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Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM S-1/A

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

ELECTRIC CITY CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	3699 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)	36-4197337 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount To Be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee (3)
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001	7,750,000	\$ 1.67	\$12,942,500	\$ 1,640

- (1) In the event of a stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction involving the common stock of the registrant, in order to prevent dilution, the number of shares of common stock registered hereby shall be automatically adjusted to cover the additional shares of common stock in accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (2) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee based on the average of the high and low sale prices of the common stock of Electric City Corp. reported on the American Stock Exchange on May 19, 2004.
- (3) Offset by \$1,680 previously paid with the S-1 filed on May 3, 2004.

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PROSPECTUS

ELECTRIC CITY CORP.

7,750,000 Shares of Common Stock

The selling stockholders are offering up to 7,750,000 shares of our Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. The selling stockholders can sell these shares on any exchange on which the shares are listed, in the over the counter market, or in privately negotiated transactions, whenever they decide and at the prices they set. We may issue up to 1,750,000 of these shares upon exercise of warrants held by some of the selling stockholders. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of these shares of our Common Stock, but will receive proceeds from the exercise of any of such warrants.

Our Common Stock is quoted on The American Stock Exchange under the symbol ELC. On May 19, 2004, the closing sale price for shares of our Common Stock was \$1.72 per share.

Our principal executive office is located at 1280 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, 60007. Our telephone number at that address is (847) 437-1666. Our web site is located at <http://www.elccorp.com>. The information contained on our web site is not part of this prospectus.

Investing in our Common Stock involves risks described beginning on page 3.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is May 20, 2004.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC or Commission) using a shelf registration process. You should rely only on the information provided in this prospectus or any supplement or amendment. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with additional or different information. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any supplement or amendment is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus or any supplement or amendment.

Unless the context otherwise requires, Electric City, the Company, we, our, us and similar expressions refers Electric City Corp. and its subsidiaries, and the term Common Stock means Electric City Corp. s common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that reflect our current expectations and projections about our future results, performance, prospects and opportunities. We have tried to identify these forward-looking statements by using words such as may, will, should, expect, hope, anticipate, believe, intend, plan, similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are based on information currently available to us and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors, including the factors set forth under Risk Factors, that could cause our actual results, performance, prospects or opportunities in 2004 and beyond to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. These factors include, without limitation, our limited operating history, our history of operating losses, our reliance on licensed technologies, customers acceptance of our new and existing products, the risk of increased competition, products and technologies, our ability to manage our growth, our commercial scale development of products and technologies to satisfy customers demands and requirements, our need for additional financing and the terms and conditions of any financing that is consummated, the possible volatility of our stock price, the concentration of ownership of our stock and the potential fluctuation in our operating results. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable and achievable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties and no assurance can be given that the actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Except as otherwise required by Federal securities laws, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, changed circumstances or any other reason, after the date of this prospectus.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

Our Company

We were organized as Electric City LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, on December 5, 1997. On June 5, 1998 we merged Electric City LLC with and into Electric City Corp., a Delaware corporation. On June 10, 1998, we issued approximately six (6%) percent of our issued and outstanding Common Stock to the approximately 330 stockholders of Pice Products Corporation (Pice), an inactive, unaffiliated company with minimal assets, pursuant to the merger of Pice with and into Electric City. This merger facilitated the establishment of a public trading market for our Common Stock. Trading in our Common Stock commenced on August 14, 1998 through the OTC Bulletin Board under the trading symbol ECCC . Since December 12, 2000, our Common Stock has traded on the American Stock Exchange under the trading symbol ELC .

Our Products

We are a developer, manufacturer and integrator of energy saving technologies and building automation controls as well as an independent developer of scalable, negative power systems. Our premier energy saving product is the EnergySaver system, which reduces energy consumed by lighting, typically by 20% to 30%, with minimal lighting level reduction. This technology has applications in commercial buildings, factories and office structures, as well as street lighting and parking lot lighting. Our GlobalCommander integrates with the EnergySaver allowing us to link multiple EnergySaver units together and to provide remote communications, measurement and verification of energy savings. The combined technology of the EnergySaver and GlobalCommander led to the development of our Virtual Negawatt Power Plan (VNPP), which is essentially a negative power system which we market primarily to utilities as a demand response system. In addition to our EnergySaver system, we also provide, through our subsidiary, Great Lakes Controlled Energy Corporation (Great Lakes), integrated building and environmental control solutions for commercial and industrial facilities. Until June 1, 2003, we also manufactured custom electrical switchgear through Switchboard Apparatus Inc. (Switchboard), a wholly owned subsidiary located in Broadview, Illinois. In an effort to refocus our resources and shed the continuing losses from the switchgear business, we sold the operating assets of Switchboard to a group of investors, including the President of Switchboard, effective as of May 31, 2003.

Our EnergySaver product line is manufactured at our facilities in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, with manufacturing and assembly scaled to order demand. Building and environmental control services and solutions provided by Great Lakes are based out of a separate facility also located in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Giorgio Reverberi has patented in the United States and Italy certain technologies underlying the EnergySaver products. We have entered into a license agreement and series of agreements with Mr. Reverberi and our founder, Mr. Joseph Marino relating to the license of the EnergySaver technology in the United States and certain other markets.

We are pursuing a multi-channel marketing and sales distribution strategy to bring our energy saving products to market. Our multi-channel approach includes the use of a direct sales force, distributors and manufacturers representatives.

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The Offering

Securities Offered.	The selling stockholders are offering up to 7,750,000 shares of our Common Stock.
Terms of the Offering.	We have agreed to use our best efforts to keep this registration statement effective until all the registered shares of the selling stockholders, have been sold or may be sold without volume restrictions pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933.
Use of Proceeds.	We will not receive any of the proceeds from any sale of the shares offered by this prospectus by the selling stockholders. To the extent the selling stockholders exercise their warrants, we intend to use the proceeds we receive from such exercise(s) for general corporate purposes, including working capital, marketing, recruiting and hiring additional personnel, and consolidating our manufacturing facilities.
American Stock Exchange Symbol.	ELC

RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below and all of the other information included in this prospectus before you decide whether to purchase shares of our Common Stock. Any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or operating results and could negatively affect the value of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Business

We have a limited operating history upon which to evaluate our potential for future success.

We were formed in December 1997. To date, we have only generated limited revenues from the sale of our products and do not expect to generate significant revenues until we sell a significantly larger number of our products. Accordingly, we have only a limited operating history upon which you can base an evaluation of our business and prospects. The likelihood of our success must be considered in light of the risks and uncertainties frequently encountered by early stage companies like ours in an evolving market. If we are unsuccessful in addressing these risks and uncertainties, our business will be materially harmed.

We have incurred significant operating losses since inception and may not achieve or sustain profitability in the future.

We have incurred substantial net losses in each year since we commenced operations in December 1997. We must overcome significant manufacturing and marketing hurdles to sell large quantities of our products. In addition, we may be required to reduce the prices of our products in order to increase sales. If we reduce product prices, we may not be able to reduce product costs sufficiently to achieve acceptable profit margins. As we strive to grow our business, we expect to spend significant funds (1) for general corporate purposes, including working capital, marketing, recruiting and hiring additional personnel; and (2) for research and development. To the extent that our revenues do not increase as quickly as these costs and expenditures, our results of operations and

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liquidity will be materially adversely affected. If we experience slower than anticipated revenue growth or if our operating expenses exceed our expectations, we may not achieve profitability. Even if we achieve profitability in the future, we may not be able to sustain it.

A decrease in electric retail rates could lessen demand for our EnergySaver products.

Our principal products, our EnergySaver products, have the greatest profit potential in areas where commercial electric rates are relatively high. However, retail electric rates for commercial establishments in the United States may not remain at their current high levels. Due to a potential overbuilding of power generating stations throughout certain regions of the United States, wholesale power prices may decrease in the future. Because the price of commercial retail electric power is largely attributed to the wholesale cost of power, it is reasonable to expect that commercial retail rates may decrease as well. In addition, much of the wholesale cost of power is directly related to the price of certain fuels, such as natural gas, oil and coal. If the prices of those fuels decrease, the prices of the wholesale cost of power may also decrease. This could result in lower electric retail rates and reduced demand for energy saving devices such as our EnergySaver products.

We have a license under certain patents and our ability to sell our products may be adversely impacted if the license expires or is terminated.

We have entered into a license agreement with Messrs. Giorgio Reverberi and Joseph Marino. Mr. Reverberi holds a U.S. patent and has applied for several patents in other countries. Pursuant to the terms of the license, we have been granted the exclusive right to manufacture and sell products containing the load reduction technology claimed under Mr. Reverberi's U.S. patent or any other related patent held by him in the U.S., the remainder of North America, parts of South America and parts of Africa. However, the exclusive rights that we received may not have any value in territories where Mr. Reverberi does not have or does not obtain protectable rights. The term of the license expires when the last of these patents expires. We expect that these patents will expire around November 2017. The license agreement may be terminated if we materially breach its terms and fail to cure the breach within 180 days after we are notified of the breach. If our license is terminated it could impact our ability to manufacture, sell or otherwise commercialize products in those countries where Mr. Reverberi holds valid patents relating to our products, including the United States.

If we are not able to protect our intellectual property rights against infringement or others obtain intellectual property rights relating to energy management technology, we could lose our competitive advantage in the energy management market.

We regard our intellectual property rights, such as patents, licenses of patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets, as important to our success. Although we entered into confidentiality and rights to inventions agreements with our non-union employees and consultants during March 2001 (and non-union employees hired since March 2001 have also signed these agreements), the steps we have taken to protect our intellectual property rights may not be adequate. Third parties may infringe or misappropriate our intellectual property rights or we may not be able to detect unauthorized use and take appropriate steps to enforce our rights. Failure to take appropriate protective steps could materially adversely affect our competitive advantage in the energy management market. Furthermore, our license to use Mr. Reverberi's patents may have little or no value to us if Mr. Reverberi's patents are not valid. In addition, patents held by third parties may limit our ability to manufacture, sell or otherwise commercialize products and could result in the assertion of claims of patent infringement against us. If that were to happen, we could try to modify our products to be non-infringing, but we

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might not be successful or such modifications might not avoid infringing on the intellectual property rights of third parties.

Claims of patent infringement against us, regardless of merit, could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources by us. We may be forced to seek to enter license agreements with third parties (other than Mr. Reverberi) to resolve claims of infringement by our products of the intellectual property rights of third parties. These licenses may not be available on acceptable terms or at all. The failure to obtain such licenses on acceptable terms could have a negative effect on our business.

The loss of key personnel may harm our ability to obtain and retain customers, manage our rapid growth and compete effectively.

Our future success will depend significantly upon the continued contributions of certain members of our senior management, including John P. Mitola, our Chief Executive Officer, because he is critical to obtaining and retaining customers, managing our growth and the future development of our Virtual Negawatt Power Plan (VNPP) concept. Our future success will also depend upon our ability to attract and retain highly qualified technical, operating and marketing personnel. We believe that there is intense competition for qualified personnel in the energy management industry. If we cannot hire, train and retain qualified personnel or if a significant number of our current employees depart, we may be unable to successfully manufacture and market our products.

If we are unable to manage our growth, it will adversely affect our business, the quality of our products and our ability to attract and retain key personnel.

We are subject to the risks inherent in the expansion and growth of a business enterprise. Growth in our business will place a strain on our operational and administrative resources and increase the level of responsibility for our existing and new management personnel. To manage our growth effectively, we will need to:

further develop and improve our operating, information, accounting, financial and other internal systems and controls on a timely basis;

improve our business development, marketing and sales capabilities; and

expand, train, motivate and manage our employee base.

Our current senior management has limited experience managing a publicly traded company. Our systems currently in place may not be adequate if we continue to grow and may need to be modified and enhanced. The skills of management currently in place may not be adequate if we continue to grow.

If our EnergySaver products do not achieve or sustain market acceptance, our ability to compete will be adversely affected.

To date, we have not sold our EnergySaver product line in very large quantities and a sufficient market may not develop for it. Significant marketing will be required in order to establish a sufficient market for the EnergySaver products. The technology underlying these products may not become a preferred technology to address the energy management needs of our customers and potential customers. Failure to successfully develop, manufacture and commercialize products on a timely and

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cost-effective basis will have a material adverse effect on our ability to compete in the energy management market.

Failure to meet customers' expectations or deliver expected technical performance could result in losses and negative publicity.

Customer engagements involve the installation of energy management equipment that we design to help our clients reduce energy/power consumption. We rely on outside contractors to install our EnergySaver products. Any defects in this equipment and/or its installation or any other failure to meet our customers' expectations could result in:

delayed or lost revenues due to adverse customer reaction;

requirements to provide additional products and/or services to a customer at no charge;

negative publicity regarding us and our products, which could adversely affect our ability to attract or retain customers; and

claims for substantial damages against us, regardless of our responsibility for such failure.

If sufficient additional funding is not available to us, the commercialization of our products and our ability to grow may be hindered.

Our operations have not generated positive cash flow since the inception of the Company in 1997. We have funded our operations through the issuance of common and preferred stock and secured debt. Our ability to continue to operate until our cash flow turns positive may depend on our ability to continue to raise funds through the issuance of equity or debt. If we are not successful in raising additional funds, we might have to significantly scale back or delay our growth plans, or possibly cease operations altogether. Any reduction or delay in our growth plans could materially adversely affect our ability to compete in the marketplace, take advantage of business opportunities and develop or enhance our products.

Raising additional capital or consummation of additional acquisitions through the issuance of equity or equity-linked securities could dilute your ownership interest in us.

We may need to obtain additional funds in the future to grow our product development, manufacturing, marketing and sales activities at the pace that we intend, or to continue to fund operating losses until our cash flow turns positive. If we determine that we do need to raise additional capital in the future and we are not successful in doing so, we might have to significantly scale back or delay our growth plans, reduce staff and delay planned expenditures on research and development and capital expenditures in order to continue as a going concern. Any reduction or delay in our growth plans could materially adversely affect our ability to compete in the marketplace, take advantage of business opportunities and develop or enhance our products.

If we receive additional funds through the issuance of equity securities or convertible debt securities, our existing stockholders will likely experience dilution of their present equity ownership position and voting rights. Depending on the number of shares issued and the terms and conditions of the issuance, new equity securities could have rights, preferences, or privileges senior to those of our Common Stock.

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Failure to effectively market our energy management products could impair our ability to sell large quantities of these products.

One of the challenges we face in commercializing our energy management products is demonstrating the advantages of our products over more traditional products and competitive products. As we grow, we will need to further develop our marketing and sales force. In addition to our internal sales force, we rely on third parties to market and sell our products. We currently maintain a number of relationships and have a number of agreements with third parties regarding the marketing and distribution of our EnergySaver products and are dependent upon the efforts of these third parties in marketing and selling these products. Maintenance of these relationships is based primarily on an ongoing mutual business opportunity and a good overall working relationship. The current contracts associated with certain of these relationships allow the distributors to terminate the relationship upon 30 days written notice. Without these relationships, our ability to market and sell our EnergySaver products could be harmed and we may need to divert even more resources to increasing our internal sales force. If we are unable to expand our internal sales force and maintain our third party marketing relationships, our ability to generate significant revenues could be seriously harmed.

The distribution rights we have granted to third parties in specified geographic territories may make it difficult for us to grow our business in such territories if those distributors do not successfully market and support our products in those territories. We have in the past been, are now, and may in the future be, involved in disputes with distributors that have distribution rights in specified geographic territories, but are not achieving our goals. During 2000, we repurchased for cash and stock consideration the distribution rights from three distributors that were not meeting our sales goals. We may have to expend additional funds, incur debt or issue additional securities in the future to repurchase other distribution rights that we have granted or may grant in the future.

If our Virtual Negawatt Power Plan concept is unsuccessful, distribution of our EnergySaver product line may be impaired and our growth could suffer.

During 2001, we announced our Virtual Negawatt Power Plan concept. The VNPP is intended to allow a utility to remotely control commercial, industrial and government lighting systems over a managed and secure IP network. It is envisioned that through the use of the EnergySaver/GlobalCommander system, a utility will be able to reduce electric demand requirements during periods of peak demand, providing nearly instantaneous control, measurement and verification of load reduction. The successful implementation of the VNPP concept could significantly increase the sales and profitability of our EnergySaver product line. We recently announced an agreement with Commonwealth Edison to implement a 50-Megawatt VNPP system in northern Illinois. A VNPP agreement was executed with ComEd during the third quarter of 2003 under which ComEd will make quarterly payments for verified load reduction capacity, and we began installing product under the program in late 2003. As of December 31, 2003 we had begun installing EnergySavers but we have not recognized revenue on the shipments. We are currently negotiating to transfer the ComEd VNPP contract to a limited liability company (the LLC) being created by a Chicago based investment bank. The LLC would in turn purchase from us all the equipment installed under the ComEd program and receive payment for the curtailment capacity from ComEd over the term of the contract. Under this arrangement the LLC is expected to pay us approximately \$17 million to \$20 million for equipment and installation as the equipment is installed and accepted. We expect to receive these payments over an 18 to 24 month period.

While we have made significant progress toward implementing this program with ComEd, we still have a number of hurdles to clear before we can start recognizing revenue related to this program,

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including legal and financing issues, the failure to accomplish any one of which could delay or cancel the program. Also, if we fail to recruit enough customers to participate in the program we may not be able to deliver 50MW of demand curtailment, which would result in less revenue from the program than we expect. If our attempts to advance the VNPP concept are unsuccessful, our plans to significantly increase the distribution of our EnergySaver product line may not develop and our growth may be impaired.

If we do not successfully compete with others in the very competitive energy management market, we may not achieve profitability.

In the energy management market, we compete with other manufacturers of traditional energy management products that are currently used by our potential customers. Many of these companies have substantially greater financial resources, larger research and development staffs and greater manufacturing and marketing capabilities than us. Our competitors may provide energy management products at lower prices and/or with superior performance. If we are unable to successfully compete with conventional and new technologies our business may be materially harmed.

Product liability claims could result in losses and could divert our management's time and resources.

The manufacture and sale of our products creates a risk of product liability claims. Any product liability claims, with or without merit, could result in costly litigation and reduced sales, cause us to incur significant liabilities and divert our management's time, attention and resources. We do have product liability insurance coverage; however, there is no assurance that such insurance is adequate to cover all potential claims. The successful assertion of any such large claim against us could materially harm our liquidity and operating results.

Our current internal manufacturing capacity is limited and if demand for our products increases significantly and we are unable to increase our capacity quickly and efficiently our business could suffer.

Our EnergySaver products are manufactured at our facilities. To be financially successful, we must manufacture our products, including our EnergySaver products, in substantial quantities, at acceptable costs and on a timely basis. While we have produced over 1,000 EnergySaver units over the past six years, we have never approached what we believe is our production capacity. To produce larger quantities of our EnergySaver products at competitive prices and on a timely basis, we will have to further develop our processing, production control, assembly, testing and quality assurance capabilities. We will probably have to hire contract manufacturers and outsource the manufacturing of some or all of our products. We have had discussions with several potential contract manufacturers and they have produced units on a trial basis, but their ability to deliver significant quantities of product in a timely manner is still unproven. We may be unable to manufacture our EnergySaver products in sufficient volume and may incur substantial costs and expenses in connection with manufacturing larger quantities of our EnergySaver products. If we are unable to make the transition to large-scale commercial production successfully, our business will be negatively affected. We could encounter substantial difficulties if we decide to outsource the manufacturing of our products, including delays in manufacturing and poor production quality.

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Risks Related to this Offering

Because of the current market price of our Common Stock, in conjunction with the fact that we are a relatively small company with a history of operating losses, the future trading market for our stock may not be active on a consistent basis, which may make it difficult for you to sell your shares.

The trading volume of our stock in the future will depend in part on our ability to increase our revenue and reduce or eliminate our operating losses, which should increase the attractiveness of our stock as an investment, thereby leading to a more liquid market for our stock on a consistent basis. If an active and liquid trading market does not exist for our Common Stock on AMEX, you may have difficulty selling your shares.

The need to raise additional capital will most likely be dilutive to our current stockholders and could result in new investors receiving rights that are superior to those of existing stockholders.

Since September 2001, we have issued shares of our preferred stock convertible into 21,703,000 shares of our Common Stock. These shares of preferred stock are accruing dividends at the rate of 6% per year, though prior to March 22, 2004 they were accruing at the rate of 10% per year. To date we have issued shares of convertible preferred stock convertible into 5,967,689 shares of Common Stock in satisfaction of accrued dividends. The preferred stockholders all have rights that are superior to the rights of our Common Stockholders, including:

a liquidation preference of \$200 per share (under our Series E Preferred which was issued on March 22, 2004 in a 1 for 10 exchange for the outstanding Series A, C and D Preferred shares. See Liquidity and Capital Resources.);

special approval rights in respect of certain actions by the Company, including any issuance of shares of capital stock by the Company that would have the right to receive dividends or the right to participate in any distribution upon liquidation which was senior to or equal to the rights of the Series E Preferred (other than to pay dividends on the preferred and under certain other limited exceptions such as conversion of outstanding convertible securities) and any acquisition, sale, merger, joint venture, consolidation or reorganization involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

a conversion price that may be below the market price of our Common Stock;

the right to elect up to four directors;

the right to vote with the holders of Common Stock on an as converted basis on all matters on which holders of our Common Stock are entitled to vote, except with respect to the election of directors or as otherwise provided by law;

a right of first offer on the sale of equity by the Company in a private transaction; and

anti-dilution protection that would adjust the conversion price on their preferred shares and the exercise price on their warrants in the event we issue equity at a price which is less than the conversion price or exercise price of their securities.

These rights associated with our preferred stock are substantially different than the rights of our common stockholders and may materially decrease the value of our Common Stock.

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Joseph Marino, Richard Kiphart and DYDX may be able to control matters requiring stockholder approval or could cause our stock price to decline through future sales because they beneficially own a large percentage of our Common Stock.

There are 40,922,021 shares of our Common Stock outstanding as of May 19, 2004, of which Joseph C. Marino beneficially owns approximately 18%, Richard Kiphart beneficially owns approximately 18% and DYDX beneficially owns approximately 8% (each of the aforementioned percentages include stock options that are currently exercisable). As a result of their significant ownership, Mr. Marino, Mr. Kiphart and DYDX may have the ability to exercise a controlling influence over our business and corporate actions requiring stockholder approval, including the election of our directors (other than those directors to be chosen by the holders of our preferred stock), a sale of substantially all of our assets, a merger between us and another entity or an amendment to our certificate of incorporation. This concentration of ownership could delay, defer or prevent a change of control and could adversely affect the price investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our Common Stock. Also, in the event of a sale of our business, Mr. Marino and Mr. Kiphart and DYDX could elect to receive a control premium to the exclusion of other stockholders.

A significant percentage of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock, including the shares beneficially owned by Mr. Marino, Mr. Kiphart or DYDX and the shares offered under this prospectus can be sold in the public market from time to time, subject to limitations imposed by Federal securities laws and by trading agreements entered into with us. The market price of our Common Stock could decline as a result of sales of a large number of our presently outstanding shares of Common Stock by Mr. Marino, Mr. Kiphart, DYDX or other stockholders (including the selling stockholders under this prospectus) in the public market or due to the perception that these sales could occur. This could also make it more difficult for us to raise funds through future offerings of our equity securities.

Provisions of our charter and by-laws, in particular our blank check preferred stock, could discourage an acquisition of our company that would benefit our stockholders.

Provisions of our charter and by-laws may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of our company, even if a change in control would benefit our stockholders. In particular, shares of our preferred stock have been issued and may be issued in the future without further stockholder approval and upon those terms and conditions, and having those rights, privileges and preferences, as our Board of Directors may determine and which are acceptable to the holders of our Series E Preferred Stock. The rights of the holders of our Common Stock will be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of any of our preferred stock which is currently outstanding or which may be issued in the future. The issuance of our preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in pursuing possible additional equity financings and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us. This could limit the price that certain investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our Common Stock and discourage these investors from acquiring a majority of our Common Stock. In addition, the price that future investors may be willing to pay for our Common Stock may be lower due to the conversion price and exercise price granted to investors in any such private financing.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any of the proceeds from any sale of the shares offered by this prospectus by the selling stockholders. If and when the selling stockholders exercise their warrants, we will receive up to \$4,235,000 from the issuance of shares of Common Stock to the selling stockholders. Under such warrants, the selling stockholders have exercise prices of \$2.42 per share. To the extent the selling stockholders exercise their warrants, we intend to use the proceeds we receive for general corporate purposes.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We have agreed to register for public resale shares of our Common Stock which have been issued to the selling stockholders or may be issued in the future to selling stockholders upon the exercise of warrants. We have agreed to use our best efforts to keep this registration statement effective until all the shares of the selling stockholders registered under the applicable registration statement have been sold or may be sold without volume restrictions pursuant to Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act. The aggregate proceeds to the selling stockholders from the sale of shares offered pursuant to this prospectus will be the prices at which such securities are sold, less any commissions. The selling stockholders may choose to not sell any or all of the shares of our Common Stock offered pursuant to this prospectus.

The selling stockholders may, from time to time, sell all or a portion of the shares of our Common Stock at fixed prices, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such market prices or at negotiated prices. The selling stockholders may offer their shares of our Common Stock at various times in one or more of the following transactions:

on any national securities exchange or market on which our Common Stock may be listed at the time of sale;

in an over-the counter market in which the shares are traded;

through block trades in which the broker or dealer so engaged will attempt to sell the shares as agent, but may purchase and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

through purchases by a broker or dealer as principal and resale by such broker or dealer for its account pursuant to this prospectus;

in ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers;

through options, swaps or derivatives;

in privately negotiated transactions;

in transactions to cover short sales; and

through a combination of any such methods of sale.

The selling stockholders may also sell their shares of our Common Stock in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, rather than pursuant to this prospectus.

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The selling stockholders may sell their shares of our Common Stock directly to purchasers or may use brokers, dealers, underwriters or agents to sell such shares. In effecting sales, brokers and dealers engaged by the selling stockholders may arrange for other brokers or dealers to participate. Brokers or dealers may receive commissions, discounts or concessions from a selling stockholder or, if any such broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of such shares, from a purchaser, in amounts to be negotiated. Such compensation may, but is not expected to, exceed that which is customary for the types of transactions involved. Broker-dealers may agree with a selling stockholder to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share, and, to the extent a broker-dealer is unable to do so acting as agent for a selling stockholder, to purchase as principal any unsold shares at the price required to fulfill the broker-dealer commitment to the selling stockholder. Broker-dealers who acquire shares as principal may thereafter resell such shares from time to time in transactions which may involve block transactions and sales to and through other broker-dealers, including transactions of the nature described above, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise, at prices and on terms then prevailing at the time of sale, at prices then related to the then-current market price or in negotiated transactions. In connection with such resales, broker-dealers may pay to or receive from the purchasers of such shares commissions as described above.

From time to time the selling stockholders may engage in short sales, short sales against the box, puts, calls and other hedging transactions in our securities, and may sell and deliver their shares of our Common Stock in connection with such transactions or in settlement of securities loans. These transactions may be entered into with broker-dealers or other financial institutions. In addition, from time to time a selling stockholder may pledge its shares pursuant to the margin provisions of its customer agreements with its broker-dealer. Upon default by a selling stockholder, the broker-dealer or financial institution may offer and sell such pledged shares from time to time.

The selling stockholders and any broker-dealer participating in the distribution of the shares of Common Stock may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any commissions paid, or any discounts or concessions allowed to any such broker-dealer may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. At the time a particular offering of the shares of Common Stock is made, a prospectus supplement, if required, will be distributed which will set forth the aggregate amount of shares of Common Stock being offered and the terms of the offering, including the name or names of any broker-dealers or agents, any discounts, commissions and other terms constituting compensation from the selling stockholders and any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to broker-dealers.

Under the securities laws of some states, the shares of Common Stock may be sold in such states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in most states the shares of Common Stock may not be sold unless such shares have been registered or qualified for sale in such state or an exemption from registration or qualification is available and is complied with.

There can be no assurance that any selling stockholders will sell any or all of the shares of Common Stock registered pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

The selling stockholders and any other person participating in such distribution will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, including, without limitation, Regulation M of the Exchange Act, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of the shares of Common Stock by the selling stockholders and any other participating person.

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Regulation M may also restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of the shares of Common Stock to engage in market-making activities with respect to the shares of Common Stock. All of the foregoing may affect the marketability of the shares of Common Stock and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities with respect to the shares of Common Stock.

A portion of the shares of Common Stock which are being registered hereunder may be issued upon exercise of warrants which we have issued to the selling stockholders. This prospectus does not cover the sale or transfer of any such warrants. If the selling stockholders transfer any of those warrants prior to exercise thereof, the transferee(s) may not sell the shares of Common Stock issueable upon exercise of such warrants under the terms of this prospectus unless we first amend or supplement this prospectus to cover such shares and such sellers.

We are required to pay all fees and expenses incident to the registration of the shares of our Common Stock offered hereby (other than broker-dealer discounts and commissions) which we estimate to be \$20,073 in total, including, without limitation, Securities and Exchange Commission filing fees, expenses of compliance with state securities or blue sky laws, legal fees and transfer agent fees relating to sales pursuant to this prospectus; provided, however, that the selling stockholders will pay all underwriting discounts and selling commissions, if any. We have agreed to indemnify certain of the selling stockholders against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Once sold under the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, the shares of Common Stock will be freely tradable in the hands of persons other than our affiliates.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, the Company has been a party to pending or threaten legal proceedings and arbitrations that are routine and incidental to its business. In early October 2003, the Company notified one of its significant distributors that the Company was terminating the distributorship agreement between the parties due to certain unresolved issues (including breaches by such distributor), such termination to be effective after 60 days. In such notice, the Company indicated that it would be willing to enter into a new agreement with such distributor if the disputed issues could be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the parties. Subsequent to giving such notice, the Company has received a demand for arbitration from such distributor pursuant to the provisions of the agreement, seeking, among other things, money damages in an unspecified amount and a declaration of the meaning of certain provisions of the distributorship agreement. The Company intends to defend the arbitration, but cannot predict the outcome at this time. The arbitration will be conducted in Chicago, Illinois. Based upon information presently available, and in light of legal and other defenses available to the Company, management does not consider the liability from any threatened or pending litigation (including the foregoing arbitration) to be material to the Company.

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The table below shows certain information about our directors, executive officers and significant employees:

Name	Age	Principal Positions
John P. Mitola	39	Chief Executive Officer and Director (1)
Jeffrey R. Mistarz	46	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary
Denis Enberg	55	Senior Vice President, Engineering
Michael S. Stelter	47	Director (1)
David Asplund	46	Director (1)(5)
Frederic F. Brace	46	Director (2)
John C. Bukovski	61	Director (3)
Felicia Ferguson	44	Director (2)(5)
Robert J. Manning	61	Director (1)(4)(5)
Gerald A. Pientka	48	Director (1)(3)(4)
Robert D. Wagner, Jr.	62	Director (2)(3)(4)

- (1) These directors were elected by a majority of stockholder votes cast during our Annual Meeting of Stockholders held September 24, 2003.
- (2) Messrs. Brace, and Wagner and Ms. Ferguson were appointed by the holders of our Convertible Preferred Stock.
- (3) Member of our Audit Committee.
- (4) Member of our Compensation Committee.
- (5) Member of our Governance and Nominating Committee.

Our Board of Directors is currently authorized for a membership of twelve directors, up to four of which (depending on the number of shares of Series E Preferred Stock outstanding) are to be elected by the holders of the Series E Preferred Stock. As of May 19, 2004, our Board of Directors had three vacancies, of which one is to be filled by the holders of our Series E Convertible Preferred Stock.

John P. Mitola has been one of our directors since November 1999 and has been our chief executive officer since January 2000. From August 1993 until joining us, Mr. Mitola was with Unicom Thermal Technologies (now Exelon Thermal Technologies), Unicom (now Exelon) Corporation's largest unregulated subsidiary, serving most recently as

vice president and general manager. Mr. Mitola led the growth of Unicom Thermal through the development of Unicom Thermal's Northwind ice technology and through thermal energy joint ventures between Unicom Thermal and several leading electric utility companies across North America. Prior to his appointment at Unicom Thermal, Mr. Mitola was director of business development for Commonwealth Edison Company, the local electric utility serving Chicago, Illinois and the northern Illinois region. Since April 2003, Mr. Mitola has also served as the chairman of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, appointed by the Governor of Illinois.

Jeffrey R. Mistarz has been our chief financial officer since January 2000, our treasurer since October 2000 and our assistant secretary since February 2003. From January 1994 until joining us, Mr. Mistarz served as chief financial officer for Nucon Corporation, a privately held manufacturer of material handling products and systems, responsible for all areas of finance and accounting, managing capital and shareholder relations. Prior to joining Nucon, Mr. Mistarz was with First Chicago Corporation (now Bank One Corporation) for 12 years where he held positions in corporate lending, investment banking and credit strategy.

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Denis Enberg has been our Senior Vice President of Engineering since Electric City acquired his company, Great Lakes Controlled Energy Corporation, in June 2001. Mr. Enberg co-founded Great Lakes Controlled Energy Corp in 1985. From 1975 to 1985 he was president of C.E. Electric Incorporated, a Chicago licensed commercial and industrial electrical contracting firm that also specialized in industrial automation and controls. Mr. Enberg is a charter life member of the Association of Energy Engineers and holds certifications as Certified Energy Manager , Certified Lighting Efficiency Professional and Certified Demand-Side Management professional and is considered one of the early pioneers in the building automation industry.

David R. Asplund was nominated to our board of directors during June 2002. Mr. Asplund is, and has been, the founder and President of Delano Group Securities, LLC since October 1999. From March 1995 through October 1999, Mr. Asplund was employed by Bear, Stearns and Company, Inc., serving as a Senior Managing Director from July 1997 until October 1999.

John C. Bukovski has been one of our directors since January 2004. From January 1992 until his retirement in January 2002, Mr. Bukovski was the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Commonwealth Edison Company, the largest subsidiary of Unicom Corporation (now Exelon). During his thirty-seven year career with Commonwealth Edison Mr. Bukovski held a variety of management positions within the company. During the 1990 s Mr. Bukovski served on the Board of Directors of Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago Illinois.

Frederic F. Brace has been one of our directors since October 2001 and is an appointee of the holders of our Series E Convertible Preferred Stock. Mr. Brace is, and has been, the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of UAL Corporation, the parent of United Airlines since July 2002. From September 2001 through July 2002, Mr. Brace was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of UAL Corporation. From July 1999 through September 2001, Mr. Brace was Senior Vice President and Treasurer of United Airlines and its Vice President of Finance from October 1996 through July 1999.

Felicia A. Ferguson has been one of our directors since February 2004 and is an appointee of the holders of our Series E Convertible Preferred Stock. Ms. Ferguson is the Managing Director of Cinergy Ventures, LLC, the private equity investment unit of Cinergy Corp. Prior to becoming the Managing Director, Ms. Ferguson was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cinergy s Power Technology and Infrastructure Services business unit, which was responsible for investments in non-regulated domestic energy infrastructure services businesses. Ms. Ferguson has also held management positions in finance, accounting, information technology, and investor relations at Cinergy Corp. Besides Electric City, Ms. Ferguson is the Chairman of the Board of Reliant Services, Inc.

Robert J. Manning has been one of our directors since May 2000 and Chairman of our Board of Directors since January 2001. Mr. Manning is a co-founder and a member of Groupe Manning LLC, an energy consulting company. From April 1997 until his retirement in January 2000, Mr. Manning served as executive vice president of Unicom Corporation and its largest subsidiary, Commonwealth Edison Company, where his responsibilities included managing the sale of Commonwealth Edison s fossil generating fleet. During his thirty-five year career at Exelon, Mr. Manning directed all aspects of electric generation, consumer service and transmission and distribution operations.

Gerald A. Pientka has been one of our directors since May 2000. Mr. Pientka is currently, and has been since September 2003, a Principal of Verus Partners, a real estate development company located in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to this, from May 1999 through March 2003, Mr. Pientka was

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President of Higgins Development Partners, LLC (the successor to Walsh, Higgins & Company), a national real estate development company controlled by the Pritzker family interest. From May 1992 until May 1999, Mr. Pientka served as President of Walsh, Higgins & Company. Mr. Pientka is also a member of Leaf Mountain Company, LLC, which is an investor in our Series E Convertible Preferred Stock.

Michael S. Stelter is one of our co-founders and has been one of our directors since our incorporation in June 1998. Currently, Mr. Stelter is employed by and a part owner of Switchboard Apparatus, Inc., which was divested by Electric City effective May 31, 2003. Since our organization as a limited liability company in December 1997, through May 2003, Mr. Stelter served as our Vice President of Switchgear Sales. Mr. Stelter was our Corporate Secretary from June 1998 until October 2000. From 1986 until May 1999, Mr. Stelter served as Vice President of Marino Electric.

Robert D. Wagner, Jr. has been one of our directors since October 2001 and is an appointee of the holders of our Series E Convertible Preferred Stock. Mr. Wagner is currently a partner of Rivington Capital, which provides advisory services and debt and equity placements for independent oil and gas producers. Mr. Wagner served as Managing Director of the corporate finance group of Arthur Andersen LLP from May 1999 until his retirement in April 2001. From June 1998 through May 1999, Mr. Wagner served as Managing Director of M2 Capital. From April 1989 through June 1998, Mr. Wagner served as Managing Director for Bankers Trust/BT Alex Brown.

SELLING SECURITY HOLDERS

All of the selling stockholders named below acquired or have the right to acquire upon the exercise of warrants, the shares of our Common Stock being offered under this prospectus directly from us in a private transaction. The following table sets forth information known to us with respect to the beneficial ownership of our Common Stock as of May 19, 2004 as provided by the selling stockholders. In accordance with the rules of the SEC, beneficial ownership includes the shares issuable pursuant to warrants that are exercisable within 60 days of May 19, 2004. Shares issuable pursuant to warrants are considered outstanding for computing the percentage of the person holding the warrants but are not considered outstanding for computing the percentage of any other person.

The percentage of beneficial ownership for the following table is based on 40,922,021 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of May 19, 2004 (excluding shares issuable on exercise of outstanding options and warrants or pursuant to conversion of outstanding Series E Preferred Stock or convertible debt securities). To our knowledge, except as indicated in the footnotes to this table, each person named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock shown in the table to be beneficially owned by such person.

None of the selling stockholders has had any position, office or other material relationship with us within the past three years. The table assumes that the selling stockholders will sell all of the shares offered by them in this offering. However, we are unable to determine the exact number of shares that will actually be sold or when or if these sales will occur. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares offered under this prospectus.

The table below lists the selling stockholders and other information regarding the beneficial ownership of the Common Stock by each of the selling stockholders. The first column lists, for each selling stockholder, the number of shares of Common Stock held by such stockholder including shares issuable (pursuant to warrants) to such stockholder. The second column lists the shares of Common

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Stock (including shares issued or issuable upon exercise warrants) being offered by this prospectus by each selling stockholder. The column titled **Ownership After Offering** assumes the sale of all of the shares offered by each selling stockholder, although each selling stockholder may sell all, some or none of its shares in this offering.

Selling Stockholder (5)	Ownership Prior to Offering		Securities Being Offered	Ownership After Offering	
	Shares	%		Shares	%
Security Equity Fund, Mid Cap Value Series	1,960,750 ⁽¹⁾	4.740%	1,960,750 ⁽¹⁾	0	0%
SBL Fund Series V	1,550,000 ⁽²⁾	3.756%	1,550,000 ⁽²⁾	0	0%
Security Mid Cap Growth Fund	1,379,500 ⁽³⁾	3.346%	1,379,500 ⁽³⁾	0	0%
SBL Fund Series J	2,859,750 ⁽⁴⁾	6.880%	2,859,750 ⁽⁴⁾	0	0%

(1) Includes warrants to purchase 442,750 shares of Common Stock.

(2) Includes warrants to purchase 350,000 shares of Common Stock.

(3) Includes warrants to purchase 311,500 shares of Common Stock.

(4) Includes warrants to purchase 645,750 shares of Common Stock.

(5) The Selling Shareholders purchased 5,000,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase an additional 1,750,000 shares of common stock from the Company on March 19, 2004. Also on March 24, 2004, in a separate transaction, the Selling Shareholders purchased a total of 1,000,000 shares of Common stock from Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Equity Funding, Inc., and Originators Investment Plan, L.P.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

In the following summary, we describe the material terms of our capital stock by summarizing material provisions of our charter, by-laws and the certificate of designation of our Series E convertible preferred stock. We have incorporated by reference these organizational documents as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

General

As of May 19, 2004, we had 120,000,000 authorized shares of Common Stock of which:

40,922,021 shares are issued and outstanding;

21,703,000 shares of Common Stock are issuable upon conversion of Series E Convertible Preferred Stock

11,119,867 shares of Common Stock are issuable upon exercise of outstanding Common Stock warrants;

375,000 shares of Common Stock are issuable upon exercise of outstanding Series E Convertible Preferred Stock warrants and conversion of the shares of Series E Convertible Preferred Stock which is issuable thereunder;

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10,557,181 shares of Common Stock are issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options,
319,240 shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of a secured convertible term note, and
up to 943,396 shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of a secured convertible revolving notes which we may issue to Laurus Master Fund, Ltd. (see Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation Liquidity and Capital Resources).

Common Stock

Holders of our Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted to a vote of our stockholders, except that the holders of the Series E Preferred have the right to appoint and elect up to four of the members of our board of directors (out of a board of 12) and the holders of Series E Preferred have the right to approve certain other actions by the Company (See Series E Preferred Stock Voting Rights). Subject to the rights of holders of any outstanding preferred stock, the holders of outstanding shares of Common Stock will share ratably on a per share basis on any dividends. Except pursuant to agreements entered into with our preferred stockholders applicable to certain shares of Common Stock held or hereafter acquired by such preferred stockholders, holders of our Common Stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. Subject to the rights of holders of any outstanding preferred stock, upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up and after payment of all prior claims, the holders of shares of Common Stock will share ratably on a per share basis in all of our assets. All shares of Common Stock currently outstanding are fully paid and nonassessable. Any shares of Common Stock which the selling stockholders acquire through exercise of their warrants will also be fully paid and nonassessable.

Series E Preferred Stock

On March 19, 2004, we entered into a Redemption and Exchange Agreement with the holders of our outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, Series C Convertible Preferred Stock and Series D Convertible Preferred Stock (collectively, the Existing Preferred Stock) under which we agreed to redeem 538,462 shares of Existing Preferred Stock at a price of \$13 per share (the Redemption) and to exchange shares of our newly authorized Series E Convertible Preferred Stock (the Series E Preferred) for all remaining outstanding shares of Existing Preferred Stock (the Exchange) on a 1 for 10 basis (one share of Series E Preferred exchanged for 10 shares of Existing Preferred Stock). We used \$7 million of the proceeds from an issuance on March 19, 2004 of our Common Stock and warrants to the selling stockholders under this prospectus to accomplish the Redemption, which closed on March 22, 2004.

Under the Redemption and Exchange transaction, the Company redeemed 538,462 shares of our outstanding Existing Preferred Stock which were convertible into 5,384,620 shares of Common Stock, at a price equivalent to \$1.30 per common share, and exchanged 210,451 shares of the new Series E Preferred for the remaining 2,104,509 outstanding shares of the Existing Preferred Stock. All of the Existing Preferred Stock has been cancelled.

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Terms of the Series E Convertible Preferred Stock

Conversion

Each share of Series E Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible at the option of the holder into a number of shares of our Common Stock as determined by dividing \$100.00 by the conversion price, which was initially and is currently \$1.00.

All outstanding shares of Series E Convertible Preferred Stock will be automatically converted if either of the following occurs:

at such time as the closing price of our Common Stock exceeds \$12.00 per share (as adjusted for stock splits, stock combinations and the like) as reported on the American Stock Exchange (or, if not traded on the American Stock Exchange, any national security exchange or automated quotation services on which our shares of Common Stock are listed for trading) for twenty consecutive trading days and the average trading volume for the same 20-day period exceeds 500,000 shares; or

we complete a firmly underwritten primary public offering of our Common Stock at a price of \$5.00 per share or more (as adjusted for stock splits, stock combinations and the like) in which we raise aggregate gross proceeds of at least \$35 million (a Qualified Primary Offering).

Shares of Series E Convertible Preferred Stock have, subject to certain exceptions, anti-dilution protection that will automatically adjust the conversion price of the Series E Convertible Preferred Stock to the price per share of any Common Stock we issue, or are deemed to have issued, if that price per share is less than the then existing conversion price for the Series E Convertible Preferred Stock. For example, if we issue shares of Common Stock at \$0.50 per share, the conversion price of the Series E Convertible Preferred Stock will automatically be adjusted from \$1.00 to \$0.50. The Series E Convertible Preferred Stock is also subject to other customary anti-dilution provisions with respect to stock splits, stock dividends, stock combinations, re