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the charter, bylaws or similar organizational document of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any Governmental Entity. As used herein, a "Repayment Event" means any event or condition which gives the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

(xvi) Absence of Labor Dispute. No labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is

imminent, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its or any subsidiary's principal suppliers, manufacturers, customers or contractors, which, in either case, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xvii) Absence of Proceedings. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation before or brought by any Governmental Entity now pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, against or affecting the Company or any of its subsidiaries, which might result in a Material Adverse Effect, or which might materially and adversely affect their respective properties or assets or the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement or the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder; and the aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which the Company or any such subsidiary is a party or of which any of their respective properties or assets is the subject which are not described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xviii) Accuracy of Exhibits. There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement which have not been so described and filed as required.

(xix) Absence of Further Requirements. No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any Governmental Entity is necessary or required for the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Securities hereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except such as have been already obtained or as may be required under the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, state securities laws or the rules of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

(x x) Possession of Licenses and Permits. The Company and its subsidiaries possess such permits, licenses, approvals, consents and other authorizations (collectively, "Governmental Licenses") issued by the appropriate Governmental Entities necessary to conduct the business now operated by them, except where the failure so to possess would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and conditions of all Governmental Licenses, except where the failure so to comply would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. All of the Governmental Licenses are valid and in full force and effect, except when the invalidity of such Governmental Licenses or the failure of such Governmental Licenses to be in full force and effect would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Governmental Licenses which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxi) Title to Property. The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real property owned by them and good title to all other properties owned by them, in each case, free and clear of all mortgages, pledges, liens, security interests, claims, restrictions or encumbrances of any kind except such as (A) are described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or (B) do not, singly or in the aggregate, materially affect the value of such property and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company or any of its subsidiaries; and all of the leases and subleases material to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, and under which the Company or any of its subsidiaries holds properties described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, are in full force and effect, and neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has any notice of any material claim of any sort that has been asserted by anyone adverse to the rights of the Company or any subsidiary under any of the leases or subleases mentioned above, or affecting or questioning the rights of the Company or such subsidiary to the continued possession of the leased or subleased premises under any such lease or sublease.

(xxii) Possession of Intellectual Property. The Company and its subsidiaries own or possess, or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), trademarks, service marks, trade names or other intellectual property (collectively, "Intellectual Property") necessary to carry on the business now operated by them, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice or is otherwise aware of any infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any Intellectual Property or of any facts or circumstances which would render any Intellectual Property invalid or inadequate to protect the interest of the Company or any of its subsidiaries therein, and which infringement or conflict (if the subject of any unfavorable decision, ruling or finding) or invalidity or inadequacy, singly or in the aggregate, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxiii) Environmental Laws. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, (A) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of any federal, state, or local statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, policy or rule of common law or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any judicial or administrative order, consent, decree or judgment, relating to pollution or protection of human health, the environment (including, without limitation, ambient air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata) or wildlife, including, without limitation, laws and regulations relating to the release or threatened release of chemicals, pollutants, contaminants, wastes, toxic substances, hazardous substances, petroleum or petroleum products, asbestos-containing materials or mold (collectively, "Hazardous Materials") or to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Materials (collectively, "Environmental Laws"), (B) the Company and its subsidiaries have all permits, authorizations and approvals required under any applicable

Environmental Laws and are each in compliance with their requirements, (C) there are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, threatened administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, notices of noncompliance or violation, investigation or proceedings relating to any Environmental Law against the Company or any of its subsidiaries and (D) to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, there are no events or circumstances that would reasonably be expected to form the basis of an order for clean-up or remediation, or an action, suit or proceeding by any private party or Governmental Entity, against or affecting the Company or any of its subsidiaries relating to Hazardous Materials or any Environmental Laws.

(xxiv) Accounting Controls and Disclosure Controls. The Company and each of its subsidiaries maintain effective internal control over financial reporting (as defined under Rule 13-a15 and 15d-15 under the 1934 Act Regulations) and a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (A) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (B) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (C) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (D) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences; and (E) the interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and is prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, since the end of the Company's most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (1) no material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (2) no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Company and each of its subsidiaries maintain an effective system of disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15 and Rule 15d-15 under the 1934 Act Regulations) that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the 1934 Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, and is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer or officers and principal financial officer or officers, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure.

(xxv) Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply in all material respects with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith, including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.

(xxvi) Payment of Taxes. All United States federal income tax returns of the Company and its subsidiaries required by law to be filed have been filed and all taxes shown by such returns or otherwise assessed, which are due and payable, have been paid, except assessments against which appeals have been or will be promptly taken and as to which adequate reserves have been provided. The United States federal income tax returns of the Company through its calendar year ended December 31, 2013 have been settled and no assessment in connection therewith has been made against the Company. The Company and its subsidiaries have filed all other tax returns that are required to have been filed by them pursuant to applicable foreign, state, local or other law except insofar as the failure to file such returns would not result in a Material Adverse Effect, and have paid all taxes due pursuant to such returns or pursuant to any assessment received by the Company and its subsidiaries, except for such taxes, if any, as are being contested in good faith and as to which adequate reserves have been established by the Company. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company in respect of any income and corporation tax liability for any years not finally determined are adequate to meet any assessments or re-assessments for additional income tax for any years not finally determined, except to the extent of any inadequacy that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxvii) Insurance. The Company and its subsidiaries carry or are entitled to the benefits of insurance, with financially sound and reputable insurers, in such amounts and covering such risks as is generally maintained by companies of established repute engaged in the same or similar business, and all such insurance is in full force and effect. The Company has no reason to believe that it or any of its subsidiaries will not be able (A) to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such policies expire or (B) to obtain comparable coverage from similar institutions as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct its business as now conducted and at a cost that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect. Neither of the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has been denied any insurance coverage which it has sought or for which it has applied.

(xxviii) Investment Company Act. The Company is not required, and upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus will not be required, to register as an “investment company” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”).

(xxix) Absence of Manipulation. Neither the Company nor any affiliate of the Company has taken, nor will the Company or any affiliate take, directly or indirectly, any action which is designed, or would be expected, to cause or result in, or which constitutes, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities or to result in a violation of Regulation M under the 1934 Act.

(xxx) Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by

such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the “FCPA”), including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any “foreign official” (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA and the Company and, to the knowledge of the Company, its affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

(xxx i) Money Laundering Laws. The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any Governmental Entity (collectively, the “Money Laundering Laws”); and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any Governmental Entity involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(xxxii) OFAC. None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or representative of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is an individual or entity (“Person”) currently the subject or target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the United States Government, including, without limitation, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”), the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”), the European Union, Her Majesty’s Treasury (“HMT”), or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, “Sanctions”), nor is the Company located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions; and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the sale of the Securities, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiaries, joint venture partners or other Person, to fund any activities of or business with any Person, or in any country or territory, that, at the time of such funding, is the subject of Sanctions or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any Person (including any Person participating in the transaction, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions.

(xxxiii) Lending Relationship. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company (i) does not have any material lending or other relationship with any bank or lending affiliate of any Underwriter and (ii) does not intend to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities to repay any outstanding debt owed to any affiliate of any Underwriter.

(xxxiv) Statistical and Market-Related Data. Any statistical and market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the

Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes, after reasonable inquiry, to be reliable and accurate and, to the extent required, the Company has obtained the written consent to the use of such data from such sources.

(xxxv) REIT Status. Commencing January 1, 2013, the Company has been organized and operating in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a real estate investment trust (a "REIT") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the Company's current actual and proposed method of operation as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus does and will enable it to meet the current requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code. The Company has made a timely election to be subject to tax as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Code. All statements regarding the Company's qualification and taxation as a REIT and descriptions of the Company's organization and proposed method of operation set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are true, complete and correct in all material respects.

(b) Officer's Certificates. Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries delivered to the Representative or to counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

SECTION 2. Sale and Delivery to Underwriters: Closing

(a) Initial Securities. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company agrees to sell to each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company, at the price per share set forth in Schedule A, the number of Initial Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter, plus any additional number of Initial Securities which such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 hereof, subject, in each case, to such adjustments among the Underwriters as Wells Fargo Securities in its sole discretion shall make to eliminate any sales or purchases of fractional shares.

(b) Option Securities. In addition, on the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company hereby grants an option to the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, to purchase up to an additional 420,000 Depositary Shares, as set forth in Schedule B, at the price per share set forth in Schedule B, less an amount per share equal to any dividends or distributions declared by the Company and payable on the Initial Securities but not payable on the Option Securities. The option hereby granted may be exercised for 30 days after the date hereof and may be exercised in whole or in part at any time from time to time upon notice by the Representative to the Company setting forth the number of Option Securities as to which the several Underwriters are then exercising the option and the time and date of payment and delivery for such Option Securities. Any such time and date of delivery (a "Date of Delivery") shall be determined by the Representative, but shall not be later than seven full business days after the exercise of said option, nor in any event prior to the Closing Time. If the option is exercised as to all or any portion of the Option

Securities, each of the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, will purchase that proportion of the total number of Option Securities then being purchased which the number of Initial Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter, plus any additional number of Initial Securities which such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 hereof, bears to the total number of Initial Securities, subject, in each case, to such adjustments as Wells Fargo Securities in its sole discretion shall make to eliminate any sales or purchases of fractional shares.

(c) *Payment.* Payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates or security entitlements for, the Initial Securities shall be made at the offices of Shearman & Sterling LLP, 599 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representative and the Company, at 9:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the third (fourth, if the pricing occurs after 4:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any given day) business day after the date hereof (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10), or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Representative and the Company (such time and date of payment and delivery being herein called the "Closing Time").

In addition, in the event that any or all of the Option Securities are purchased by the Underwriters, payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates or security entitlements for, such Option Securities shall be made at the above-mentioned offices, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representative and the Company, on each Date of Delivery as specified in the notice from Wells Fargo Securities to the Company.

Payment shall be made to the Company by wire transfer of immediately available funds to one or more bank accounts designated by the Company against delivery to the Representative for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of certificates or security entitlements for the Securities to be purchased by them. It is understood that each Underwriter has authorized the Representative, for its account, to accept delivery of, receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Initial Securities and the Option Securities, if any, which it has agreed to purchase. Wells Fargo Securities, individually and not as the representative of the Underwriters, may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment of the purchase price for the Initial Securities or the Option Securities, if any, to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds have not been received by the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, but such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 3. Covenants of the Company. The Company covenants with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) *Compliance with Securities Regulations and Commission Requests.* The Company, subject to Section 3(b), will comply with the requirements of Rule 430B, and will notify the Representative immediately, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement shall become effective or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus shall have been filed, (ii) of the receipt prior to the Closing Time of any comments from the Commission and of the receipt at any time of any comments from the Commission relating to the offering of the Securities contemplated hereby, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, or any document included in the General Disclosure Package, (iii) of

any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference therein or for additional information, (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Securities, the Preferred Stock or the Conversion Shares for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes or of any examination pursuant to Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the 1933 Act concerning the Registration Statement and (v) if the Company becomes the subject of a proceeding under Section 8A of the 1933 Act in connection with the offering of the Securities, the Preferred Stock or the Conversion Shares. The Company will effect all filings required under Rule 424(b), in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)), and will take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain promptly whether the form of prospectus transmitted for filing under Rule 424(b) was received for filing by the Commission and, in the event that it was not, it will promptly file such prospectus. The Company will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order, prevention or suspension and, if any such order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment. The Company shall pay the required Commission filing fees relating to the Securities within the time required by the 1933 Act Regulations.

(b) *Continued Compliance with Securities Laws.* The Company will comply with the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Securities as contemplated in this Agreement and in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. If at any time when a prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172 of the 1933 Act Regulations (“Rule 172”), would be) required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Securities, any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters or for the Company, to (i) amend the Registration Statement in order that the Registration Statement will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) amend or supplement the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus in order that the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser or (iii) amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, the Company will promptly (A) give the Representative notice of such event, (B) prepare any amendment or supplement as may be necessary to correct such statement or omission or to make the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus comply with such requirements and, a reasonable amount of time prior to any proposed filing or use, furnish the Representative with copies of any such amendment or supplement and (C) file with the Commission any such amendment or supplement; provided that the Company shall not file or use any such amendment or supplement to which the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters shall object. The Company will furnish to the Underwriters such number of copies of such amendment or supplement as the Underwriters may reasonably request. The Company has given the Representative notice of any filings made

pursuant to the 1934 Act or 1934 Act Regulations within 48 hours prior to the Applicable Time; the Company will give the Representative notice of its intention to make any such filing from the Applicable Time to the Closing Time and will furnish the Representative with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object.

(c) *Delivery of Registration Statements.* The Company has furnished or will deliver to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, one signed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto (including conformed copies of exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) and signed copies of all consents and certificates of experts, and will also on request deliver to the Representative, without charge, a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto (without exhibits) for each of the Underwriters. The copies of the Registration Statement and each amendment thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(d) *Delivery of Prospectuses.* The Company has delivered to each Underwriter, without charge, as many copies of each preliminary prospectus as such Underwriter reasonably requested, and the Company hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the 1933 Act. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, during the period when a prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172, would be) required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request. The Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(e) *Blue Sky Qualifications.* The Company will use its best efforts, in cooperation with the Underwriters, to qualify the Securities, the Preferred Stock or the Conversion Shares for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and other jurisdictions (domestic or foreign) as the Representative may designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required to complete the distribution of the Securities, the Preferred Stock or the Conversion Shares; provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject.

(f) *Rule 158.* The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the 1934 Act as are necessary in order to make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable an earnings statement for the purposes of, and to provide to the Underwriters the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.

(g) *Use of Proceeds.* The Company will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities in the manner specified in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under “Use of Proceeds.”

(h) *Listing.* The Company will use its best efforts to effect the listing of the Securities and the Conversion Shares on the New York Stock Exchange within 30 days after the Closing Time and, upon such listing, will use its best efforts to maintain such listing and satisfy the requirements for such continued listing.

(j) *Restriction on Sale of Securities.* During a period of 30 days from the date of the Prospectus, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of the Representative, (i) directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of any depository shares or any preferred equity securities of the Company or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for any such securities or file any registration statement under the 1933 Act with respect to any of the foregoing or (ii) enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of any such securities, whether any such swap or transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of such other securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to the Securities to be sold hereunder.

(k) *Reporting Requirements.* The Company, during the period when a Prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172, would be) required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act within the time periods required by the 1934 Act and 1934 Act Regulations.

(l) *Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses.* The Company agrees that, unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Representative, it will not make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or that would otherwise constitute a “free writing prospectus,” or a portion thereof, required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company under Rule 433; provided that the Representative will be deemed to have consented to the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses listed on Schedule B hereto and any “road show that is a written communication” within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i) that has been reviewed by the Representative. The Company represents that it has treated or agrees that it will treat each such free writing prospectus consented to, or deemed consented to, by the Representative as an “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 433, and that it has complied and will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 433 with respect thereto, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus or included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representative and will promptly amend or supplement, at its

own expense, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict, untrue statement or omission.

(m) *REIT Status.* Until such time as the board of directors of the Company deems it to be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders not to remain qualified as a REIT, the Company will use its best efforts to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code.

(n) *Supplementary Article.* The Company will prepare and file articles supplementary to the Company's articles of incorporation, authorizing the additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock underlying the Securities and designating rights and preferences relating thereto (the "Articles Supplementary") with the Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland prior to the Closing Time.

(o) *Conversion Shares.* The Company has reserved and will reserve and keep available at all times, free of any preemptive or other similar rights arising by operation of law, under the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the Company, under any agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or otherwise, the maximum number of Conversion Shares issuable upon conversion of the Preferred Stock until such time as all of the Preferred Stock have been converted, repurchased and retired or redeemed and retired.

(p) *Final Term Sheet.* The Company will prepare a final term sheet (the "Final Term Sheet") containing only a description of the final terms of the Securities and their offering, in a form approved by the Underwriters and attached as Schedule B hereto, and acknowledges that the Final Term Sheet is an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and will comply with its related obligations set forth in Section 3(k) hereof. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, copies of the Final Term Sheet promptly upon its completion.

SECTION 4. Payment of Expenses.

(a) *Expenses.* The Company will pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including (i) the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits) as originally filed and each amendment thereto, (ii) the preparation (exclusive of fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters except as set forth in (viii) below), printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of each preliminary prospectus, each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto and any costs associated with electronic delivery of any of the foregoing by the Underwriters to investors, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates or security entitlements for the Securities to the Underwriters, including any stock or other transfer taxes and any stamp or other duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Securities to the Underwriters, (iv) the fees and disbursements of the Company's counsel, accountants and other advisors, (v) the qualification of the Securities, the Preferred Stock and the Conversion Shares under securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(e) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation of a "blue sky" survey and any supplement thereto, (vi) the fees and expenses of any transfer agent or registrar for the Securities, (vii) the costs and expenses of the Company

relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the Securities, including without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants, and the cost of aircraft and other transportation chartered in connection with the road show, (viii) the filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters in connection with, the review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Securities, not to exceed \$20,000, (ix) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Securities on the New York Stock Exchange and the costs and expenses (including, without limitation, any damages or other amounts payable in connection with legal or contractual liability) associated with the reforming of any contracts for sale of the Securities made by the Underwriters caused by a breach of the representation contained in the third sentence of Section 1(a)(ii).

(b) *Termination of Agreement.* If this Agreement is terminated by the Representative in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Section 9(a)(i) or (iii) or Section 10 hereof, the Company shall reimburse the Underwriters for all of their out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters.

SECTION 5. Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations. The obligations of the several Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein or in certificates of any officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:

(a) *Effectiveness of Registration Statement.* The Registration Statement has become effective and, at the Closing Time, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the 1933 Act, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company's knowledge, contemplated; and the Company has complied with each request (if any) from the Commission for additional information. The Company shall have paid the required Commission filing fees relating to the Securities within the time period required by the 1933 Act Regulations.

(b) *Opinions of Counsel for Company.* At the Closing Time, the Representative shall have received the favorable opinions, dated the Closing Time, of Husch Blackwell LLP and Venable LLP, counsel for the Company, each in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letters for each of the other Underwriters, to the effect set forth in Exhibit A hereto and to such further effect as counsel for the Underwriters may reasonably request, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as it requests for the purpose of enabling it to pass upon such matters. Such counsel may state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, it has relied, to the extent it deems proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials.

(c) *Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters.* At the Closing Time, the Representative shall have received the favorable opinion, dated the Closing Time, of Shearman & Sterling LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters with respect to such matters as the Representative may reasonably request. Such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers and other representatives of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials.

(d) *Officers' Certificate.* At the Closing Time, there shall not have been, since the date hereof or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and the Representative shall have received a certificate of the Chief Executive Officer or the President of the Company and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of the Company, dated the Closing Time, to the effect that (i) there has been no such material adverse change, (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of the Closing Time, except those representations that address matters only as of a particular date, which are true and correct as of such date, (iii) the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Time, and (iv) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the 1933 Act has been issued, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to their knowledge, contemplated.

(e) *Chief Accounting Officer's Certificate.* The Representative shall have received, on each of the date hereof and at the Closing Time, a certificate dated the date hereof or the Closing Time, as the case may be (a form of such certificate is attached as Exhibit B hereto), in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, from the Chief Accounting Officer of the Company.

(f) *Accountants' Comfort Letters.* At the time of the execution of this Agreement, the Representative shall have received letters, dated such date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letters for each of the other Underwriters containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information of the Company contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, from Ernst & Young LLP.

(g) *Bring-down Comfort Letters.* At the Closing Time, the Representative shall have received from Ernst & Young LLP a letter, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect that they reaffirm the statements made in the letter furnished pursuant to subsection (f) of this Section, except that the specified date referred to shall be a date not more than three business days prior to the Closing Time.

(h) *Approval of Listing.* At the Closing Time, the Securities shall have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, subject only to official notice of issuance.

(i) *No Objection.* FINRA has confirmed that it has not raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements relating to the offering of the Securities.

(j) *Maintenance of Rating.* The Company has no debt securities or preferred stock that is rated by any “nationally recognized statistical rating agency” (as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the 1934 Act).

(k) *Conditions to Purchase of Option Securities.* In the event that the Underwriters exercise their option provided in Section 2(b) hereof to purchase all or any portion of the Option Securities, the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein and the statements in any certificates furnished by the Company and any of its subsidiaries hereunder shall be true and correct as of each Date of Delivery (except those representations that address matters only as of a particular date, which are true and correct as of such date) and, at the relevant Date of Delivery, the Representative shall have received:

(i) Officers' Certificate. A certificate, dated such Date of Delivery, of the President or a Vice President of the Company and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of the Company confirming that the certificate delivered at the Closing Time pursuant to Section 5(d) hereof remains true and correct as of such Date of Delivery.

(ii) Opinions of Counsel for Company. If requested by the Representative, the favorable opinions of Husch Blackwell LLP and Venable LLP, counsel for the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Securities to be purchased on such Date of Delivery and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion required by Section 5(b) hereof.

(iii) Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters. If requested by the Representative, the favorable opinion of Shearman & Sterling LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Securities to be purchased on such Date of Delivery and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion required by Section 5(c) hereof.

(iv) Bring-down Comfort Letters. If requested by the Representative, a letter from Ernst & Young LLP, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative and dated such Date of Delivery, substantially in the same form and substance as the letter furnished to the Representative pursuant to Section 5(f) hereof, except that the “specified date” in the letters furnished pursuant to this paragraph shall be a date not more than three business days prior to such Date of Delivery.

(l) *Additional Documents.* At the Closing Time and at each Date of Delivery (if any) counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all

proceedings taken by the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters.

(m) *Termination of Agreement.* If any condition specified in this Section shall not have been fulfilled when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement, or, in the case of any condition to the purchase of Option Securities on a Date of Delivery which is after the Closing Time, the obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase the relevant Option Securities, may be terminated by the Representative by notice to the Company at any time at or prior to the Closing Time or such Date of Delivery, as the case may be, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 and except that Sections 1, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 16 shall survive any such termination and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Indemnification.

(a) *Indemnification of Underwriters.* The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 501(b) under the 1933 Act (each, an "Affiliate")), its selling agents and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act as follows:

(i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including any information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included (A) in any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or (B) in any materials or information provided to investors by, or with the approval of, the Company in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Securities ("Marketing Materials"), including any roadshow or investor presentations made to investors by the Company (whether in person or electronically), or the omission or alleged omission in any preliminary prospectus, Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, Prospectus or in any Marketing Materials of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 6(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company;

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by Wells Fargo Securities), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including any information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information.

(b) *Indemnification of Company, Directors and Officers.* Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a) of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including any information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information.

(c) *Actions against Parties; Notification.* Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(a) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by Wells Fargo Securities, and, in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(b) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Company. An indemnifying party may participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 6 or Section 7 hereof (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such

settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) *Settlement without Consent if Failure to Reimburse.* If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 6(a)(ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.

SECTION 7. Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in Section 6 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and of the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company, on the one hand, and the total underwriting discount received by the Underwriters, on the other hand, in each case as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate initial public offering price of the Securities as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus.

The relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 7.

The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 7 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the underwriting commissions received by such Underwriter in connection with the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 7, each person, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act and each Underwriter's Affiliates and selling agents shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to the number of Initial Securities set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule A hereto and not joint.

SECTION 8. Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries submitted pursuant hereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or its Affiliates or selling agents, any person controlling any Underwriter, its officers or directors, any person controlling the Company and (ii) delivery of and payment for the Securities.

SECTION 9. Termination of Agreement.

(a) *Termination.* The Representative may terminate this Agreement, by notice to the Company, at any time at or prior to the Closing Time (i) if there has been, in the judgment of the Representative, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representative, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with

the completion of the offering or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Securities, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or the New York Stock Exchange, or (iv) if trading generally on the NYSE Amex or the New York Stock Exchange or in the Nasdaq Global Market has been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by any of said exchanges or by order of the Commission, FINRA or any other governmental authority, or (v) a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States or with respect to Clearstream or Euroclear systems in Europe, or (vi) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either Federal or New York authorities.

(b) *Liabilities.* If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and provided further that Sections 1, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 16 shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Default by One or More of the Underwriters. If one or more of the Underwriters shall fail at the Closing Time or a Date of Delivery to purchase the Securities which it or they are obligated to purchase under this Agreement (the "Defaulted Securities"), the Representative shall have the right, within 24 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Securities in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth; if, however, the Representative shall not have completed such arrangements within such 24-hour period, then:

(i) if the number of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the number of Securities to be purchased on such date, each of the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations hereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters, or

(ii) if the number of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the number of Securities to be purchased on such date, this Agreement or, with respect to any Date of Delivery which occurs after the Closing Time, the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase, and the Company to sell, the Option Securities to be purchased and sold on such Date of Delivery shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default.

In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement or, in the case of a Date of Delivery which is after the Closing Time, which does not result in a termination of the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase and the Company to sell the relevant Option Securities, as the case may be, either the (i) Representative or (ii) the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the

Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements. As used herein, the term “Underwriter” includes any person substituted for an Underwriter under this Section 10.

SECTION 11. Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be directed to Wells Fargo Securities at 550 South Tryon Street, 5th Floor, Charlotte, NC 28202, attention of Transaction Management, (facsimile: (704) 410-0326); and notices to the Company shall be directed to it at CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc., 1100 Walnut Street, Suite 3350, Kansas City, MO 64106, attention of Dave Schulte, with a copy to Husch Blackwell LLP, 111 Congress Avenue, Suite 1400, Austin, TX 78701-4093, attention of Steve Carman.

SECTION 12. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (a) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the initial public offering price of the Securities and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm’s length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other hand, (b) in connection with the offering of the Securities and the process leading thereto, each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or its respective stockholders, creditors, employees or any other party, (c) no Underwriter has assumed or will assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the offering of the Securities or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company or any of its subsidiaries on other matters) and no Underwriter has any obligation to the Company with respect to the offering of the Securities except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement, (d) the Underwriters and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Company, and (e) the Underwriters have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the offering of the Securities and the Company has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

SECTION 13. Parties. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon each of the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers and directors referred to in Sections 6 and 7 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors, and said controlling persons and officers and directors and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

SECTION 14. Trial by Jury. The Company (on its behalf and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on behalf of its stockholders and affiliates) and each of the Underwriters hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 15. GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF, THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 16. Consent to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Immunity. Any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby ("Related Proceedings") shall be instituted in (i) the federal courts of the United States of America located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan or (ii) the courts of the State of New York located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan (collectively, the "Specified Courts"), and each party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction (except for proceedings instituted in regard to the enforcement of a judgment of any such court (a "Related Judgment"), as to which such jurisdiction is non-exclusive) of such courts in any such suit, action or proceeding. Service of any process, summons, notice or document by mail to such party's address set forth above shall be effective service of process for any suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court. The parties irrevocably and unconditionally waive any objection to the laying of venue of any suit, action or other proceeding in the Specified Courts and irrevocably and unconditionally waive and agree not to plead or claim in any such court that any such suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

SECTION 17. TIME. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SET FORTH HEREIN, SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME.

SECTION 18. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Agreement.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement between the Underwriters and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

COREENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, INC.

By /s/ Rebecca M. Sandring

Title: Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

[Signature Page to the Underwriting Agreement]

CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED,
as of the date first above written:

WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC

By /s/ Carolyn Hurley

Authorized Signatory

For itself and as the Representative of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto.

[Signature Page to the Underwriting Agreement]

SCHEDULE A

The public offering price per share for the Securities shall be \$25.00.

The purchase price per share for the Securities to be paid by the several Underwriters shall be \$24.2125, being an amount equal to the public offering price set forth above less \$0.7875 per share, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 2(b) for dividends or distributions declared by the Company and payable on the Initial Securities but not payable on the Option Securities.

<u>Name of Underwriter</u>	<u>Number of Initial Securities</u>
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	1,596,000
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated	1,120,000
Drexel Hamilton, LLC	84,000
Total	<u>2,800,000</u>

SCHEDULE B

Final Term Sheet

COREENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, INC.

2,800,000 Depositary Shares each representing 1/100th of a share of 7.375%
Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock
(Liquidation Preference \$25.00 per depositary share)

FINAL PRICING TERMS

Issuer:	CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc.
Title of Shares:	Depositary Shares each representing 1/100 th of a share of 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (Liquidation Preference \$25.00 per depositary share)
Number of Shares:	2,800,000
Option to Purchase Additional Depositary Shares:	420,000
Maturity:	Perpetual
Trade Date:	April 12, 2017
Settlement Date:	April 18, 2017 (T+3)
Dividend Rate:	7.375%
Dividend Payment Dates:	On or about the last day of February, May, August and November of each year, commencing May 31, 2017
Optional Redemption:	Redeemable, at any time on and after January 27, 2020, in whole or from time to time in part, for cash at \$25.00 per depositary share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, to but not including the date of redemption.
Special Optional Redemption:	Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the issuer may, at its option, redeem the depositary shares, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred, by paying \$25.00 per depositary share,

plus all accrued and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the date of redemption. If, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, the issuer has provided notice of exercise of its redemption rights relating to the depositary shares (whether its optional redemption right or its special optional redemption right), the depositary shares that are the subject of such notice of exercise will not have the conversion right described below.

Change of Control:

A “Change of Control” is when, after the original issuance of the depositary shares, the following have occurred and are continuing:

- the acquisition by any person, including any syndicate or group deemed to be a “person” under Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, through a purchase, merger or other acquisition transaction or series of purchases, mergers or other acquisition transactions of shares of the issuer entitling that person to exercise more than 50% of the total voting power of all shares of the issuer entitled to vote generally in elections of directors (except that such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition); and
- following the closing of any transaction referred to in the bullet point above, neither the issuer nor the acquiring or surviving entity has a class of common securities (or American depositary receipts representing such securities) listed on the NYSE, the NYSE MKT or NASDAQ or listed on an exchange that is a successor to the NYSE, the NYSE MKT or NASDAQ.

Conversion Rights:

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of depositary shares will have the right

(unless, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, the issuer has provided notice of its election to redeem the depositary shares) to direct the depositary, on such holder's behalf, to convert some or all of the shares of Series A preferred stock underlying the depositary shares held by such holder on the Change of Control Conversion Date into a number of shares of the issuer's common stock per depositary share to be converted equal to the lesser of:

- the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the \$25.00 per depositary share liquidation preference plus the amount of any accrued and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the Change of Control Conversion Date (unless the Change of Control Conversion Date is after a record date for a dividend payment on the Series A Preferred Stock underlying the depositary shares and on or prior to the corresponding dividend payment date on the Series A preferred stock underlying the depositary shares, in which case no additional amount for such accrued and unpaid dividends will be included in this sum) by (ii) the Common Stock Price (as defined herein); and
- 1.53846 (i.e., the Share Cap), subject to certain adjustments;

and subject, in each case, to an aggregate cap on the total number of shares of common stock (or Alternative Conversion Consideration, as applicable) issuable upon exercise of the Change of Control conversion right for all depositary shares outstanding following this offering of 7,769,223 shares (8,415,376 shares if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional depositary shares in full) (or equivalent Alternative Conversion Consideration, as applicable), and subject, in each case, to provisions for the receipt of Alternative Conversion Consideration as described in the preliminary prospectus supplement.

The Share Cap is subject to pro rata adjustments for any share splits (including those effected pursuant to a distribution of shares of the issuer's common stock), subdivisions or combinations (in each case, a "Share Split") with respect to the issuer's common stock as described in the preliminary prospectus supplement.

If the issuer has provided a redemption notice, whether pursuant to its special optional redemption rights in connection with a Change of Control or its optional redemption right, holders of depositary shares will not have any right to convert the depositary shares that are the subject of such redemption notice in connection with the Change of Control conversion right and any depositary shares subsequently selected for redemption that have been tendered for conversion will be redeemed on the related date of redemption instead of converted on the Change of Control Conversion Date.

For definitions of "Alternative Conversion Consideration," "Change of Control Conversion Date" and "Common Stock Price" and for a description of the adjustments, limitations and provisions for the receipt of Alternative Conversion Consideration that may be applicable to the Change of Control conversion right, see "Description of the Series A Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares—Conversion" in the preliminary prospectus supplement.

Except as provided above in connection with a Change of Control, the depositary shares are not convertible into or exchangeable for any other securities or property.

Public Offering Price:	\$25.0000 per share
Underwriting Discount:	\$0.7875 per share
Purchase Price by Underwriters:	\$24.2125 per share
Net Proceeds (before expenses):	\$67,795,000 (\$77,964,250 if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional

depository shares in full)

Listing/Symbol:

NYSE/“CORRPrA”

CUSIP/ISIN:

21870U 304 / US21870U3041

Joint-Book Running Managers:

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated

Co-Manager:

Drexel Hamilton, LLC

The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) and a preliminary prospectus supplement with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement, the preliminary prospectus supplement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus and preliminary prospectus supplement if you request it by calling Wells Fargo Securities, LLC toll-free at 1-800-645-3751 and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated toll-free at 1-855-300-7136.

FORM OF OPINION OF COMPANY'S COUNSEL
TO BE DELIVERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(b)

(i) The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland. In rendering this opinion, we are relying, with your consent, solely upon the opinion of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel to the Company, dated April [], 2017, which may be relied upon by us and your counsel and the opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the same assumptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth therein.

(ii) The Company has the corporate power to own, lease and operate its property or assets and to conduct its business in all material respects substantially as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Prospectus Supplement Summary--The Company" and to enter into and perform its obligations under the Underwriting Agreement. In rendering this opinion, we are relying, with your consent, solely upon the opinion of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel to the Company, dated April [], 2017, which may be relied upon by us and your counsel and the opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the same assumptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth therein.

(iii) The Company is in good standing and is duly authorized as a foreign corporation to transact business or to conduct its affairs in the State of Missouri.

(iv) The authorized capital stock of the Company is as set forth in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus under the caption "Description of Capital Stock." In rendering this opinion, we are relying, with your consent, solely upon the opinion of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel to the Company, dated April [], 2017, which may be relied upon by us and your counsel and the opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the same assumptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth therein.

(v) The sale and issuance of the Securities and Preferred Stock have been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement against payment of the consideration set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, the Securities and Preferred Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. The issuance of the Securities and Preferred Stock will not be subject to preemptive rights under the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL") or the Organizational Documents. In rendering this opinion, we are relying, with your consent, solely upon the opinion of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel to the Company, dated April [], 2017, which may be relied upon by us and your counsel and the opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the same assumptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth therein.

(vi) The shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock have been duly authorized and reserved for issuance upon conversion thereof by all necessary corporate action and such Shares of Common Stock, when issued as provided in the articles of incorporation of the Company, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. In rendering this opinion, we are relying, with your consent, solely upon the opinion of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel to the Company, dated April [], 2017, which may be relied upon by us and your counsel and the opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the same assumptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth therein.

(vii) The execution and delivery by the Company of the Underwriting Agreement have been duly authorized by the Company. The Underwriting Agreement has been duly executed and, so far as known to us, delivered by the Company. In rendering this opinion, we are relying, with your consent, solely upon the opinion of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel to the Company, dated April [], 2017, which may be relied upon by us and your counsel and the opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the same assumptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth therein.

(viii) The execution and delivery by the Company of the Deposit Agreement have been duly authorized by the Company. The Deposit Agreement has been duly executed and, so far as known to us, delivered by the Company. In rendering this opinion, we are relying, with your consent, solely upon the opinion of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel to the Company, dated April [], 2017, which may be relied upon by us and your counsel and the opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the same assumptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth therein.

(ix) The Registration Statement is effective under the 1933 Act, each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus was filed with the Commission within the time period required by Rule 424(b) (without reference to Rule 424(b)(8)) of the 1933 Act Regulations, and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof has been issued and, to our knowledge, no proceeding for that purpose is pending or threatened by the Commission.

(x) The Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (except the financial statements, calculations of net asset or book value per share of the Securities and other financial data derived therefrom and related schedules included or incorporated by reference therein, as to which we express no opinion) when it was filed with the Commission (or, if later, upon filing of an amendment thereto) complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.

(xi) The documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (except the financial statements, calculations of net asset or book value per share of the Securities and other financial data derived therefrom and related schedules included or incorporated by reference therein, as to which we express no opinion) when they were filed with the Commission complied as

to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations.

(xii) The form of certificate used to represent the Common Stock complies in all material respects with all applicable requirements of the MGCL, the Organizational Documents and the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange. In rendering this opinion, as to the MGCL and the Organizational Documents, we are relying, with your consent, solely upon the opinion of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel to the Company, dated April [], 2017, which may be relied upon by us and your counsel and the opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the same assumptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth therein.

(xiii) To our knowledge, and other than as set forth in the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any subsidiary is a party or to which any property or assets of the Company or any subsidiary is the subject which is reasonably likely to be determined adversely to the Company or any subsidiary and, if determined adversely to the Company or any subsidiary, would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect or could reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement or the performance by the Company thereunder; and, to our knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened or contemplated by governmental authorities or threatened by others.

(xiv) Insofar as statements in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus under the captions “Description of Securities” and “Certain Provisions of our Charter and Bylaws and the Maryland General Corporation Law” purport to summarize certain provisions of Maryland law or the Organizational Documents, such statements are accurate in all material respects. In rendering this opinion, we are relying, with your consent, solely upon the opinion of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel to the Company, dated April [], 2017, which may be relied upon by us and your counsel and the opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the same assumptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth therein.

(xv) Insofar as statements in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus under the captions “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” purport to summarize certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), such statements are accurate in all material respects.

(xvi) All descriptions in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus of contracts and other documents to which the Company or its subsidiaries are a party are accurate in all material respects; to our knowledge, there are no franchises, contracts, indentures, mortgages, loan agreements, notes, leases or other instruments required to be described or referred to in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement other than those described or referred to therein or filed or incorporated by reference as exhibits thereto.

(xvii) No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any Governmental Entity (other than under the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations, which have been obtained, or as may be required under the securities or blue sky laws of the various states, as to which we express no opinion) under any statute, rule or regulation applicable to the Company is necessary or required in connection with the due authorization, execution and delivery of the Underwriting Agreement or for the offering, issuance, sale or delivery of the Securities.

(xviii) The execution and delivery by the Company of the Underwriting Agreement, and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated thereunder, will not result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon the assets of the Company or any subsidiary under the terms or provisions of, or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default or Repayment Event under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any subsidiary pursuant to any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement filed with the Commission as a material contract exhibit to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 or any Form 10-Q or Form 8-K filed by the Company with the Commission since December 31, 2016, except such breaches, violations or Repayment Events or liens, charges or encumbrances that in the aggregate would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(xix) The execution and delivery by the Company of the Underwriting Agreement and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated thereunder, will not conflict with or constitute a breach of the Organizational Documents, or any Maryland law or regulation, or, so far as is known to us, any order of any Maryland governmental authority (other than any law, regulation or order in connection with the securities laws of the State of Maryland, as to which no opinion is hereby expressed). In rendering this opinion, we are relying, with your consent, solely upon the opinion of Venable LLP, Maryland counsel to the Company, dated April [], 2017, which may be relied upon by us and your counsel and the opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the same assumptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth therein.

(xx) To our knowledge, there are no persons with registration rights or other similar rights to have any securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement or otherwise registered by the Company under the 1933 Act.

(xxi) Upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company will not be required to register as an "investment company" under the 1940 Act.

(xxii) The Company is organized and operating in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT within the meaning of Section 856(a) of the Code, and the Company's current and proposed method of operation as set

forth in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package does and will enable it to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code.

Nothing has come to our attention that would lead us to believe that the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto, including any information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B (except the financial statements, calculations of net asset or book value per share of the Securities and other financial data derived therefrom and related schedules included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we make no statement), at the time such Registration Statement or any such amendment became effective, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (except the financial statements, calculations of net asset or book value per share of the Securities and other financial data derived therefrom and related schedules included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we make no statement), at the time the Prospectus was issued, at the time any such amended or supplemented prospectus was issued or at the Closing Time, included or includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. In addition, nothing has come to our attention that would lead us to believe that the documents included in the General Disclosure Package, other than the financial statements, calculations of net asset or book value per share of the Securities and other financial data derived therefrom and related schedules included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we make no statement, as of the Applicable Time, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. With respect to statements contained in the General Disclosure Package, any statement contained in any of the constituent documents shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that any information contained in subsequent constituent documents modifies or replaces such statement.

CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc.**CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE**

April [], 2017

I, Nathan L. Poundstone, do hereby certify that I am the Chief Accounting Officer of CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company") and, as such, I am (a) responsible for the Company's financial accounting, (b) familiar with the Company's operations and internal accounting records and (c) qualified to certify the information certified herein. In my capacity as the Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, and based upon an examination of the Company's financial records and schedules undertaken by myself or members of my staff who are responsible for the Company's financials and accounting matters and pursuant to meetings I have had with representative of the Underwriters at which certain financial and accounting matters of the Company were discussed, do hereby certify that:

1. I am providing this certificate in connection with the public offering (the "Offering") of depositary shares, each representing a 1/100th interest in a share of the Company's 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the "Shares") pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement, dated April [], 2017, by and among the Company and the Underwriters listed on Schedule A thereto (the "Agreement") as described in the [Preliminary][Final] Prospectus Supplement, dated April [], 2017 (the "[Preliminary][Final] Prospectus") relating to the Shares.
2. I have read the [Preliminary][Final] Prospectus. I have advised you that the accounting, operations and records procedures of the Company have not been completed with respect to the months ended January 31, 2017, February 28, 2017 and March 31, 2017. Based on such financial data, nothing has come to my attention that has caused me to believe that (i) at March 31, 2017 there was any change in the capital stock, increase in long-term debt or any material decrease in consolidated net current assets or shareholders' equity of the Company compared with the amounts shown on the December 31, 2016 audited consolidated balance sheet incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement (No. 333-209045) on Form S-3 filed with the Securities Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Registration Statement"), (ii) for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 there were any material decreases, compared with the corresponding period in the preceding year, in consolidated net sales or in the total or per-share amounts of consolidated net income of the Company, (iii) at [], 2017, there was any change in the capital stock, increase in long-term debt or any material decrease in consolidated net current assets or shareholders' equity

of the Company compared with the amounts shown on the December 31, 2016 audited consolidated balance sheet incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, or (iv) for the period from January 1, 2017 to [], 2017, there were any material decreases, compared with the corresponding period in the preceding year, in consolidated net sales or in the total or per-share amounts of consolidated net income of the Company, except in all instances for changes, increases or decreases that the Registration Statement discloses have occurred.

3. I acknowledge and agree that the Underwriters will be relying upon this Certificate as part of their due diligence review in relation to the offering of the Shares and that Shearman & Sterling LLP and Husch Blackwell LLP may rely on this Certificate in connection with the opinions and disclosure letters such firms are rendering and delivering pursuant to the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Officer's Certificate as of the date first written above.

By: _____

Nathan L. Poundstone
Chief Accounting Officer of
CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc.

[LETTERHEAD OF VENABLE LLP]

April 12, 2017

CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc.
1100 Walnut, Suite 3350
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-209045)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Maryland counsel to CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law arising out of the sale and issuance of up to 3,220,000 depository shares (the "Depository Shares") collectively representing up to 32,200 shares (the "Shares") of 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Series A Preferred Stock"), of the Company, in an underwritten public offering covered by the above referenced Registration Statement on Form S-3, and all amendments thereto (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act").

In connection with our representation of the Company, and as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Documents"):

1. The Registration Statement and the related form of prospectus included therein, substantially in the form in which it was transmitted to the Commission under the 1933 Act;
 2. The Prospectus Supplement, dated on or about the date hereof, in the form filed with the Commission under the 1933 Act;
 3. The charter of the Company (the "Charter"), certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT");
 4. The form of Articles Supplementary classifying and designating the Series A Preferred Stock substantially in the form to be filed by the Company with the SDAT (the "Articles Supplementary"), certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
 5. The Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
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6. Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company relating to, among other matters, the authorization of the registration, classification, sale and issuance of the Shares and the issuance of the Depositary Shares (the "Resolutions"), certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
7. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;
8. A certificate executed by an officer of the Company, dated as of the date hereof; and
9. Such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinion set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein.

In expressing the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the following:

1. Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or another person, is legally competent to do so.
 2. Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Company) is duly authorized to do so.
 3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.
 4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.
 5. None of the Shares will be issued or transferred in violation of any restriction or limitation contained in Article VII of the Charter or Section 9 of the Articles Supplementary classifying and designating the Series A Preferred Stock.
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6. Prior to the issuance of any of the Shares, the Articles Supplementary will be filed with, and accepted for record by, the SDAT.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that:

1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and validly existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.

2. The issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized and, when and if issued and delivered against payment therefor in accordance with the Registration Statement and the Resolutions, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

3. The issuance of the Depositary Shares has been duly authorized.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Maryland and we do not express any opinion herein concerning any other law. We express no opinion as to the applicability or effect of any federal or state securities laws, including the securities laws of the State of Maryland, or as to federal or state laws regarding fraudulent transfers. To the extent that any matter as to which our opinion is expressed herein would be governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland, we do not express any opinion on such matter. The opinion expressed herein is subject to the effect of judicial decisions which may permit the introduction of parol evidence to modify the terms or the interpretation of agreements.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable law changes after the date hereof or if we become aware of any fact that might change the opinion expressed herein after the date hereof.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (the "Current Report"), which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Current Report and the said incorporation by reference and to the use of the name of our firm therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the 1933 Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Venable LLP

April 12, 2017

CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc.
1100 Walnut, Suite 3350
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the public offering and sale by the Company (the "Offering") of up to 3,220,000 Depositary Shares, each representing 1/100th of a share of the Company's 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Depositary Shares"), collectively representing up to 32,200 shares (the "Shares") of 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, by means of a prospectus supplement dated April 12, 2017 (the "Prospectus Supplement"), which supplements the prospectus dated February 18, 2016 (the "Prospectus") filed as part of the registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-209045) filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") (the "Registration Statement"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning given them in the Prospectus Supplement or in the Registration Statement, delivered to Husch Blackwell LLP by the Company which provides certain representations relevant to this opinion.

In our capacity as counsel to the Company, and for purposes of rendering this opinion, we have examined and relied upon the following (the "Reviewed Documents"), with your consent:

- (i) the Charter of the Company, as amended and currently in effect;
- (ii) the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, as currently in effect;
- (iii) the Good Standing Certificate with respect to the Company issued by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT") dated as of a recent date;
- (iv) each of (A) the Articles Supplementary dated January 22, 2015 and filed with the Maryland SDAT with respect to the initial establishment of the Company's 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and (B) the form of the Articles Supplementary to be filed with the Maryland SDAT with respect to the Company's additional 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock underlying the Depositary Shares to be sold in the Offering;
- (v) the Deposit Agreement, dated January 27, 2015 and entered into between the Company and Computershare, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., a nationally chartered trust company, acting jointly (collectively, "Computershare") as depository for the Depositary Shares, as previously amended by the First Amendment to Deposit Agreement dated February 5, 2015 between the Company and Computershare (the "Original Deposit Agreement");

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- (vi) the form of the Second Amendment to Deposit Agreement, to be entered into between the Company and Computershare as depositary for the Depository Shares (collectively with the Original Deposit Agreement, the "Deposit Agreement");
- (vii) that certain Underwriting Agreement, dated April 12, 2017, by and between the Company and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representative of the several underwriters named therein (the "Underwriting Agreement");
- (viii) the Registration Statement;
- (ix) the Prospectus;
- (x) the Prospectus Supplement; and
- (xi) such other documents provided by the Company as we have considered relevant to our analysis.

In our examination, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies, the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents, that the form and content of all documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such documents as executed and delivered, and the enforceability of all documents submitted to us against parties other than the Company. We have assumed that there has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the documents we have reviewed, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of such documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise. As to any facts material to the opinions expressed herein which were not independently established or verified, we have relied upon oral or written statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and certificates of public officials, without independent verification of their accuracy.

Further, our opinion is based on the assumptions that:

- (i) the Company is operated, and will continue to be operated, in the manner described in the Reviewed Documents;
- (ii) all statements of fact contained in the Reviewed Documents are true and complete in all material respects, and
- (iii) any statement made in any of the Reviewed Documents referred to herein "to the knowledge of" or "to the best of the knowledge of" any person or party or similarly qualified is correct without such qualification.

Based upon, and subject to, the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications stated in the following paragraphs, we are of the opinion that the Shares and the Depository Shares, when issued and delivered by the Company in accordance with the terms of the Registration Statement and the Resolutions, and upon receipt of consideration for the Shares and the Depository Shares in accordance with the terms of the

Underwriting Agreement and due issuance of the Depositary Shares against a deposit of the Shares in accordance with the Deposit Agreement will be validly issued, full paid and nonassessable.

Our opinion is subject to: (i) the effect of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, preference, fraudulent transfer, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors; (ii) the effect of general principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law (including the possible unavailability of specific performance or injunctive relief), concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing, and the discretion of the court before which a proceeding is brought; (iii) the invalidity under certain circumstances under law or court decisions of provisions providing for the indemnification of or contribution to a party with respect to a liability where such indemnification or contribution is contrary to public policy; and (iv) we express no opinion as to (a) any provision for liquidated damages, default interest, late charges, monetary penalties, make-whole premiums or other economic remedies to the extent such provisions are deemed to constitute a penalty, (b) consents to, or restrictions upon, governing law, jurisdiction, venue, arbitration, remedies or judicial relief, (c) waivers of rights or defenses, (d) any provision requiring the payment of attorneys' fees, where such payment is contrary to law or public policy, (e) any provision permitting, upon acceleration of any Share or Depositary Share, collection of that portion of the stated principal amount thereof which might be determined to constitute unearned interest thereon, (f) the creation, validity, attachment, perfection, or priority of any lien or security interest, (g) advance waivers of claims, defenses, rights granted by law, or notice, opportunity for hearing, evidentiary requirements, statutes of limitation, trial by jury or at law, or other procedural rights, (h) waivers of broadly or vaguely stated rights, (i) provisions for exclusivity, election or cumulation of rights or remedies, (j) provisions authorizing or validating conclusive or discretionary determinations, (k) grants of setoff rights, (l) proxies, powers and trusts, (m) provisions prohibiting, restricting, or requiring consent to assignment or transfer of any right or property, (n) any provision to the extent it requires that a claim with respect to a security denominated in other than U.S. dollars (or a judgment in respect of such a claim) be converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of exchange at a particular date, to the extent applicable law otherwise provides, and (o) the severability, if invalid, of provisions to the foregoing effect.

We are opining herein solely as to the internal laws of the State of New York, and we express no opinion with respect to the applicability thereto, or the effect thereon, of the laws of any other jurisdiction or as to any matters of municipal law or the laws of any local agencies within any state. Various issues concerning the Maryland General Corporation Law and the internal laws of the State of Maryland are addressed in the opinion of Venable LLP, separately provided to you. We express no opinion with respect to those matters herein, and to the extent elements of those opinions are necessary to the conclusions expressed herein, we have, with your consent, assumed such matters.

This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with the Registration Statement, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the Shares and the Depositary Shares. This opinion letter is rendered as of the date hereof, and we disclaim any obligation to advise you of facts, circumstances, events or developments that hereafter may be brought to our attention and that may alter, affect or modify the opinions expressed herein.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5.2 to the Registration Statement and to the reference to Husch Blackwell LLP under the caption “Legal Matters” in the Prospectus constituting a part of such Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act, or under the rules and regulations of the Commission relating thereto.

Very truly yours,

Husch Blackwell LLP

/s/ Husch Blackwell LLP

Husch Blackwell LLP

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April 12, 2017

CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc.
1100 Walnut, Suite 3350
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You have requested our opinion as special tax counsel to CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the public offering and sale by the Company (the "Offering") of up to 3,220,000 Depositary Shares, each representing 1/100th of a share of the Company's 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Depositary Shares"), by means of a prospectus supplement dated April 12, 2017 (the "Prospectus Supplement"), which supplements the prospectus dated February 18, 2016 filed as part of the registration statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-209045 (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") (such prospectus, as supplemented through the addition of the Prospectus Supplement, the "Prospectus"). Any reference to the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any documents filed by the Company on or after April 12, 2017 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and incorporated by reference therein. Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning given them in the Registration Statement or in the certificate, dated of even date herewith (the "Certificate"), delivered to Husch Blackwell LLP by the Company which provides certain representations relevant to this opinion.

In our capacity as counsel to the Company, and for purposes of rendering this opinion, we have examined and relied upon the following (the "Reviewed Documents"), with your consent:

- (i) the Charter of the Company, as currently in effect;
- (ii) the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, as currently in effect;
- (iii) a Good Standing Certificate with respect to the Company issued by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT") dated as of a recent date;
- (iv) each of (A) the Articles Supplementary dated January 22, 2015 and filed with the Maryland SDAT with respect to the initial establishment of the Company's 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and (B) the form of the Articles Supplementary to be filed with the Maryland SDAT with respect to the Company's additional 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock underlying the Depositary Shares to be sold in the Offering;
- (v) the Deposit Agreement, dated January 27, 2015 and entered into between the Company and Computershare, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., a nationally chartered trust company, acting jointly (collectively, "Computershare") as depository for the Depositary Shares, as previously amended by the First Amendment to Deposit Agreement dated February 5, 2015 between the Company and Computershare (the "Original Deposit Agreement");

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- (vi) the form of the Second Amendment to Deposit Agreement, to be entered into between the Company and Computershare as depositary for the Depositary Shares (collectively with the Original Deposit Agreement, the "Deposit Agreement");
- (vii) the Certificate;
- (viii) the Registration Statement;
- (ix) the Prospectus; and
- (x) such other documents provided by the Company as we have considered relevant to our analysis.

This opinion is based on various facts and assumptions which are current as of the date hereof, including the facts set forth in the Reviewed Documents, concerning the business, assets and governing documents of the Company. In our examination of the Reviewed Documents, we have assumed the authenticity of original documents, the accuracy of copies, the genuineness of signatures, and the legal capacity of signatories. We have also assumed that the transactions contemplated by the Reviewed Documents will be consummated in accordance with the terms and conditions of such documents, that all parties to such documents and/or any other person or entity otherwise subject to the terms and conditions of such documents have acted, and will act, in accordance with the terms and conditions of such documents, and that such documents accurately reflect the material facts concerning the Company and the Depositary Shares.

Further, our opinion is based on the assumptions that:

- (i) the Company is operated, and will continue to be operated, in the manner described in the Reviewed Documents;
- (ii) all statements of fact contained in the Reviewed Documents are true and complete in all material respects, and
- (iii) any statement made in any of the Reviewed Documents referred to herein "to the knowledge of" or "to the best of the knowledge of" any person or party or similarly qualified is correct without such qualification.

We have not undertaken any independent inquiry into or verification of these facts either in the course of our representation of the Company or for the purpose of rendering this opinion.

We also note that the tax consequences addressed herein depend upon the actual occurrence of events in the future, which events may or may not be consistent with any representations made to us for purposes of this opinion. In particular, the qualification and taxation of the Company as a real estate investment trust (a "REIT") for federal income tax purposes depend upon the Company's ability to meet on a continuing basis the various qualifications imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including through actual annual operating results, asset composition, distribution levels and diversity of stock ownership, the results of which have not been and will not be reviewed by Husch Blackwell LLP. Accordingly, to the extent that the facts differ from those represented to or assumed by us herein, our opinion could be inapplicable, and in such event, our opinion should not be relied upon.

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Our opinion herein is based on existing law as contained in the Code, final and temporary regulations promulgated thereunder by the United States Department of the Treasury (“Treasury Regulations”), and interpretations of the foregoing as expressed in court decisions, legislative history, and existing administrative pronouncements and practices of the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) (including its practices and policies in issuing private letter rulings which are not binding on the IRS except as to taxpayers actually receiving such a ruling), all as of the date hereof. The provisions of the Code and the Treasury Regulations, IRS administrative pronouncements and case law upon which this opinion is based could be changed at any time, perhaps with retroactive effect. In addition, some of the issues under existing law that could significantly affect our opinion have not yet been authoritatively addressed by the IRS or the courts. Our opinion has no official status of any kind, and is not binding on the IRS or the courts. Hence, there can be no assurance that the IRS will not challenge, or that the courts will agree with, our conclusions. Further, any material variation or material differences in the facts, assumptions or materials referred to above may affect the conclusions stated herein.

Based upon, and subject to, the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications stated in the following paragraphs, we are of the opinion that, as of the date hereof:

- (i) The Company has been organized and has operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code during its taxable years ended December 31, 2013 through December 31, 2016, and that its current and proposed organization and method of operation will enable it to continue to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT thereafter; and
- (ii) the statements presented under the heading “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” in the Prospectus that is contained in the Registration Statement, insofar as such statements discuss matters of United States federal income tax law and regulations or legal conclusions relating thereto, constitute our opinion as to the material United States federal income tax consequences set forth therein, subject to the assumptions and qualifications set forth therein and in this letter.

No opinion is expressed as to any matter not discussed herein and we undertake no obligation to update this opinion, or to ascertain after the date hereof whether circumstances occurring after such date may affect the conclusions set forth herein. We express no opinion as to matters governed by any laws other than the Code, the Treasury Regulations, published administrative announcements and rulings of the IRS, and court decisions. We express no opinion with respect to the applicability thereto, or the effect thereon, of other federal laws, the laws of any state or other jurisdiction or as to any matters of municipal law or the laws of any other local agencies within any state.

This opinion is furnished to you in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(8) of SEC Regulation S-K solely for use in connection with the Registration Statement. We express no opinion with respect to the matters described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus other than those expressly set forth herein.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to our firm name in the Prospectus under the captions “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” and “Legal Matters.” In giving this consent, we do not admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder, nor do we thereby admit that we are experts with respect to any

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part of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus within the meaning of the term “experts” as used in the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

Husch Blackwell LLP

/s/ Husch Blackwell LLP

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**CorEnergy Prices Offering of 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock**

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—April 12, 2017 – CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc. (“CorEnergy” or the “Company”) today announced the pricing of its previously announced follow-on, underwritten public offering. CorEnergy has agreed to sell 2,800,000 depository shares, each representing 1/100th of a share of its 7.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$25.00 per depository share. The gross proceeds of the offering are expected to be \$70 million, before deducting underwriting discounts and other estimated offering expenses. CorEnergy has granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 420,000 depository shares of the preferred stock, solely to cover overallocments. The offering is expected to close on or about April 18, 2017, subject to customary closing conditions. CorEnergy may redeem, at its option, the depository shares at a redemption price of \$25.00 per depository share, plus all accrued and unpaid dividends, on or after January 27, 2020. The depository shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “CORRPrA.”

CorEnergy intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to repay indebtedness under its credit facility and/or for general corporate purposes.

Wells Fargo Securities and Stifel are acting as joint book running managers for the offering.

The shares of preferred stock are being offered pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement that the Company previously filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Electronic copies of the final prospectus supplement, when available, and accompanying base prospectus are available from the SEC website at www.sec.gov.

Hard copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement and base prospectus related to the offering can be obtained from:

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Attention: WFS Customer Service

608 2nd Avenue

South Minneapolis, MN 55402

1100 Walnut, Suite 3350, Kansas City, MO 64106 | Main: 816-875-3705 | Fax: 816-875-5875 | corridortrust.com

Toll-free: 800-645-3751

Email: wfscustomerservice@wellsfargo.com

Or

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc.

Attention: Syndicate Department

1 South Street, 15th Floor

Baltimore, MD 21202

Toll-free: 855-300-7136

Email: syndprospectus@stifel.com

About CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc.

CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, Inc. (NYSE: CORR, CORRPRA), is a real estate investment trust (REIT) that owns essential energy assets, such as pipelines, storage terminals, and transmission and distribution assets. We seek long-term contracted revenue from operators of our assets, primarily under triple net participating leases. For more information, please visit corenergy.reit.

Safe Harbor Statement

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of, securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the laws of such state or jurisdiction.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains certain statements that may include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein are "forward-looking statements." Although CorEnergy believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, they do involve assumptions, risks and uncertainties, and these expectations may prove to be incorrect. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those discussed in CorEnergy's reports that are filed with the Securities

and Exchange Commission. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Other than as required by law, CorEnergy does not assume a duty to update any forward-looking statement. In particular, any distribution paid in the future to our stockholders will depend on the actual performance of CorEnergy, its costs of leverage and other operating expenses and will be subject to the approval of CorEnergy's Board of Directors and compliance with leverage covenants.

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