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GS Finance Corp.

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Callable Contingent Coupon Index-Linked Notes due

guaranteed by

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

The notes will not pay a fixed coupon and may pay no coupon on a payment date. The amount that you will be paid on your notes is based on the performances of the Russell 2000[®] Index and the EURO STOXX 50[®] Index. The notes will mature on May 2, 2029, unless we redeem them.

We may redeem your notes at 100% of their face amount plus any coupon then due on any payment date (expected to be the 2nd day of each February, May, August and November, commencing in August 2019 and ending on the stated maturity date) on or after the payment date in May 2020 up to the payment date in February 2029.

If we do not redeem your notes, if the closing level of each index is greater than or equal to 75% of its initial level (set on the trade date, expected to be April 29, 2019) on a coupon observation date (expected to be the tenth scheduled trading day for all indices prior to each payment date), you will receive on the applicable payment date a coupon of \$21 for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes. If the closing level of any index on a coupon observation date is less than 75% of its initial level, you will not receive a coupon on the applicable payment date.

If we do not redeem your notes, the amount that you will be paid on your notes at maturity, in addition to the final coupon, if any, is based on the performance of the lesser performing index (the index with the lowest index return). The index return for each index is the percentage increase or decrease in the final level of such index on the final coupon observation date (expected to be April 17, 2029) from its initial level.

At maturity, for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes you will receive an amount in cash equal to:

•f the index return of each index is greater than or equal to -25% (the final level of each index is greater than or equal to 75% of its initial level), \$1,000 plus the final coupon of \$21;

•f the index return of each index is greater than or equal to -40% (the final level of each index is greater than or equal to 60% of its initial level), but the index return of any index is less than -25% (the final level of any index is less than 75% of its initial level), \$1,000. You will not receive a coupon; or

if the index return of any index is less than -40% (the final level of any index is less than 60% of its initial level), the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) the lesser performing index return times (b) \$1,000. You will receive less than 60% of the face amount of your notes and you will not receive a final coupon.

You should read the disclosure herein to better understand the terms and risks of your investment, including the credit risk of GS Finance Corp. and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. See page PS-12.

The estimated value of your notes at the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date is expected to be between \$910 and \$940 per \$1,000 face amount. For a discussion of the estimated value and the price at which Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC would initially buy or sell your notes, if it makes a market in the notes, see the following page.

Original issue date: expected to be May Original issue price: 100% of the face

2, 2019 amount*

Underwriting % of the face amount* Net proceeds to the % of the face amount

discount: issuer:

*The original issue price will be % for certain investors; see "Supplemental Plan of Distribution; Conflicts of Interest" on page PS-26.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The notes are not bank deposits and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, nor are they obligations of, or guaranteed by, a bank.

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC

Pricing Supplement No. dated , 2019.

The issue price, underwriting discount and net proceeds listed above relate to the notes we sell initially. We may decide to sell additional notes after the date of this pricing supplement, at issue prices and with underwriting discounts and net proceeds that differ from the amounts set forth above. The return (whether positive or negative) on your investment in notes will depend in part on the issue price you pay for such notes.

GS Finance Corp. may use this prospectus in the initial sale of the notes. In addition, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, or any other affiliate of GS Finance Corp. may use this prospectus in a market-making transaction in a note after its initial sale. Unless GS Finance Corp. or its agent informs the purchaser otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus is being used in a market-making transaction.

Estimated Value of Your Notes

The estimated value of your notes at the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date (as determined by reference to pricing models used by Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (GS&Co.) and taking into account our credit spreads) is expected to be between \$910 and \$940 per \$1,000 face amount, which is less than the original issue price. The value of your notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted; however, the price (not including GS&Co.'s customary bid and ask spreads) at which GS&Co. would initially buy or sell notes (if it makes a market, which it is not obligated to do) and the value that GS&Co. will initially use for account statements and otherwise is equal to approximately the estimated value of your notes at the time of pricing, plus an additional amount (initially equal to \$ per \$1,000 face amount).

Prior to ______, the price (not including GS&Co.'s customary bid and ask spreads) at which GS&Co. would buy or sell your notes (if it makes a market, which it is not obligated to do) will equal approximately the sum of (a) the then-current estimated value of your notes (as determined by reference to GS&Co.'s pricing models) plus (b) any remaining additional amount (the additional amount will decline to zero on a straight-line basis from the time of pricing through _______). On and after _______, the price (not including GS&Co.'s customary bid and ask spreads) at which GS&Co. would buy or sell your notes (if it makes a market) will equal approximately the then-current estimated value of your notes determined by reference to such pricing models.

About Your Prospectus

The notes are part of the Medium-Term Notes, Series E program of GS Finance Corp. and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. This prospectus includes this pricing supplement and the accompanying documents listed below. This pricing supplement constitutes a supplement to the documents listed below, does not set forth all of the terms of your notes and therefore should be read in conjunction with such documents:

General terms supplement no. 1,734 dated July 10, 2017

Prospectus supplement dated July 10, 2017

2017

Prospectus dated July 10, 2017

The information in this pricing supplement supersedes any conflicting information in the documents listed above. In addition, some of the terms or features described in the listed documents may not apply to your notes.

We refer to the notes we are offering by this pricing supplement as the "offered notes" or the "notes". Each of the offered notes has the terms described below. Please note that in this pricing supplement, references to "GS Finance Corp.", "we", "our" and "us" mean only GS Finance Corp. and do not include its subsidiaries or affiliates, references to "The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.", our parent company, mean only The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and do not include its subsidiaries or affiliates and references to "Goldman Sachs" mean The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. together with its consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates, including us. The notes will be issued under the senior debt indenture, dated as of October 10, 2008, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 20, 2015, each among us, as issuer, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., as guarantor, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee. This indenture, as so supplemented and as further supplemented thereafter, is referred to as the "GSFC 2008 indenture" in the accompanying prospectus supplement. The notes will be issued in book-entry form and represented by a master global note.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(Terms From Pricing Supplement No. Incorporated Into Master Note No. 2)

These terms and conditions relate to pricing supplement no. dated , 2019 of GS Finance Corp. and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. with respect to the issuance by GS Finance Corp. of its Callable Contingent Coupon Index-Linked Notes due and the guarantee thereof by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

The provisions below are hereby incorporated into master note no. 2, dated August 22, 2018. References herein to "this note" shall be deemed to refer to "this security" in such master note no. 2, dated August 22, 2018. Certain defined terms may not be capitalized in these terms and conditions even if they are capitalized in master note no. 2, dated August 22, 2018. Defined terms that are not defined in these terms and conditions shall have the meanings indicated in such master note no. 2, dated August 22, 2018, unless the context otherwise requires.

CUSIP / ISIN: 40056FD44 / US40056FD445

Company (Issuer): GS Finance Corp.

Guarantor: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Underliers (each individually, an underlier): the Russell 2000[®] Index (current Bloomberg symbol: "RTY Index"), or any successor underlier, and the EURO STOXX 50[®] Index (current Bloomberg symbol: "SX5E Index"), or any successor underlier, as each may be modified, replaced or adjusted from time to time as provided herein

Face amount: \$\\$ in the aggregate on the original issue date; the aggregate face amount may be increased if the company, at its sole option, decides to sell an additional amount on a date subsequent to the trade date

Authorized denominations: \$1,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof

Principal amount: Subject to redemption by the company as provided under "— Company's redemption right" below, on the stated maturity date, in addition to the final coupon, if any, the company will pay, for each \$1,000 of the outstanding face amount, an amount, if any, in cash equal to the cash settlement amount.

Cash settlement amount:

if the final underlier level of each underlier is greater than or equal to its trigger buffer level, \$1,000; or if the final underlier level of any underlier is less than its trigger buffer level, the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) the lesser performing underlier return times (b) \$1,000

Company's redemption right: the company may redeem the notes, at its option, in whole but not in part, on each coupon payment date commencing in May 2020 and ending in February 2029 for an amount in cash for each \$1,000 of the outstanding face amount on the redemption date equal to 100% of such \$1,000 face amount plus any coupon then due.

If the company chooses to exercise the company's redemption right, it will notify the holder of your notes and the trustee by giving at least ten business days' prior notice. The day the company gives the notice, which will be a business day, will be the redemption notice date and the immediately following coupon payment date, which the company will state in the redemption notice, will be the redemption date.

The company will not give a redemption notice that results in a redemption date later than the February 2029 coupon payment date. A redemption notice, once given, shall be irrevocable.

Initial underlier level (set on the trade date): with respect to an underlier, the closing level of such underlier on the trade date

Final underlier level: with respect to an underlier, the closing level of such underlier on the determination date, subject to adjustment as provided in "— Consequences of a market disruption event or non-trading day" and "— Discontinuance or modification of an underlier" below

Underlier return: with respect to an underlier on the determination date, the quotient of (i) its final underlier level minus its initial underlier level divided by (ii) its initial underlier level, expressed as a positive or negative percentage

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Lesser performing underlier return: the underlier return of the lesser performing underlier

Lesser performing underlier: the underlier with the lowest underlier return

Trigger buffer level: for each underlier, 60% of its initial underlier level

Coupon: subject to the company's redemption right, on each coupon payment date, for each \$1,000 of the outstanding face amount, the company will pay an amount in cash equal to:

•f the closing level of each underlier on the related coupon observation date is greater than or equal to its coupon trigger level, \$21; or

•f the closing level of any underlier on the related coupon observation date is less than its coupon trigger level, \$0 Coupon trigger level: for each underlier, 75% of its initial underlier level

Trade date: expected to be April 29, 2019

Original issue date (set on the trade date): expected to be May 2, 2019

Determination date: the last coupon observation date, expected to be April 17, 2029, subject to adjustment as described under "— Coupon observation dates" below. If the stated maturity date is postponed due to a non-business day as described under "Stated maturity date" below, such postponement of the stated maturity date will not postpone the determination date.

Stated maturity date (set on the trade date): expected to be May 2, 2029, unless that day is not a business day, in which case the stated maturity date will be postponed to the next following business day. If the determination date is postponed as described under "— Determination date" above, such postponement of the determination date will not postpone the stated maturity date.

Coupon observation dates (set on the trade date): expected to be the tenth scheduled trading day for all underliers prior to each coupon payment date, unless the calculation agent determines that, with respect to any underlier, a market disruption event occurs or is continuing on that day or that day is not otherwise a trading day. If a coupon payment date is postponed due to a non-business day as described under "— Coupon payment dates" below, such postponement of the coupon payment date will not postpone the related coupon observation date.

In the event the originally scheduled coupon observation date is a non-trading day with respect to any underlier, the coupon observation date will be the first day thereafter that is a trading day for all underliers (the "first qualified coupon trading day") provided that no market disruption event occurs or is continuing with respect to an underlier on that day. If a market disruption event with respect to an underlier occurs or is continuing on the originally scheduled coupon observation date or the first qualified coupon trading day, the coupon observation date will be the first following trading day on which the calculation agent determines that each underlier has had at least one trading day (from and including the originally scheduled coupon observation date or the first qualified coupon trading day, as applicable) on which no market disruption event has occurred or is continuing and the closing level of each underlier for that coupon observation date will be determined on or prior to the postponed coupon observation date as set forth under "— Consequences of a market disruption event or a non-trading day" below. (In such case, the coupon observation date may differ from the date on which the level of an underlier is determined for the purpose of the calculations to be performed on the coupon observation date.) In no event, however, will the coupon observation date be postponed by more than three scheduled trading days for all underliers from the originally scheduled coupon observation date either due to the occurrence of serial non-trading days or due to the occurrence of one or more market disruption events. (For the avoidance of doubt, a day that is a scheduled trading day for only one underlier will not count as one

of the three scheduled trading days for this purpose.) On such last possible coupon observation date applicable to the relevant coupon payment date, if a market disruption event occurs or is continuing with respect to an underlier that has not yet had such a trading day on which no market disruption event has occurred or is continuing or if such last possible day is not a trading day with respect to such underlier, that day will nevertheless be the coupon observation date.

Coupon payment dates (set on the trade date): expected to be the 2nd day of each February, May, August and November, commencing in August 2019 and ending on the stated maturity date, unless, for any such coupon payment date, that day is not a business day, in which case such coupon payment date will be postponed to the next following business day. If a coupon observation date is postponed as described under — "Coupon observation dates" above, such postponement of the coupon observation date will not postpone the related coupon payment date.

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Closing level: on any trading day, (i) with respect to the Russell 2000[®] Index, the closing level of such underlier or any successor underlier reported by Bloomberg Financial Services, or any successor reporting service the company may select, on such trading day for that underlier (as of the trade date, whereas the underlier sponsor publishes the official closing level of the Russell 2000[®] Index to six decimal places, Bloomberg Financial Services reports the closing level to fewer decimal places) and (ii) with respect to the EURO STOXX 50[®] Index, the official closing level of such underlier or any successor underlier published by the underlier sponsor on such trading day for such underlier

Trading day: (i) with respect to the Russell 2000® Index, a day on which the respective principal securities markets for all of its underlier stocks are open for trading, the underlier sponsor is open for business and such underlier is calculated and published by the underlier sponsor and (ii) with respect to the EURO STOXX 50® Index, a day on which such underlier is calculated and published by the underlier sponsor. A day is a scheduled trading day with respect to the Russell 2000® Index if, as of the trade date, the respective principal securities markets for all of its underlier stocks are scheduled to be open for trading, the underlier sponsor is scheduled to be open for business and such underlier is expected to be calculated and published by the underlier sponsor on such day. A day is a scheduled trading day with respect to the EURO STOXX 50® Index if, as of the trade date, the underlier is expected to be calculated and published by the underlier sponsor on such day.

Successor underlier: with respect to an underlier, any substitute underlier approved by the calculation agent as a successor as provided under "— Discontinuance or modification of an underlier" below

Underlier sponsor: with respect to an underlier, at any time, the person or entity, including any successor sponsor, that determines and publishes such underlier as then in effect. The notes are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by any underlier sponsor or any affiliate thereof and no underlier sponsor or affiliate thereof makes any representation regarding the advisability of investing in the notes.

Underlier stocks: with respect to an underlier, at any time, the stocks that comprise such underlier as then in effect, after giving effect to any additions, deletions or substitutions

Market disruption event: With respect to any given trading day, any of the following will be a market disruption event with respect to an underlier:

a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading in underlier stocks constituting 20% or more, by weight, of the underlier on their respective primary markets, in each case for more than two consecutive hours of trading or during the one-half hour before the close of trading in that market, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion

a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading in option or futures contracts relating to the underlier or to underlier stocks constituting 20% or more, by weight, of such underlier in the respective primary markets for those contracts, in each case for more than two consecutive hours of trading or during the one-half hour before the close of trading in that market, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion, or

underlier stocks constituting 20% or more, by weight, of the underlier, or option or futures contracts, if available, relating to an underlier or to underlier stocks constituting 20% or more, by weight, of the underlier do not trade on what were the respective primary markets for those underlier stocks or contracts, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion,

and, in the case of any of these events, the calculation agent determines in its sole discretion that such event could materially interfere with the ability of the company or any of its affiliates or a similarly situated person to unwind all or a material portion of a hedge that could be effected with respect to this note.

The following events will not be market disruption events:

a limitation on the hours or numbers of days of trading, but only if the limitation results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant market, and

a decision to permanently discontinue trading in option or futures contracts relating to an underlier or to any underlier stock.

For this purpose, an "absence of trading" in the primary securities market on which an underlier stock is traded, or on which option or futures contracts relating to an underlier or an underlier stock are traded, will not include any time when that market is itself closed for trading under ordinary circumstances. In contrast, a suspension or limitation of trading in an underlier stock or in option or futures contracts, if available, relating to an underlier or an underlier stock in the primary market for that stock or those contracts, by reason of:

a price change exceeding limits set by that market, PS-5

an imbalance of orders relating to that underlier stock or those contracts, or a disparity in bid and ask quotes relating to that underlier stock or those contracts, will constitute a suspension or material limitation of trading in that stock or those contracts in that market.

A market disruption event with respect to one underlier will not, by itself, constitute a market disruption event for the other unaffected underlier.

As is the case throughout this pricing supplement, references to the underlier in this description of market disruption events includes any successor underlier as it may be modified, replaced or adjusted from time to time.

Consequences of a market disruption event or a non-trading day: With respect to any underlier, if a market disruption event occurs or is continuing on a day that would otherwise be a coupon observation date (and the determination date in the case of the last coupon observation date), or such day is not a trading day, then such coupon observation date will be postponed as described under "- Coupon observation dates" above. If any coupon observation date (and the determination date in the case of the last coupon observation date) is postponed to the last possible date due to the occurrence of serial non-trading days, the level of each underlier will be the calculation agent's assessment of such level, in its sole discretion, on such last possible postponed coupon observation date (and the determination date in the case of the last coupon observation date). If any coupon observation date (and the determination date in the case of the last coupon observation date) is postponed due to a market disruption event with respect to any underlier, the closing level of each underlier with respect to such coupon observation date (and the final underlier level with respect to the determination date) will be calculated based on (i) for any underlier that is not affected by a market disruption event on the applicable originally scheduled coupon observation date or the first qualified coupon trading day thereafter (if applicable), the closing level of the underlier on that date, (ii) for any underlier that is affected by a market disruption event on the applicable originally scheduled coupon observation date or the first qualified coupon trading day thereafter (if applicable), the closing level of the underlier on the first following trading day on which no market disruption event exists for such underlier and (iii) the calculation agent's assessment, in its sole discretion, of the level of any underlier on the last possible postponed coupon observation date with respect to such underlier as to which a market disruption event continues through the last possible postponed coupon observation date. As a result, this could result in the closing level on any coupon observation date (or final underlier level on the determination date) of each underlier being determined on different calendar dates. For the avoidance of doubt, once the closing level for an underlier is determined for a coupon observation date (or the determination date in the case of the last coupon observation date), the occurrence of a later market disruption event or non-trading day will not alter such calculation.

Discontinuance or modification of an underlier: If an underlier sponsor discontinues publication of an underlier and such underlier sponsor or anyone else publishes a substitute underlier that the calculation agent determines is comparable to such underlier and approves as a successor underlier, or if the calculation agent designates a substitute underlier, then the calculation agent will determine the coupon payable, if any, on the relevant coupon payment date or the cash settlement amount on the stated maturity date, as applicable, by reference to such successor underlier.

If the calculation agent determines on a coupon observation date or the determination date, as applicable, that the publication of an underlier is discontinued and there is no successor underlier, the calculation agent will determine the coupon or the cash settlement amount, as applicable, on the related coupon payment date or the stated maturity date, as applicable, by a computation methodology that the calculation agent determines will as closely as reasonably possible replicate such underlier.

If the calculation agent determines that an underlier, the underlier stocks comprising that underlier or the method of calculating that underlier is changed at any time in any respect — including any split or reverse-split and any addition, deletion or substitution and any reweighting or rebalancing of the underlier or of the underlier stocks and whether the change is made by the underlier sponsor under its existing policies or following a modification of those policies, is

due to the publication of a successor underlier, is due to events affecting one or more of the underlier stocks or their issuers or is due to any other reason — and is not otherwise reflected in the level of the underlier by the underlier sponsor pursuant to the then-current underlier methodology of the underlier, then the calculation agent will be permitted (but not required) to make such adjustments in such underlier or the method of its calculation as it believes are appropriate to ensure that the levels of such underlier used to determine the coupon or cash settlement amount, as applicable, on the related coupon payment date or the stated maturity date, as applicable, is equitable.

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All determinations and adjustments to be made by the calculation agent with respect to an underlier may be made by the calculation agent in its sole discretion. The calculation agent is not obligated to make any such adjustments.

Regular record dates: the scheduled business day immediately preceding the day on which payment is to be made (as such payment date may be adjusted)

Calculation agent: Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC ("GS&Co.")

Tax characterization: The holder, on behalf of itself and any other person having a beneficial interest in this note, hereby agrees with the company (in the absence of a change in law, an administrative determination or a judicial ruling to the contrary) to characterize this note for all U.S. federal income tax purposes as an income-bearing pre-paid derivative contract in respect of the underliers.

Overdue principal rate and overdue coupon rate: the effective Federal Funds rate

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Hypothetical ExampleS

The following examples are provided for purposes of illustration only. They should not be taken as an indication or prediction of future investment results and are intended merely to illustrate (i) the impact that various hypothetical closing levels of the underliers on a coupon observation date could have on the coupon payable, if any, on the related coupon payment date and (ii) the impact that various hypothetical closing levels of the lesser performing underlier on the determination date could have on the cash settlement amount at maturity assuming all other variables remain constant.

The examples below are based on a range of underlier levels that are entirely hypothetical; no one can predict what the closing level of any underlier will be on any day throughout the life of your notes, what the closing level of any underlier will be on any coupon observation date and what the final underlier level of the lesser performing underlier will be on the determination date. The underliers have been highly volatile in the past — meaning that the underlier levels have changed substantially in relatively short periods — and their performance cannot be predicted for any future period.

The information in the following examples reflects hypothetical rates of return on the offered notes assuming that they are purchased on the original issue date at the face amount and held to the stated maturity date or date of early redemption. If you sell your notes in a secondary market prior to the stated maturity date or date of early redemption, as the case may be, your return will depend upon the market value of your notes at the time of sale, which may be affected by a number of factors that are not reflected in the examples below such as interest rates, the volatility of the underliers, the creditworthiness of GS Finance Corp., as issuer, and the creditworthiness of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., as guarantor. In addition, the estimated value of your notes at the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date (as determined by reference to pricing models used by GS&Co.) is less than the original issue price of your notes. For more information on the estimated value of your notes, see "Additional Risk Factors Specific to Your Notes — The Estimated Value of Your Notes At the Time the Terms of Your Notes Are Set On the Trade Date (as Determined By Reference to Pricing Models Used By GS&Co.) Is Less Than the Original Issue Price Of Your Notes" on page PS-12 of this pricing supplement. The information in the examples also reflects the key terms and assumptions in the box below.

Key Terms and Assumptions Face amount \$1,000 Coupon \$21

Trigger buffer level with respect to each underlier, 60% of its initial underlier level Coupon trigger level with respect to each underlier, 75% of its initial underlier level Neither a market disruption event nor a non-trading day occurs on any originally scheduled coupon observation date or the originally scheduled determination date No change in or affecting any of the underlier stocks or the method by which the applicable underlier sponsor calculates any underlier

Notes purchased on original issue date at the face amount and held to the stated maturity date or date of early redemption

Moreover, we have not yet set the initial underlier levels that will serve as the baseline for determining the coupon payable on each coupon payment date, if any, the underlier returns and the amount that we will pay on your notes, if any, at maturity. We will not do so until the trade date. As a result, the actual initial underlier levels may differ substantially from the underlier levels prior to the trade date. They may also differ substantially from the underlier levels at the time you purchase your notes.

For these reasons, the actual performance of the underliers over the life of your notes, the actual underlier levels on any coupon observation date, as well as the coupon payable, if any, on each coupon payment date, may bear little relation to the hypothetical examples shown below or to the historical underlier levels shown elsewhere in this pricing supplement. For information about the underlier levels during recent periods, see "The Underliers — Historical Closing Levels of the Underliers" on page PS-19. Before investing in the notes, you should consult publicly available information to determine the underlier levels between the date of this pricing supplement and the date of your purchase of the notes.

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Also, the hypothetical examples shown below do not take into account the effects of applicable taxes. Because of the U.S. tax treatment applicable to your notes, tax liabilities could affect the after-tax rate of return on your notes to a comparatively greater extent than the after-tax return on the underlier stocks.

Hypothetical Coupon Payments

The examples below show hypothetical performances of each underlier as well as the hypothetical coupons, if any, that we would pay on each coupon payment date with respect to each \$1,000 face amount of the notes if the hypothetical closing level of each underlier on the applicable coupon observation date was the percentage of its initial underlier level shown.

Scenario 1

First	110%	40%	\$0
Second	80%	50%	\$0
Third	60%	80%	\$0
Fourth	75%	85%	\$21
Fifth	55%	90%	\$0
Sixth	95%	55%	\$0
Seventh	80%	95%	\$21
Eighth	60%	110%	\$0
Ninth	60%	105%	\$0
Tenth	80%	45%	\$0
Eleventh	50%	110%	\$0
Twelfth - Fortieth	90%	50%	\$0
		Total Hypothetical Coupons	\$42

In Scenario 1, the hypothetical closing level of each underlier increases and decreases by varying amounts on each hypothetical coupon observation date. Because the hypothetical closing level of each underlier on the fourth and seventh hypothetical coupon observation dates is greater than or equal to its hypothetical coupon trigger level, the total of the hypothetical coupons in Scenario 1 is \$42. Because the hypothetical closing level of at least one underlier on all other hypothetical coupon observation dates is less than its hypothetical coupon trigger level, no further coupons will be paid, including at maturity.

Scenario 2

First	50%	80%	\$0
Second	55%	110%	\$0
Third	105%	55%	\$0
Fourth	90%	60%	\$0

non-U.S. tax consequences of acquiring, owning, and disposing of common stock. This discussion applies only to those U.S. Participants that hold our Class A common stock under the plan as capital assets for U.S. tax purposes (generally, for investment and not in connection with the carrying on of a trade or business) and does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income tax law that may be relevant to investors that are subject to special or different treatment under U.S. federal income tax law (including, for example, a participant liable for the alternative minimum tax, a participant that actually or constructively owns 10% or more by voting power or value of our aggregate common stock, or a participant transferring or receiving a transfer of shares intended to constitute a gift for federal income tax purposes). This discussion is based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), its legislative history, existing and proposed U.S. Treasury regulations, published rulings and other administrative guidance of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) and court decisions, all as in effect on the date hereof. These laws are subject to change or differing interpretation by the IRS or a court, possibly on a retroactive basis.

As used herein, the term U.S. Participant means a beneficial owner of our Class A common stock under the plan that is:

an individual citizen or resident of the U.S.;

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a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in the U.S. or under the laws of the U.S., any state or political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia;

an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source; or

a trust (i) if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust s administration and one or more U.S. persons are authorized to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) that has a valid election in effect to be treated as a U.S. person under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations.

If a partnership (including any entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of our Class A common stock under the plan, the U.S. tax treatment of a partner in the partnership generally will depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A participant in the plan that is a partnership and partners in such a partnership should consult their own tax advisors about the U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, owning, or disposing of Class A common stock under the plan.

You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to the tax consequences of participation in the plan (including federal, state, local and other tax laws and U.S. tax withholding laws) applicable to your particular situation.

Sale, Exchange, or Withdrawal of Class A Common Stock Under The *Plan.* A U.S. Participant that sells or otherwise disposes of Class A common stock via the plan will recognize capital gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes equal to the difference between (i) the amount realized on the sale or disposition, and (ii) the tax basis of such common stock. Such gain or loss will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Participant s holding period of the underlying Class A common stock is greater than one year at the time of sale, exchange, or other disposition. Long-term capital gains of individuals are generally subject to preferential maximum U.S. federal income tax rates. A U.S. Participant s ability to deduct capital losses is subject to certain limitations. Transfers (not including acquisitions) of existing Class A common stock to your plan account or the withdrawal (without sale or other disposition) of whole shares from your account generally will result in no gain or loss recognized for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Gain or loss, however, will generally be recognized upon the receipt of cash for a fractional share credited to your account.

Distributions and Tax Basis. A U.S. Participant must include in gross income as dividend income the gross amount of any distribution paid on the Class A common stock held under the plan, to the extent such distribution is paid out of current or accumulated earnings and profits of the Company. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits will first be treated as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Participant s tax basis in the Class A common stock and thereafter as gain from the sale or exchange of common stock. See Sale, Exchange, or Withdrawal of Class A Common Stock Under the Plan above. Dividends received by U.S. Participants that are individuals, estates, or trusts will generally be taxed at preferential rates if such dividends meet the requirements for treatment as qualified dividend income, including, among other requirements, that the underlying Class A common stock is considered held by the U.S. Participant for a long enough period of time, typically 60 days for common stock. Dividends that fail to meet such requirements, and dividends received by corporate U.S. Holders, are taxed at ordinary income rates.

Cash dividends (if we were to declare any on our Class A common stock) reinvested under the plan will be taxable for U.S. federal income tax purposes as having been received by a U.S. Participant even though such U.S. Participant has not actually received them in cash. If we were to pay dividends, they would be reported, whether or not reinvested, to the U.S. Participant and the IRS shortly after the close of each year. In addition, the IRS may require that any per share trading fees (which include any brokerage commissions the plan administrator is required to pay) incurred in the purchase of shares, paid by us on your behalf, be treated as dividend income to you and generally such amounts can be included in cost basis of shares purchased. An existing policyholder using distribution amounts with respect to their existing Company insurance policy may receive some or all of such distribution free from tax if such distribution is treated for tax purposes as a return of premium. An existing policyholder using distribution amounts with respect to their existing Company insurance policy should consult its own tax advisor with respect to the tax treatment of the distribution amount and investment of such proceeds in the plan.

In the case of reinvested dividends and Class A common stock acquired directly from us through the plan on a plan participant s behalf, a plan participant s tax basis in the acquired shares will equal the fair market value of the shares on the relevant dividend payment date. Alternatively, when Class A common stock is purchased on the open market with reinvested dividends, a plan participant s tax basis will generally equal the purchase price plus allocable per share trading fees (which include any brokerage commissions the plan administrator is required to pay). In the case of Class A common stock purchased on the open market with voluntary cash payments, tax basis will generally equal the cost of the shares plus an allocable share of any brokerage commissions paid on the plan participant s behalf.

Medicare Tax. A U.S. Participant that is an individual or estate, or a trust that does not fall into a special class of trusts that is exempt from such tax, will be subject to a 3.8% tax on the lesser of (1) the U.S. Participant s net investment income for the relevant taxable year and (2) the excess of the U.S. Participant s modified gross income for the taxable year over a certain threshold (which in the case of an individual will be between \$125,000 and \$250,000, depending on the individual s circumstances). A U.S. Participant s net investment income will generally include dividend income and net gains from the disposition of common shares, unless such dividends or net gains are derived in the ordinary course of the conduct of a trade or business (other than a trade or business that consists of certain passive or trading activities). U.S. Participants are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the applicability of the Medicare tax in respect of their investment in the plan and the underlying Class A common stock.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding. Payments made within the U.S. or by a U.S. payor or U.S. middleman, of dividends on, and/or proceeds arising from the sale or other taxable disposition of, Class A common stock will generally be subject to information reporting and backup withholding tax (currently at a 24% rate) if a U.S. Participant (a) fails to furnish such U.S. Participant s correct U.S. taxpayer identification number (generally on IRS Form W-9), (b) furnishes an incorrect U.S. taxpayer identification number, (c) is notified by the IRS that such U.S. Participant has previously failed to properly report items subject to backup withholding tax, or (d) fails to certify,

under penalty of perjury, that such U.S. Participant has furnished its correct U.S.

taxpayer identification number and that the IRS has not notified such U.S. Participant that it is subject to backup withholding tax. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the U.S. backup withholding tax rules will be allowed as a credit against a U.S. Participant s U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, or will be refunded, if such U.S. Participant furnishes required information to the IRS in a timely manner. Each U.S. Participant should consult its own tax advisor regarding the information reporting and backup withholding rules.

If you are a foreign plan participant, your dividends and gross proceeds from sale or other disposition of Class A common stock under the plan may be subject to U.S. federal tax withholding, including income tax withholding and tax withholding pursuant to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA). In certain cases, applicable tax treaties and withholding certifications may reduce or eliminate withholding for U.S. federal tax, including certifications made on an applicable IRS Form W-8 or its equivalent. If required, the appropriate amount of U.S. federal tax will be withheld from any distribution to a foreign plan participant and the balance in shares will be credited to such foreign plan participant s account.

How do I vote my shares held under the Plan?

We will send or forward to you all applicable proxy solicitation materials, other stockholder materials or consent solicitation materials. You shall have the exclusive right to exercise all voting rights respecting your shares. You may vote any of your whole or fractional shares of which you are the record holder in person or by proxy. Your proxy card shall include your whole or fractional shares of which you are the record holder. Your shares shall not be voted unless you vote them. However, unless you notify us in writing that you elect to withhold the plan administrator s authority, the plan administrator is deemed to have the written authorization to appear in person or by proxy at any annual or special meeting of shareholders of the Company and to submit your unvoted shares at the meeting for the sole purpose of determining a quorum.

Solicitation of the exercise of your voting rights by the management of the Company or others under a proxy or consent provision applicable to all holders of common stock shall be permitted. Solicitation of the exercise of your tender or exchange offer rights by management of the Company or others shall also be permitted.

USE OF PROCEEDS

This prospectus relates to shares of our Class A common stock that may be offered and sold from time to time under the plan. We do not know either the number of shares of our Class A common stock that will be ultimately sold under the plan nor the prices at which such shares will be sold. We will receive proceeds from the sale of the shares of our Class A common stock only to the extent that such purchases are made directly from us and not from open market purchases by the plan administrator. We intend to use the proceeds of the sale of any of newly issued shares of our Class A common stock issued under the plan for general corporate purposes.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED

Authorized Shares

The aggregate number of shares which the Company is authorized to issue is 100,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, with no par value, and 2,000,000 shares of Class B common stock, with no par value; of which 49,080,114 shares of Class A common stock and 1,001,714 shares of Class B common stock are issued and outstanding, fully paid and nonassessable. These numbers do not include treasury shares.

Dividend Rights

The cash dividends paid upon each share of Class A common stock are twice the cash dividends paid on each share of Citizens Class B common stock. The Company has never paid cash dividends on its Class A common stock.

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Voting Rights

The voting rights of Class A common stock and Class B common stock are equal in all respects except that the holders of Class B common stock have the exclusive right to elect a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors, and the holders of Class A common stock have the exclusive right to elect the remaining directors.

The holders of common stock do not have cumulative voting rights. The Company s Articles of Incorporation contain a provision to reduce the two-thirds voting requirement found in the Colorado Corporation Code.

The Company s Articles of Incorporation provide that the Board of Directors has the power to enact, alter, amend and repeal our bylaws not inconsistent with the laws of Colorado and the Articles of Incorporation, as the Board of Directors deems best for the management of the Company; however Colorado statutes give shareholders the right to amend and repeal bylaws even if not so provided for in the bylaws themselves.

Special meetings of shareholders may be called by a majority of the Board of Directors or by the holders of shares representing at least ten percent of all votes entitled to be cast on any matter proposed to be considered at the special meeting, if the Company receives one or more written demands for the meeting, stating the purpose or purposes for which it is to be held, signed and dated by such holders. A majority of the shares of the outstanding capital stock entitled to vote constitutes a quorum of shareholders under our bylaws. Our bylaws also provide that shareholders can take action without a meeting provided that all the shareholders entitled to vote have consented to the action in writing.

Preemptive Rights

Shares of the Company may be issued at any time, and from time to time, in such amounts, and for such consideration as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. No shareholder has any preemptive or preferential right to purchase or to subscribe for any shares of capital stock or other securities which may be issued by the Company.

Liquidation Rights

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, the shareholders are entitled to share, on a share-for-share basis, any of the assets or funds of the Company which are distributable to its shareholders upon such liquidation, dissolution, or winding up.

NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Legal Counsel

The validity of the Class A common stock covered by this prospectus has been passed upon for us by Hogan Lovells US LLP.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The consolidated financial statements, and the related financial statement schedules, incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the effectiveness of the Company s internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports (which the report on the Company s internal control over financial reporting expresses an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of the Company s internal control

over financial reporting because of material weaknesses), which are incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedules have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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The consolidated financial statements and the related financial statement schedules of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 appearing in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and the related financial statement schedules have been incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Our Transfer Agent and Registrar is Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information that we file at the SEC s public reference room located at 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of such public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov.

You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference by contacting us or the SEC or through the SEC s Internet Website, as described above. Documents incorporated by reference are available from us without charge, excluding all exhibits unless specifically incorporated by reference as an exhibit to this prospectus. You may obtain documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone from us at the following address: 2900 Esperanza Crossing, 2nd Floor, Austin, Texas 78758, Attention: Secretary, telephone (512) 837-7100, e-mail corporate@citizensinc.com. Copies of these documents are also available on our website, www.citizensinc.com.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus certain information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you the documents containing this information. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, except for any information superseded by information contained directly in this prospectus.

We are incorporating by reference the Company s filings listed below and any additional documents that we may file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date hereof and prior to the termination of the offering, except we are not incorporating by reference any information furnished (but not filed) under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K and corresponding information furnished under Item 9.01 as an exhibit thereto:

- (a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed on March 29, 2018;
- (b) The portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed on April 24, 2018, that are specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed on March 29, 2018;
- (c) Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, filed on May 4, 2018, for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, filed on August 7, 2018, and for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, filed on November 7,

2018;

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- (d) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed on January 26, 2018, April 25, 2018, May 30, 2018, June 8, 2018, June 11, 2018, August 22, 2018 and August 24, 2018;
- (e) Our Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/A, filed on May 3, 2018; and
- (f) The description of our common stock contained in our Form 8-A filed on July 25, 2002, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating the description.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC. Upon written or oral request, we will provide, without charge, to each person, including beneficial owners of our securities, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus (other than exhibits to such documents, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in such documents). Your request for copies should be directed to the Secretary, Citizens, Inc., 2900 Esperanza Crossing, 2nd Floor, Austin, Texas 78758; telephone (512) 837-7100; e-mail corporate@citizensinc.com. Copies of these documents are also available on our website, www.citizensinc.com.

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APPENDIX A

CITIZENS, INC. STOCK INVESTMENT PLAN

Citizens, Inc., a Colorado corporation (the Company), hereby amends and restates the Citizens, Inc. Stock Investment Plan, effective November 6, 2018 (the Plan).

WHEREAS, the Company wishes to offer to employees, directors, policyholders, independent consultants, existing shareholders and other prospective investors opportunities to purchase the Company s Class A common stock, no par value per share (Common Stock), and to offer to shareholders the ability to maintain registered ownership of their Common Stock in a manner which facilitates efficient purchases and sales;

WHEREAS, the Company is not an Affiliate (as hereinafter defined) of the Administrator, and has been subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (as defined herein) for a period of at least 90 days;

WHEREAS, the Plan is a direct stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan that aims to provide a convenient and simple method for employees, directors, policyholders, independent consultants, existing shareholders and other prospective investors to invest in the Common Stock, and to facilitate registered ownership of the Common Stock;

WHEREAS, the Plan includes an investor registration option feature enabling an investor to have its share ownership registered directly on the stock records of the Company while providing investors with an alternative to certificate-based or nominee ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Company wishes to amend and restate the Plan in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE; the Plan is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

The terms defined in this Article I shall, for all purposes of this Plan, have the following respective meanings:

Account. The term Account shall mean, as to any Participant, the account maintained by the Administrator evidencing (i) the shares (and/or fraction of a share) of Common Stock, consisting of Plan Book-Entry Shares (a) purchased through the Plan or (b) deposited by such Participant into the Plan pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof, and credited to such Participant and (ii) cash held in the Plan pending investment in Common Stock for such Participant.

Account Shares. The term Account Shares shall mean all shares (including any fraction of a share) of Common Stock, consisting of Plan Book-Entry Shares, credited to and included in the Account of a Participant by the Administrator, that are (a) purchased through the Plan and/or (b) deposited by such Participant into the Plan pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof. Any references herein to shares of Common Stock deposited into the Plan or purchased through the Plan (through optional cash investments or reinvestment of Dividends, policy benefits or commissions) shall mean Plan Book-Entry Shares held in a Participant s Account.

Administrator. The term Administrator shall mean Computershare Trust Company, N.A. Certain services will be provided by Computershare Inc., a registered transfer agent and an affiliate of the Administrator. In connection with

the Plan, the Administrator shall be deemed an agent independent of the Company who satisfies applicable legal requirements (including, without limitation, the requirements of Regulation M under the Exchange Act), for purposes of making purchases and sales of Common Stock under the Plan.

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Affiliate. The term Affiliate shall mean with respect to any person, any other person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with such person. A Person shall be deemed to control another person if such first person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such other person, whether through ownership of stock, by contract or otherwise.

Business Day. The term Business Day shall mean any day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, on which federally chartered banks in the State of New York are regularly open for business.

Certificated Shares. The term Certificated Shares shall mean any Common Stock for which a Participant has received and holds a certificate in the Participant s name evidencing such shares.

Common Stock. The term Common Stock is defined in the Recitals of this Plan.

DRS Book-Entry Shares. The term DRS Book-Entry Shares shall mean shares held in book-entry form in a Participant s name through the Direct Registration System administered by The Depository Trust Company.

Dividend. The term Dividend shall mean cash dividends paid on Common Stock.

Enrollment Form. The term Enrollment Form shall mean the documentation that the Administrator and/or Company shall require to be completed and received prior to the enrollment in the Plan of an investor that is an existing registered owner of Common Stock pursuant to Section 2.1 hereof, or a Participant s changing the Participant s options under the Plan pursuant to Section 6.1 hereof, or a Participant s depositing shares of Common Stock into the Plan pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof.

Exchange Act. The term Exchange Act shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Initial Enrollment Form. The term Initial Enrollment Form shall mean the documentation that the Administrator and/or Company shall require to be completed and received prior to the enrollment in the Plan of an investor that is not an existing registered owner of Common Stock pursuant to Section 2.1 hereof. At the time of the initial enrollment in the Plan, the investor s Enrollment Form shall contain a certification of its taxpayer identification number.

Irrevocable Stock Power. The term Irrevocable Stock Power shall mean the documentation which the Participant completes and submits to the Administrator prior to such Participant s gift or transfer of Account Shares pursuant to Section 5.2 hereof.

IRS. The term IRS shall mean the Internal Revenue Service.

Investment Date. The term Investment Date shall mean each Trading Day on which the Administrator determines, in its sole discretion, that sufficient optional cash investments pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof and/or initial cash investments pursuant to Section 2.3 hereof and/or Dividends and/or assigned benefits and commissions have been received and not previously invested to warrant investing such optional cash investments and/or initial cash investments and/or assigned benefits and commissions or reinvesting such Dividends in Common Stock pursuant to Article III hereof; provided, however, that there shall be at least one Investment Date during each period beginning on Monday of each week and ending on Friday of the same week in which the Administrator receives at least one optional cash investment, one initial cash investment, any assigned benefits or commissions. The Investment Date for reinvesting Dividends shall be the Dividend payment date or the next Trading Day if the Dividend payment date is not a Trading Day.

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Market Share Purchase Price. The term Market Share Purchase Price, when used with respect to shares of Common Stock (whether whole or fractional shares), shall mean (i) if shares are purchased in the open market, the weighted average purchase price per share of the aggregate number of shares purchased in the open market for the associated bulk purchase order placed on any given Investment Date, or (ii) if, at the Company s discretion, shares are purchased directly from the Company, (A) the average of the high and low sales prices of Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading on an investment date but no trading in shares of Common Stock occurs on the New York Stock Exchange for that date, the price as determined on the basis of market quotations as the Company deems appropriate, in each instance, not including any per share trading fees, which include any brokerage commissions the Administrator is required to pay, or other Transaction Fees. Transaction Fees are deducted from the total investment amount, and the net amount remaining is invested.

Market Share Sales Price. The term Market Share Sales Price, when used with respect to shares of Common Stock sold in the open market (whether whole or fractional shares), shall mean the sales price per share dependent of the method of sale (whether batch order, market order, day limit order or good-til-canceled limit order) of the aggregate number of shares sold in the open market for the date any sale is made, not including any per share trading fees, which include any brokerage commissions the Administrator is required to pay, or other Transaction Fees. However, Transaction Fees are deducted from the gross proceeds of sale, and the net amount remaining is paid out.

Maximum Amount. The term Maximum Amount is defined in Section 2.4 hereof.

Non-United States Resident. The term Non-United States Resident shall mean a Person that is a citizen or resident of, or is organized or incorporated under, or has its principal place of business in, a country other than the United States, its territories and possessions.

Participant. The term Participant is defined in Section 2.1 hereof.

Participant s **Total Position**. The term Participant s Total Position shall mean the total shares of Common Stock held by the Participant, whether evidenced by one or more certificates in the Participant s name or held as DRS Book-Entry Shares or Plan Book-Entry Shares, as to which the Participant may designate that any Dividends on all, part or none of the number of such shares shall be reinvested in Common Stock to be held as Plan Book-Entry Shares in the Participant s Account.

Person. The term Person shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, estate, unincorporated organization or other entity.

Plan Book-Entry Shares. The term Plan Book-Entry Shares shall mean shares held in book-entry form, excluding DRS Book-Entry Shares, in a Participant s name and in the Participant s Account by the Administrator.

Statement of Account. The term Statement of Account shall mean a written statement prepared by the Administrator and sent to a Participant pursuant to Section 6.6 hereof, which sets forth all information required by this Plan or applicable law.

Trading Day. The term Trading Day shall mean any Business Day on which shares of the Common Stock are traded on the principal stock exchange, market, electronic quotation or over-the-counter system on which the Common Stock is listed or authorized for quotation or trading.

Transaction Fee. The term Transaction Fee shall mean the service and trading fees, including any brokerage commissions the Administrator is required to pay, as set forth on the Transaction and Fee Table.

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ARTICLE II

PARTICIPATION

Section 2.1. Participation. Any Person (other than the Company), who (a) is a record holder of Common Stock, (b) is an employee or director of the Company or one of its subsidiaries, (c) is a holder of an insurance policy issued by the Company or one of its subsidiaries, (d) is a contracted independent consultant of the Company or one of its subsidiaries or (e) makes an unsolicited inquiry of the Administrator or the Company regarding the Plan, may elect to participate in the Plan; provided, however, that if such Person is a Non-United States Resident, he or she may be requested to provide evidence satisfactory to the Administrator that the Participant s participation in the Plan would not violate local laws applicable to the Company, the Plan or such Non-United States Resident. The Company may exclude from participation in the Plan anyone that may utilize the Plan to engage in short-term trading activities that cause aberrations in the trading volume of our common stock. The Company reserves the right to reject, modify, suspend or discontinue participation in the Plan by otherwise eligible holders or beneficial owners of Common Stock in order to eliminate practices that are inconsistent with the purposes of the Plan or for any other reason.

In order to participate in the Plan:

A Person that is a registered holder of Common Stock must complete and return to the Administrator an Enrollment Form.

A Person that is not a registered holder of Common Stock, must complete and return to the Administrator an Initial Enrollment Form and do at least one of the following:

- (i) have Common Stock for which the Participant is not the registered owner transferred to the Plan, pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof,
- (ii) make an initial cash investment pursuant to Section 2.3 hereof,
- (iii) elect to have insurance benefits invested in Common Stock pursuant to Section 2.3 or Section 2.4 hereof; or
- (iv) elect to have earned insurance commissions invested in Common Stock pursuant to Sections 2.3 and 2.4 below.

Any Person who has met the above requirements to participate in the Plan, has not revoked such election to participate in the Plan and has not been excluded from the Plan by the Company is herein referred to as a Participant.

Section 2.2. Reinvestment of Dividends. If and when the Company pays a cash Dividend on the Common Stock, a Participant may elect to have the Participant s Dividends on all or a specified number of shares in the Participant s Total Position invested in shares (including any fraction of a share) of Common Stock and credited to the Participant s Account. The Dividends on the number of shares in the Participant s Total Position that are not reinvested as provided above in this Section 2.2 will be paid to the Participant.

Section 2.3. Initial Investment. A Person who is not a registered owner of Common Stock may become a Participant by making an initial payment of at least \$250 but not more than \$120,000, by check or electronic funds transfer (either as a one-time payment or a periodic automatic debit from the Person s U.S. bank account) payable to the Administrator, to be invested in Common Stock pursuant to Section 3.2 hereof; provided, however, that payment for such initial cash investment must be accompanied by a completed Initial Enrollment Form. For an owner of an insurance policy issued by the Company or one of its subsidiaries or an independent consultant for the Company and

its subsidiaries whose initial investment is made through an assignment of benefit or commission, no minimum shall apply. An initial cash investment in shares of Common Stock may be made in the name of any Person specified in the Initial Enrollment Form.

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Section 2.4. Optional Cash Investments. A Participant may elect to make payments at any time or from time to time to the Plan, by check or electronic funds transfer payable to the Administrator, for investment in Common Stock pursuant to Section 3.2 hereof; provided, however, that any Participant who elects to make optional cash investments pursuant to this Section 2.4 must invest at least \$25 for any single investment and may not invest more than \$120,000 in any calendar year (the Maximum Amount). For purposes of determining whether the Maximum Amount has been reached, initial cash investments pursuant to Section 2.3 shall be counted as optional cash investments. An optional cash investment in shares of Common Stock may be made in the name of any Person.

To invest on a regular, periodic basis, Participants may authorize monthly automatic deductions of \$25 or more from their U.S. bank accounts. To initiate automatic deductions, Participants may enroll through the Administrator s website or complete and sign an Authorization Form for Automatic Deductions and return it to the Administrator. Forms will be processed and will become effective as promptly as practicable; however, Participants should allow four to six weeks for their first investment to be initiated. Once automatic deductions are initiated, funds will be drawn from Participants accounts on either the 1st or 15th of each month, or both (as chosen by the Participant, or the next business day if either the 1st or the 15th is not a business day, and will normally be invested within five business days). Automatic deductions will continue at the level set by a Participant until the Participant changes its instructions by notifying the Administrator.

Section 2.5. Registration. All Common Stock held in a Participant s Account must be registered on the records of the Company in the name of such Participant.

ARTICLE III

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT, INVESTMENT OF OPTIONAL CASH PAYMENTS,

ASSIGNED BENEFITS OR COMMISSIONS AND INITIAL CASH PAYMENTS AND

COMMON STOCK PURCHASES

Section 3.1. Dividend Reinvestment. If a Participant has elected reinvestment of Dividends, the Company shall pay such Dividends to the Administrator or its nominee on behalf of such Participant. Subject to this Article III, Dividends shall be reinvested in shares of Common Stock purchased in the manner provided in Section 3.3(a) hereof. No interest shall be paid on Dividends held pending reinvestment pursuant to this Article III.

Section 3.2. Investment of Optional Cash Payments, Assigned Policy Benefits and Commissions and Initial Cash Payments. Subject to this Article III, any optional cash investments, assigned policy benefits or commissions and initial cash investments received by the Administrator of the Plan from a Participant shall be invested in shares of Common Stock purchased in the manner provided in Section 3.3(b) hereof. Optional cash investments, assigned benefits or commissions and initial cash investments not received by the Administrator at least two Business Days prior to an Investment Date need not be invested on such Investment Date; provided, however, that any such optional cash investments, assigned benefits or commissions and initial cash investments not invested on such Investment Date shall be invested beginning on the next succeeding Investment Date. No interest shall be paid on optional cash investments, assigned benefits, commissions or initial cash investments or assigned benefits or commissions held pending investment pursuant to this Article III.

Section 3.3. Shares Purchased.

(a) Reinvestment of Dividends in shares of Common Stock shall be governed by this Section 3.3(a). Beginning on an Investment Date for Dividends, the Administrator shall apply the amount of any Dividends paid to the Administrator on behalf of the Participants on such Investment Date to the purchase of shares of Common Stock, at the Company s discretion, either in the open market or directly from the Company from newly issued or treasury shares.

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(b) Investment of optional cash investments, assigned benefits or commissions and/or initial cash investments in shares of Common Stock shall be governed by this Section 3.3(b). Beginning on each Investment Date, the Administrator shall apply the amount of any optional cash investments, assigned benefits or commissions and/or initial cash investments received by the Administrator from such Participant since the preceding Investment Date (excluding any amounts received from such Participant within two Business Days of such Investment Date but including any amounts received from such Participant within two Business Days prior to the preceding Investment Date as set forth in Section 3.2 hereof), to the purchase of shares of Common Stock, at the Company s election, either in the open market or directly from the Company from newly issued or treasury shares.

Purchases in the open market pursuant to this Section 3.3 may begin on the applicable Investment Date and shall be completed (i) in the case of Dividends being reinvested, no later than 30 days from the date the Administrator received such Dividends and (ii) in the case of optional cash investments, assigned benefits or commissions and/or initial cash investments being invested, no later than 35 days from the date the Administrator received such investments. Any funds not so invested during the relevant period shall promptly be paid, without interest, to the relevant Participants.

Open market purchases pursuant to this Section 3.3 may be made in ordinary brokerage transactions on any securities exchange on which the Common Stock is traded, in the over-the-counter market, or by negotiated transactions and may be upon such terms and subject to such conditions with respect to price and delivery to which the Administrator may agree and that, in the case of optional cash investments, assigned benefits or commissions or initial cash investments, are not inconsistent with the relevant Participant s instructions. With regard to open market purchases of shares of Common Stock pursuant to this Section 3.3, neither the Company nor any Affiliate of the Company may exercise any direct or indirect control or influence over the time or price at which shares of Common Stock may be purchased, the number of shares purchased, the manner in which purchases are effected, the selection of any broker or dealer who effects purchases (provided that no such broker or dealer may be an Affiliate of the Company), or the markets on which such shares are to be purchased (including on any securities exchange, in the over-the-counter market or in negotiated transactions), except that the timing of such purchases must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Plan. A Participant shall not have any authority or power to direct the time or price at which shares of Common Stock may be purchased, the number of shares purchased, the manner in which purchases are effected, the selection of any broker or dealer who effects purchases (provided that no such broker or dealer may be an Affiliate of the Company), or the markets on which such shares are to be purchased (including on any securities exchange, in the over-the-counter market or in negotiated transactions), except that the timing of such purchases must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Plan. For the purpose of making or causing to be made purchases of shares of Common Stock pursuant to this Section 3.3, the Administrator shall be entitled to commingle each Participant s funds with those of all other Participants. The Administrator may submit a Participant s or a group of Participants purchase requests in bulk to the Administrator s broker as a single purchase order. Purchase requests may be combined, at the Administrator s discretion, according to one or more factors such as purchase type (e.g., dividend reinvestment, one-time ACH, check), request date, or request delivery method (e.g., online, regular mail). The Administrator shall submit bulk purchase orders to its broker as and when required under the terms of the Plan. The Administrator s broker may execute each bulk purchase order in one or more transactions over one or more Trading Days, depending on market conditions, not to exceed the time and volume limitations set forth in this Section 3.3(b).

On any given Trading Day, open market purchases made by the Administrator shall not exceed a certain percentage cap of our Common Stock s average daily trading volume on the Trading Day, as agreed to by the Company and the Administrator from time to time.

Purchases of Common Stock directly from the Company will be made on the applicable Investment Date. For shares of Common Stock purchased directly from the Company, the price will be the average of the high and low

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sales prices of Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange during regular trading hours for that Investment Date. If the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading on an Investment Date but no trading in shares of the Class A common stock occurs on the New York Stock Exchange for that date, the Company will determine the price per share on the basis of market quotations as the Company deems appropriate.

The number of shares (and/or fraction of a share rounded to six decimal places) of Common Stock that shall be credited to a Participant s Account with respect to an Investment Date to which this Section 3.3 applies shall be equal to (i) the sum of (A) the amount of any Dividends reinvested on any such Investment Date for such Participant s Account and/or (B) the amount of any optional cash investments, assigned benefits or commissions and/or initial cash investments received by the Administrator from such Participant since the preceding Investment Date (excluding any amount received from such Participant within two Business Days of such Investment Date but including any amounts received from such Participant within two Business Days prior to the preceding Investment Date that were not invested on the preceding Investment Date as set forth in Section 3.2 hereof), less any amounts which the Participant is obligated to pay, divided by (ii) the Market Share Purchase Price with respect to a given bulk order placed on any such Investment Date. Such shares shall be registered directly on the stock records of the Company in the name of the Participant.

Section 3.4. Purchases Made for Owners of Insurance Policies. The Company may void Common Stock purchases under the Plan in the event valid consideration is or was not received in connection with the purchase of shares by the Participant. In such event, the Company will void the share issuance by instructing the Transfer Agent and giving notice to Participant. Upon receipt of a written instruction from the Company, the Administrator will debit such shares from the Participant s plan account. The Administrator shall not be liable for any loss or damage that may result from its acting in accordance with the Company s written instruction as set forth in this Section. Each such Participant will receive a notice in writing of such debit with a statement of the reason for the applicable shares being voided.

Section 3.5. Insufficient Funds. In the event that any check or other deposit from a Participant is returned unpaid for any reason or an authorized electronic funds transfer cannot be affected, the Administrator will consider the request for investment of such funds null and void, and will immediately remove from the Participant's account those shares, if any, purchased upon the prior credit of such funds. The plan administrator will thereupon be entitled to sell shares to satisfy an uncollected amount plus a fee of \$35. If the net proceeds from the sale of those shares are insufficient to satisfy the balance of the uncollected amounts, the Administrator may sell additional shares from the Participant's account as necessary to satisfy the uncollected balance.

ARTICLE IV

DEPOSITED COMMON STOCK OR OTHER ELIGIBLE SECURITIES

Section 4.1. Deposited Common Stock. A Participant may elect to (a) have certificates in the Participant s name representing shares of Common Stock of which the Participant is the record holder deposited into the Plan by completing an Enrollment Form, if required by Section 2.1 hereof, and delivering such certificates (and, if required, Enrollment Form) to the Administrator or (b) have shares of Common Stock, of which the Participant is the beneficial owner, deposited into the Plan by completing an Enrollment Form, if required by Section 2.1 hereof, and authorizing the record holder to transfer such shares to the name of such Participant. Shares of Common Stock so deposited shall be maintained and registered in the name of the depositing Participant and credited to such Participant s Account.

Section 4.2. Withdrawal of Common Stock Deposited Pursuant to Section 4.1. Shares of Common Stock deposited pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof may be withdrawn from the Plan pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof.

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ARTICLE V

SALE OF ACCOUNT SHARES; GIFT OR TRANSFER OF ACCOUNT SHARES

Section 5.1. Sale of Account Shares. A Participant may request, at any time, that all or a portion of the Participant s Account Shares be sold by notifying the Administrator. Subject to this Section 5.1, the Administrator shall make such sales as soon as practicable (in accordance with stock transfer requirements and federal and state securities laws), but in no event later than five (5) Business Days, after receiving such sale instructions. As soon as practicable following the receipt of proceeds from such sale, the Administrator shall pay to such Participant an amount equal to the difference between (i) the product of (a) the Market Share Sales Price and (b) the number of the Participant s Account Shares sold and (ii) any amounts which the Participant is obligated to pay.

If the Administrator receives instructions near the record date but before the related Dividend payment date to sell all Account Shares for a Participant that has elected Dividend reinvestment, in conjunction with such Participant s termination from the Plan, the sale shall be processed as described above, and the Administrator shall as soon as practicable following the receipt of the Dividends, and in its sole discretion, either pay such Dividends to such Participant or reinvest such Dividends in shares on behalf of the Participant. In the event reinvestment is made, the Administrator will process the Participant s termination as soon as practicable, but in no event later than five Business Days after the investment is completed.

Open market sales of Account Shares pursuant to this Section 5.1 may be made in ordinary brokerage transactions on any securities exchange on which such Account Shares are traded, in the over-the-counter market or in negotiated transactions and may be on such terms and subject to such conditions with respect to price and delivery to which the Administrator may agree. With regard to open market sales of Account Shares pursuant to this Section 5.1, neither the Company nor any Affiliate of the Company may exercise any direct or indirect control or influence over time or price at which Account Shares may be sold, the number of shares sold, the manner in which sales are effected, the selection of any broker or dealer who effects sales (provided that no such broker or dealer may be an Affiliate of the Company), or the markets on which such Account Shares are to be sold (including on any securities exchange, in the over-the-counter market or in negotiated transactions), except that the timing of such sales must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan. A Participant shall not have any authority or power to direct the time or price at which Account Shares may be sold (except for prices specified for day limit orders or good-til-cancelled (GTC) limit orders as described below), the number of shares sold, the selection of any broker or dealer who effects sales (provided that no such broker or dealer may be an Affiliate of the Company), or the markets on which such Account Shares are to be sold (including on any securities exchange, in the over-the-counter market or in negotiated transactions), except that the timing of such sales must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan. A day limit order is an order to sell Account Shares when and if Account Shares reach a specific trading price on a specific day. The order is automatically cancelled if the price is not met by the end of that day (or, for orders placed after-market hours, the next day the market is open). Depending on the number of Account Shares being sold and the current trading volume in the Account Shares, such an order may only be partially filled, in which case the remainder of the order will be cancelled. A GTC limit order is an order to sell shares when and if the Account Shares reach a specific trading price at any time while the order remains open (generally up to 30 days). Depending on the number of Account Shares being sold and current trading volume in the Account Shares, sales may be executed in multiple transactions and over more than one day. The order (or any unexecuted portion thereof) is automatically cancelled if the trading price is not met by the end of the order period. Day limit and GTC limit orders may be cancelled by the applicable stock exchange, by the Administrator in its sole discretion or, if the Administrator s broker has not filled the order, at the Participant s request. For the purpose of making or causing to be made sales of Account Shares pursuant to this Section 5.1, the Administrator shall be entitled to aggregate sale orders of each Participant s Account Shares with those of all other Participants.

Section 5.2. Gift or Transfer of Account Shares. A Participant may, at any time, elect to transfer (whether by gift, private sale or otherwise) ownership of all or a portion of the Participant s Account Shares to the Account of

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another Participant or establish an Account for a Person not already a Participant by delivering to the Administrator a completed Irrevocable Stock Power to that effect designating the transferee(s), with the signature thereon guaranteed by a Person that is a member of the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program, Stock Exchanges Medallion Program, New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program or any other signature guarantee program generally recognized by the securities transfer industry which is acceptable to the Administrator, and an Enrollment Form, if applicable.

Account Shares (including fractional shares) transferred in accordance with the preceding paragraph shall be registered directly on the stock records of the Company in the name of the transferee and shall be credited to the transferee s Account. If the transferee is already a Participant, Dividends on such transferred Account Shares shall be reinvested in shares of Common Stock under the Plan consistent with the transferee s reinvestment election level (i.e., full, partial or none) then in effect. If the transferee is not already a Participant, the Administrator shall automatically enroll the transferee in the Plan and open an Account in the name of such transferee if the transferor, at the time the gift is made, makes a dividend reinvestment election on behalf of the transferee. The transferee may change such reinvestment level after the gift has been made. If the transferee notifies the Administrator that it does not wish to be a Participant, such notice shall be deemed a request to terminate participation in the Plan pursuant to Section 6.3 hereof.

If a completed Irrevocable Stock Power (evidencing a transfer of ownership by gift, private sale or otherwise) with regard to Account Shares and other required documentation are received by the Administrator after the record date but before the related payment date for any Dividend thereon, the Irrevocable Stock Power shall be processed as described above, and the Administrator shall as soon as practicable following the receipt of the Dividends paid on such Account Shares, reinvest or pay such dividends to the transferor in accordance with the transferor s reinvestment election.

Section 5.3. Reinvestment of Dividends on Remaining Shares. If a Participant has elected to have the Dividends (in the event cash dividends are paid) on only a portion of the number of shares comprising the Participant s Total Position reinvested pursuant to Section 2.2 hereof, and, due to transactions in shares of the Participant s Common Stock, the Participant comes to own less than the number of shares in the Participant s Total Position for which reinvestment of Dividends has been elected, then in such case, any such Dividends on such lesser number of shares shall be reinvested absent contrary instructions from the Participant.

ARTICLE VI

TREATMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Section 6.1. Changing Plan Options. A Participant may elect to change the Participant s Plan options, including changing the number of shares (i.e., full, partial or none) of the Participant s Total Position as to which Dividends will be reinvested, by delivering to the Administrator instructions or a new Enrollment Form to that effect. To be effective with respect to any Dividend payment, the instructions or Enrollment Form with respect to such Account Shares for which reinvestment has been elected must be received by the Administrator at least prior to the related record date. If the instructions or Enrollment Form are not received by the Administrator prior to the record date relating to such Dividend, the change may not become effective until after such record date.

Section 6.2. Right of Withdrawal. A Participant may, at any time or from time to time, withdraw from the Plan all or any part (other than fractions) of the Participant s Account Shares by notifying the Administrator to that effect. Fractional shares may only be withdrawn in connection with a transfer to the Account of a Participant or a Person who becomes a Participant in accordance with Section 5.2 hereof or a termination of participation in the Plan in accordance with Section 6.3 hereof.

Withdrawal of Account Shares shall not affect reinvestment of Dividends, as provided in Section 2.2 and other applicable provisions herein, on the number of Account Shares withdrawn unless (i) the Participant is no longer

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the record holder of such Account Shares, (ii) such reinvestment election is changed by the Participant by delivering to the Administrator instructions or an Enrollment Form to that effect pursuant to Section 6.1 hereof or (iii) the Participant has terminated the Participant s participation in the Plan.

Section 6.3. Right of Termination of Participation. A Participant may request termination of participation in the Plan by notifying the Administrator. The Administrator shall treat such request as a withdrawal of all of such Participant s Account Shares pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof. The Administrator will withdraw all whole Account Shares from the Account of the Participant and continue to hold such shares in book-entry form under the Direct Registration System unless the Participant has requested the issuance of one or more stock certificates for, or the sale of, all or part of such shares. The Administrator will mail any such stock certificates to the Participant. In all cases of a Participant s termination from the Plan, the Administrator, pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof, shall pay to the Participant an amount equal to the cash value of any fraction of a share credited to the Participant s Account. Such fraction of a share shall be valued at the then current market price of the Common Stock, less any applicable fees. The Administrator shall mail such certificate, if applicable, and payment to the withdrawing Participant promptly after its receipt of such notification.

Section 6.4. Stock Splits, Stock Dividends and Rights Offerings. Any shares or other securities issued by the Company representing stock splits or other noncash distributions of Common Stock on Account Shares shall be registered directly in the Participant s name on the stock records of the Company and credited to such Participant s Account. Stock splits, combinations, recapitalizations and similar events affecting the Common Stock shall, as to shares credited to Accounts of Participants, be credited to such Accounts on a pro rata basis, and the number of Account Shares as to which the Participant has elected to reinvest any Dividends shall likewise be proportionately adjusted in such event.

In the event of a rights offering, a Participant shall receive rights based upon the total number of whole shares credited to the Participant s Account. If any such rights are redeemed by the Company for cash, such cash shall be reinvested to the same extent as if it were a Dividend.

Section 6.5. Stockholder Materials; Voting Rights. The Company shall send or forward to each Participant all applicable proxy solicitation materials, other stockholder materials or consent solicitation materials. Participants shall have the exclusive right to exercise all voting rights respecting Account Shares credited to their respective Accounts. A Participant may vote any of the Participant s whole or fractional Account Shares of which the Participant is the record holder in person or by proxy. A Participant s proxy card shall include the Participant s whole or fractional Account Shares and shares of Common Stock which have the right to vote of which the Participant is the record holder. Account Shares shall not be voted unless a Participant or the Participant s proxy votes them. Unless the Participant notifies the Company in writing that it elects to withhold the Administrator s authority, the Administrator is deemed to have the written authorization to appear in person or by proxy at any annual or special meeting of shareholders of the Company and to submit the Participant s unvoted shares at the meeting for the sole purpose of determining a quorum.

Solicitation of the exercise of Participants voting rights by the management of the Company or others under a proxy or consent provision applicable to all holders of Common Stock shall be permitted. Solicitation of the exercise of Participants tender or exchange offer rights by management of the Company or others shall also be permitted.

Section 6.6. Statements of Account. At least once during each calendar year, the Administrator shall send to each Participant a Statement of Account and may send additional Statements of Account to a Participant upon written request.

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ARTICLE VII

CERTIFICATES AND FRACTIONS OF SHARES

Section 7.1. Certificates. A Participant may, at any time or from time to time, request a certificate for all or a portion of the Participant s whole Account Shares and upon such request the Administrator shall promptly (and, in any event, within two Business Days of the receipt of such request) mail such a certificate to such Participant. The issuance of certificates may be subject to an additional fee as determined by the Administrator. Unless otherwise requested by the Participant, notwithstanding the issuance of such a certificate, the Participant will continue to have any Dividends reinvested in Common Stock on the same number of shares in the Participant s Total Position as previously designated by the Participant.

Section 7.2. Fractional Shares. Fractions of shares of Common Stock shall be credited to Accounts; provided, however, that no certificate for a fraction of a share shall be distributed to any Participant at any time.

ARTICLE VIII

CONCERNING THE PLAN

Section 8.1. Suspension, Modification and Termination. The Company may by written notice to the Administrator and each affected Participant at any time and from time to time, at its sole option, (a) suspend or terminate the Plan and (b) modify or amend the Plan including to (i) permit Dividends on Common Stock to be reinvested in shares of Common Stock if a Participant so desires (including permitting a reinvestment pertaining only to a portion of the number of shares comprising the Participant s Total Position, with the balance in cash, or the entire position), (ii) permit the Company to process payroll deductions for employees who are Participants, (iii) determine the extent to which the Company would pay the fees, costs and expenses of the Administrator, (iv) determine whether Account Shares will be certificated routinely or only on a Participant s request or (v) increase or decrease the minimum amounts of initial cash investments pursuant to Section 2.3 or optional cash investments pursuant to Section 2.4 or to increase or decrease the Maximum Amount for optional cash investments pursuant to Section 2.4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such modification or amendment shall decrease the Account of any Participant or result in a distribution to the Company of any amount credited to the Account of any Participant; and provided, further, that no such modification or amendment shall affect the rights, duties or obligations of the Administrator without its prior written consent. Upon complete termination of the Plan, the Accounts of all Participants (or in the case of partial termination of the Plan, the Accounts of all affected Participants) shall be treated as if each such Participant had elected to terminate his participation in the Plan pursuant to Section 6.3 hereof. The Company shall promptly provide to the Administrator funds for payment to Participants in respect of a fractional share of Common Stock.

Section 8.2. Rules and Regulations. The Administrator may from time to time adopt such administrative rules and regulations concerning the Plan as it deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. The Administrator shall have the power and authority to interpret the terms and the provisions of the Plan and shall interpret and construe the Plan and reconcile any inconsistency or supply any omitted detail in a manner consistent with the general terms of the Plan and applicable law.

Section 8.3. Termination of a Participant. The Company may terminate, in its sole discretion, any Participant that utilizes the Plan to engage in short-term trading activities that cause aberrations in the trading volume of the Common Stock. The Company reserves the right to terminate participation in the Plan by otherwise eligible holders or beneficial owners of Common Stock in order to eliminate practices that are inconsistent with the purposes of the Plan or for any other reason. If a Participant does not have at least one whole Account Share, as determined by the

Administrator from time to time, the Participant s participation in the Plan may be terminated by the Administrator upon written notice to such Participant. Upon such termination, the Account of such Participant shall be treated as if the Participant elected to terminate participation in the Plan pursuant to

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Section 6.3 hereof. The Company shall promptly provide to the Administrator funds for payment to Participants in respect of a fractional share of Common Stock.

Section 8.4. Cash Pending Investment. Dividends, optional cash investments, initial cash investments, policy owner benefits (including dividends) and commissions held pending investment in Common Stock pursuant to the Plan shall be held by the Administrator in a non-interest bearing account segregated from any other funds or monies of the Company or the Administrator.

Section 8.5. Notices and Payments. All notices, communications and other items (including Statements of Account, transaction notices and certificates) to be given or sent to a Participant may be mailed to such Participant to their address of record. If a Participant has authorized electronic delivery, the Administrator may send such notice electronically to a Participant s email address of record. Any payment due to a Participant under the Plan may be made by check mailed to such Participant in accordance with the preceding sentence.

Section 8.6. Tax Payments. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Administrator shall, to the extent required under applicable federal law, (i) deduct and withhold federal tax required to be deducted or withheld, if any, from dividends credited to a Participant s Account (whether or not reinvested), from the proceeds of the sale of shares or rights or from other payments made under the Plan and (ii) prepare and file with the IRS and with Participants information returns reporting payments and sales made under the Plan and taxes withheld therefrom.

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ARTICLE X

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Section 10.1. Registration Statement and Prospectus. The Company shall, at its expense, maintain the effectiveness of the, or as needed prepare and file a new, registration statement with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933 and a prospectus thereof describing the Plan in its generalized form, including all material features, contractual terms and fee and processing arrangements. Such prospectus shall include a prominent statement on the cover to the effect that the services under the Plan are sponsored by the Company and administered by the Administrator, will indicate that the shares of Common Stock held in Accounts for Participants are not subject to protection under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970, as amended, and will inform recipients that they must make independent investment decisions based on their own judgment and research. A copy of the Plan may be included as part of the prospectus. The prospectus may not (a) encourage any Person to engage in any particular transactions, whether purchases or sales, (b) include any advice or recommendations or (c) contain any information not expressly permitted by this Section 10.1. Along with the prospectus, the Company may distribute to Participants a letter accompanying the prospectus that briefly references the Plan and refers such Participants to the prospectus for additional information. Any distribution of the prospectus must comply with the restrictions on promotional activities set forth in Section 10.2, other applicable terms and conditions of the Plan and applicable securities laws.

Section 10.2. Other Promotional Activities.

(a) The Administrator may not place any paid advertisements relating to the Plan. The Administrator may issue press releases announcing the Plan generally and may include brief descriptive summaries of transfer agent and Plan services in industry publications. Any such release or summary may describe briefly and generally the mix of Plan

features, but may not identify the Company. In addition, the Administrator may make appearances at industry conferences to discuss transfer agent industry initiatives, including the features available under the Plan.

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In providing information under the Plan, the Administrator may not offer any advice or recommendations regarding participation in the Plan or suggest that any Person use the Plan or effect any securities transactions. The Company may reference the existence of the Plan in its SEC filings, but will otherwise not communicate about the Plan except as may become necessary in special circumstances to fulfill the Company s disclosure responsibilities.

- (b) The Administrator may respond to inquiries concerning the Plan (including inquiries regarding the Company s securities generally which are not specifically directed at the Plan) including unsolicited inquiries initiated by Persons who are not, at the time of the inquiry, policy owners, independent consultants, stockholders or employees or directors of the Company. In responding to such inquiries, the Administrator will not identify Participant account information except as requested by the inquiries, and then only as necessary to be responsive to the specific inquiry. The Administrator may, in compliance with the terms of the Plan and any applicable securities laws, in response to inquiries it receives regarding its securities generally which are not specifically directed at the Plan, include any prospectus and/or other materials (or any information contained therein) as part of such response. The Company shall refer all non-ministerial inquiries it receives regarding the Plan to the Administrator.
- (c) Without limiting any provision of the Plan or the Company s ability to distribute a prospectus to Participants, neither the Administrator nor the Company will engage in any special selling efforts within the meaning of Regulation M promulgated under the Exchange Act through the operation of the Plan or in connection with making information publicly available about the Plan.

ARTICLE XI

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- **Section 11.1. Controlling Law.** This Plan shall be construed, regulated and administered under the laws of the State of New York without regard to conflicts of laws principles.
- **Section 11.2. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of Plan by Participants.** Each Participant, as a condition of participation herein, for himself or herself, the Participant s heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives and assigns, approves and agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Plan and any subsequent amendments hereto, and all actions of the Company and the Administrator hereunder.
- Section 11.3. Company s Role. Except as expressly set forth in the Plan, and for processing payroll deductions and assigned benefits and commissions to the extent policy owners, independent consultants, stockholders, employees or directors of the Company participate in the Plan, the Company will have no role in the administration or the processing of any transaction under the Plan. Without limiting any other provisions of the Plan, neither the Company nor its Affiliates may (a) make any bids, purchases, offers or sales for or of Common Stock under the Plan or (b) supply the Administrator or any broker or dealer executing purchases with Common Stock for purchase by Participants through the Plan. If the Company receives any optional cash investments or initial cash investments or assigned benefits or commissions which are intended to be invested pursuant to Article III hereof, it shall promptly transmit the funds so received to the Administrator, following the completion of its source of funds verification in accordance with its Anti-Money Laundering policies and procedures.

APPENDIX B

TABLE OF TRANSACTION TYPES, MINIMUM/MAXIMUM

INVESTMENT AMOUNTS, AND SERVICE AND TRADING FEES

TRANSACTION AND FEE TABLE

This Transaction and Fee Table describes the fees applicable to transactions and services under the Plan and includes any minimum and maximum investment amounts under the Plan.

			Service and
	Minimum	Maximum	Trading Fees
Transaction Type Enrollment by non-stockholder (deducted from the first investment in the Plan)	Investment	Investment	(See Notes 1, 2 and 3)
	N/A	N/A	\$10.00
Initial Investment (via check)	\$250.00	\$120,000.00	\$5.00 plus \$0.03/share
		per calendar year*	
Initial Investment (via one-time online bank debit)	\$250.00	\$120,000.00	\$3.50 plus \$0.03/share
		per calendar year*	
Initial Investment (via periodic automatic deduction)**	\$ 25.00	\$120,000.00	\$2.00 plus \$0.03/share
		per calendar year*	
Optional Cash Investment (via check)	\$ 25.00	\$120,000.00	\$5.00 plus \$0.03/share
		per calendar year*	
Optional Cash Investment (via one-time online bank debit)	\$ 25.00	\$120,000.00	\$3.50 plus \$0.03/share
		per calendar year*	
Optional Cash Investment (via periodic automatic deduction)	\$ 25.00	\$120,000.00	\$2.00 plus \$0.03/share
		per calendar year*	

All Sales of Shares	N/A N/A	\$25.00 plus \$0.12/share
Sale of a Fractional Share at Termination or Withdrawal	N/A N/A	\$25.00 plus \$0.12/share
Dividend Reinvestment	N/A N/A	Service and per share trading fees are paid by us on your behalf.
Returned Check or Failed Electronic Payment Fee***	N/A N/A	\$35.00
Customer Service Representative Assistance Fee for Sales	N/A N/A	\$15.00
Certificate Issuance	N/A N/A	\$25.00 per certificate
Customer Service Representative Assistance Fee for Certificate Issuance	N/A N/A	\$15.00

Notes:

- 1. All per share trading fees include the applicable brokerage commissions the Plan Administrator is required to pay. Any fractional share will be rounded up to a whole share for the purposes of calculating the per share trading
- 2. All fees will be deducted from the funds to be invested or from the sales proceeds.
- 3. The Internal Revenue Service may require that any per share trading fees incurred in the purchase of shares, paid by us on your behalf, be treated as dividend income to you and that such amounts paid for per share trading fees can be included in your cost basis of shares purchased.
- * For the purposes of applying this limit, all investments, including optional cash investments and initial investments, but excluding dividend reinvestments, will be aggregated.
- ** Participation in the Plan by initial investment through periodic automatic deductions requires that you agree to continue the deductions for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive months or until the amount invested reaches \$250.00.
- *** If the investment is applied to purchase shares before the check or attempted automatic deduction from your bank account is rejected, your purchased shares will be sold and certain fees will be charged against the value of the shares in your account.

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11,300,000 shares of Class A Common Stock

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PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by Citizens, Inc. in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered. All amounts except the SEC registration fee are estimated.

SEC registration fee	\$ 10,58	37
Legal and accounting fees and expenses		*
Financial printer filing expenses		*
Miscellaneous		*
TOTAL	\$	*

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Article 109 of Title Seven of the Colorado Revised Statutes enables a Colorado corporation to indemnify its officers, directors, employees and agents against liabilities, damages, costs and expenses for which they are liable if: (i) in their Official Capacities (as defined by this statute), they acted in good faith and had no reasonable basis to believe their conduct was not in the best interest of the Registrant; (ii) in all other cases, their conduct was at least not opposed to the Registrant s best interests; and (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, they had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful.

The Registrant s Articles of Incorporation limit the liability of directors to the full extent provided by Colorado law. The Registrant s Bylaws provide indemnification to officers, directors, employees and agents to the fullest extent provided by Colorado law.

Item 16. Exhibits.

- (a) The following exhibits are filed as a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this Registration Statement.
- 5.1 Opinion of Hogan Lovells US LLP*
- 23.1 Consent of Hogan Lovells US LLP (set forth in Exhibit 5.1)*
- 23.2 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP*

^{*} Not available at the time of the filing.

23.3 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP*

24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page)

* Filed herewith.

Item 17. Undertakings

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
- (i) to include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate,

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represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) (§ 230.424(b) of this chapter) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

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

provided, however, that paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
- (i) each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
- (ii) each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following

communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

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- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant s annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan s annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Austin, State of Texas, on November 16, 2018.

CITIZENS, INC.

By: /s/ Geoffrey M. Kolander Geoffrey M. Kolander, President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Kay E. Osbourn Kay E. Osbourn, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND SIGNATURES

We, the undersigned directors of Citizens, Inc., hereby appoint Geoffrey M. Kolander, Kay E. Osbourn and James Eliasberg, as our attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power to sign for us in our names in the capacities indicated below this registration statement and any and all amendments (including pre-effective and post-effective amendments) thereto, and to file the same, with the exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection herewith, including any related registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and generally do all things in our names and on our behalf in such capacities to enable Citizens, Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with this registration statement.

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

Dated: November 16, 2018

/s/ Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr.

Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr., Chairman

/s/ Christopher W. Claus Christopher W. Claus, Director

/s/ Gov. Francis A. Keating Gov. Francis A. Keating, Director

/s/ Gerald W. Shields Gerald W. Shields, Director /s/ Dr. E. Dean Gage

Dr. E. Dean Gage, Vice Chairman

/s/ Jerry D. Davis, Jr.

Jerry D. Davis, Jr., Director

/s/ Dr. Terry S. Maness

Dr. Terry S. Maness, Director

/s/ Grant G. Teaff

Grant G. Teaff, Director

/s/ Constance K. Weaver Constance K. Weaver, Director