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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

 $\label{eq:CURRENT REPORT} \mbox{Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934}$ 

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 19, 2003

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 0-24710 52-1700207 (State or other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.)

1221 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Fl., New York, NY 10020 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 584-5100

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Item 5. Other Events.

On November 19, 2003, we entered into a Terms Agreement, which incorporates by reference our Form Underwriting Agreement attached thereto, with UBS Securities LLC (the "Terms Agreement"). Pursuant to the Terms Agreement, we issued 73,170,732 shares of our common stock, par value \$.001 per share, under our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-108387) on November 24, 2003.

A copy of the Terms Agreement, which incorporates our Form Underwriting Agreement attached thereto, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.
- The Exhibit Index attached hereto is incorporated herein.

### SIGNATURES

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

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC.

Patrick L. Donnelly Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: December 3, 2003

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit - ----- Description of Exhibit

99.1 Terms Agreement, which incorporates by reference the terms of the Company's Form Underwriting Agreement attached thereto, dated November 19, 2003 between the Company and UBS Securities LLC.

Exhibit 99.1

### SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC. (A Delaware corporation)

73,170,732 Shares of Common Stock

TERMS AGREEMENT

November 19, 2003

To: Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Floor New York, New York 10020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is a Terms Agreement referenced in the Form Underwriting Agreement attached hereto, as contemplated by the Registration Statement No. 333-108387. The terms of the Form Underwriting Agreement are hereby incorporated herein. We understand that Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell 73,170,732 shares of its common stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Underwritten Securities"). Subject to the terms and conditions set forth or incorporated by reference herein, UBS Securities LLC (the "Underwriter") offers to purchase the total aggregate number of Underwritten Securities, and some or all of the Option Underwritten Securities set forth below, to the extent any Underwritten Securities or Option Underwritten Securities are purchased in accordance with the terms hereof.

The Underwritten Securities shall have the following terms:

Common Stock

Title:	Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share.
Number of Shares:	73,170,732
Number of Option Underwritten Securities:	The Underwriter has an option to purchase up to an additional 10,975,610 shares of Underwritten Securities (the "Option Underwritten Securities") at the purchase price set forth below, within 30 days from the Closing Date to cover over-allotments.
Purchase price:	\$2.05 per share.
Listing requirements:	Nasdaq National Market.
Lock-up provisions:	For a period of 90 days from the date of this Terms Agreement, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter, (1) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock or (2) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the common stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, or (3) file or cause to become effective a registration statement relating to the offer and sale of any shares of common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or

exchangeable for common stock, other than shares of stock that may be issued in connection with the Company's long-term stock incentive plan or 401(k) plan. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to (a) the sale of any Underwritten Securities to the Underwriter pursuant to the Form Underwriting Agreement and this Terms Agreement, (b) transactions relating to shares of common stock or other securities acquired in open market transactions after the completion of the Public

Offering or (c) the issuance by the Company of additional options under the Company's existing stock option plans, provided that such options are not exercisable during such 90-day period.

The Company shall cause the Accountant's Comfort Letter and the Bring-down Comfort Letter referenced in, respectively Section 5(g) and Section 5(h) of the Form Underwriting Agreement to be delivered, except that such letters will be delivered by Ernst & Young LLP in lieu of Arthur Andersen LLP.

Additional Representations of The Company represents and warrants to and the Company: agrees with the Underwriter that there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any securities of the Company or to require the Company to include such securities with the Underwritten Securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement, other than the agreements granting registration rights to affiliates of The Blackstone Group L.P. and Apollo Management, L.P.

> The Company covenants with the Underwriter whether or not the transactions contemplated in this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, to pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including: (i) the cost of printing or producing any Blue Sky or Legal Investment memorandum in connection with the offer and sale of the Underwritten Securities under state securities laws and all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Securities for offer and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 3(f) of the Form Underwriting Agreement, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriter in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky or Legal Investment memorandum, (ii) the cost of printing certificates representing the Underwritten Securities, (iii) the costs and charges of any transfer agent, registrar or depositary, (iv) the document production charges and expenses associated with printing this Agreement and (v) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the

obligations of the Company hereunder for which provision is not otherwise made in this Section. It is understood, however, that except as provided in Sections 4, 6 and 7 of the Form Underwriting Agreement, "Additional Covenants of the Company" and "Additional Termination Provisions" below, the Underwriter will pay all of its costs and expenses, including fees and

Comfort Letter:

Additional Covenants of the Company:

Additional Conditions of Underwriter's Obligations:

Additional Termination Provisions:

disbursements of its counsel, stock transfer taxes payable on resale of any of the Underwritten Securities by it and any advertising expenses connected with any offers it may make.

The obligations of the Underwriter to purchase and pay for the Underwritten Securities pursuant this Terms Agreement are subject to the following further conditions: subsequent to execution and delivery of this Terms Agreement and prior to the Closing Date there shall not have occurred any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, from that set forth in the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendments or supplements thereto subsequent to the date of this Agreement) that, in the Underwriter's judgment, is material and adverse and that makes it, in the Underwriter's judgment, impracticable to market the Underwritten Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus.

The Underwriter may terminate this Terms Agreement, by notice to the Company at any time at or prior to the Closing Date if (i) trading is suspended or materially limited on, or by, as the case may be, any of the Chicago Board of Options Exchange, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange or the Chicago Board of Trade, (ii) a material disruption in securities settlement, payment or clearance services in the United States shall have occurred, or (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, or any change in financial markets or any calamity or crisis that, in the Underwriter's judgment, is material and adverse and which, singly or together with any other event specified in this clause (iii), makes it, in the Underwriter's judgment, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offer, sale or delivery of the Underwritten Securities on the terms and in the manner

contemplated in the Prospectus.

If this Terms Agreement shall be terminated by the Underwriter because of any failure or refusal on the part of the Company to comply with the terms or to fulfill any of the conditions of this Terms Agreement, or if for any reason the Company shall be unable to perform its obligations under this Terms Agreement, the Company will reimburse the Underwriter for all out-of-pocket expenses (including the fees and disbursements of its counsel) reasonably incurred by the Underwriter in connection with this Terms Agreement or the offering contemplated hereunder.

The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each affiliate of the Underwriter within the meaning of Rule 405 under the 1933 Act.

This Terms Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument.

All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriter shall be directed to UBS Securities LLC, 299 Park Avenue, New York, New

Additional Indemnification Provisions:

Other Terms:

Notices:

York 10171, Attention: Capital Markets; notices to the Company shall be directed to the Company at 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Floor, New York, New York 10020, Attention: Patrick L. Donnelly, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary.

Closing Date and location:

November 24, 2003 10:00 a.m. Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP Worldwide Plaza 825 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10019-7475

Please accept this offer by signing a copy of this Terms Agreement in the space set forth below and returning the signed copy to us.

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Very truly yours,

UBS SECURITIES LLC

by

/s/ Kathryn Bueker

Kathryn Bueker

Director

By

/s/ James Runice
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James Runcie Executive Director

Accepted:

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC.

by

/s/ Patrick L. Donnelly Patrick L. Donnelly Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

## SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC.

(a Delaware corporation)

\$500,000,000 Debt Securities, Preferred Stock, Common Stock and Warrants

### FORM OF UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

Dated as of January 3, 2002

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SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC. (a Delaware corporation)

Common Stock, Warrants to Purchase Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Warrants to Purchase Preferred Stock, Debt. Securities and Warrants to Purchase Debt Securities FORM OF UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

As of January 3, 2002

[Names of Underwriters]
c/o [Managing Underwriter]
[Address]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell up to \$500,000,000 aggregate initial public offering price of its (i) shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), (ii) warrants to purchase shares of Common Stock (the "Common Stock Warrants"), (iii) shares of preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), (iv) warrants to purchase shares of Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock Warrants"), (v) senior or subordinated debt securities (the "Debt Securities"), or (vi) warrants to purchase Debt Securities (the "Debt Security Warrants"), or any combination thereof, from time to time, in or pursuant to one or more offerings on terms to be determined at the time of sale.

The Preferred Stock will be issued in one or more series and each series of Preferred Stock may vary, as applicable, as to the title, specific number of shares, rank, stated value, liquidation preference, dividend rate or rates (or method of calculation), dividend payment dates, redemption provisions, sinking fund requirements, conversion provisions (and terms of the related Underlying Securities (as defined below)) and any other variable terms as set forth in the applicable certificate of designations (each, the "Certificate of Designations") relating to such series of Preferred Stock.

The Debt Securities will be issued in one or more series as senior indebtedness (the "Senior Debt Securities") under an indenture, dated as of September 15, 1999 (the "Senior Indenture"), between the Company and the trustee or, as the case may be, trustees named therein (the "Senior Trustees" and each, a "Senior Trustee"), or as subordinated indebtedness (the "Subordinated Debt Securities") under an indenture, dated as of September 15, 1999 (the "Subordinated Indenture" and, collectively with the Senior Indenture, the "Indentures", and each, an "Indenture"), between the Company and the trustee or, as the case may be, trustees named therein (the "Subordinated Trustees" and each a "Subordinated Trustee" and, collectively with the Senior Trustee or Senior Trustees, the "Trustees", and each, a "Trustee"). Each series of Debt Securities may vary, as applicable, as to title, aggregate principal amount, rank, interest rate or formula and timing of payments thereof, stated maturity date, redemption and/or repayment provisions, security, sinking fund requirements, conversion provisions (and terms of the related Underlying Securities) and any other variable terms established by or pursuant to the applicable Indenture.

Each issue of Common Stock Warrants, Preferred Stock Warrants and Debt Security Warrants (collectively, the "Warrants") will be issued pursuant to a separate warrant agreement (each, a "Warrant Agreement") between the Company and the warrant agent identified therein (each, a "Warrant Agent"). The Warrants may vary, as applicable, as to, among other terms, title, type, specific number, exercise dates or periods, exercise price(s), expiration date(s) and terms of the related Underlying Securities.

As used herein, "Securities" shall mean the Common Stock, Common Stock Warrants, Preferred Stock, Preferred Stock Warrants, Senior Debt Securities, Subordinated Debt Securities, Debt Security Warrants, or any combination thereof, initially issuable by the Company and "Underlying Securities" shall mean the Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities issuable upon exercise of the Warrants, as applicable, or upon conversion of the Preferred Stock, Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities, as applicable.

Whenever the Company determines to make an offering of Securities through an underwriter or an underwriting syndicate, the Company will enter into an agreement (each, a "Terms Agreement") providing for the sale of such Securities to, and the purchase and offering thereof by, such underwriter or underwriters (the "Underwriters", which term shall include any Underwriter substituted pursuant to Section 10 hereof). The Terms Agreement relating to the offering of Securities shall (i) contain deletions from, modifications of, and additions to, the provisions of this Form of Underwriting Agreement agreed to by the Company and the Underwriters and (ii) specify the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Securities to be initially issued (the "Initial Underwritten Securities"), the name of each Underwriter participating in such offering (subject to substitution as provided in Section 10 hereof) and the name of any Underwriter acting as manager or co-manager in connection with such offering, the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Initial Underwritten Securities which each such Underwriter severally agrees to purchase, whether such offering is on a fixed or variable price basis and, if on a fixed price basis, the initial offering price, the price at which the Initial Underwritten Securities are to be purchased by the Underwriters, the form, time, date and place of delivery and payment of the Initial Underwritten Securities and any other material variable terms of the Initial Underwritten Securities, as well as the material variable terms of any related Underlying Securities. In addition, if applicable, such Terms Agreement shall specify whether the Company has agreed to grant to the Underwriters an option to purchase additional Securities to cover over-allotments, if any, and the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Securities subject to such option (the "Option Underwritten Securities"). As used herein, the term "Underwritten Securities" shall include the Initial Underwritten Securities and all or any portion of any Option Underwritten Securities, as applicable. The Terms Agreement, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, may take the form of an exchange of any standard form of written telecommunication between the Company and the Underwriters or, if applicable, the representation(s) of the Underwriters.

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Each offering of Underwritten Securities through a sole Underwriter or through an underwriting syndicate will be governed by this Underwriting Agreement, as supplemented by the applicable Terms Agreement.

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") registration statements on Form S-3 (No. 333-86003 and No. 333-64344), each as amended by any pre-effective amendments or post-effective amendments thereto, for the registration of the Securities and the Underlying Securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and the offering thereof from time to time in accordance with Rule 415 of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1933 Act (the "1933 Act Regulations"). Such registration statements have been declared effective by the Commission and each Indenture has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "1939 Act"), and the Company has filed such post-effective amendments thereto as may be required prior to the execution of the applicable Terms Agreement and each such post-effective amendment has been declared effective by the Commission. Such registration statements (as so amended, if applicable), including the information, if any, deemed to be a part

thereof pursuant to Rule 430A(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations (the "Rule 430A Information") or Rule 434(d) of the 1933 Act Regulations (the "Rule 434 Information"), are referred to herein as the "Registration Statement"; and the final prospectus and the final prospectus supplement relating to the offering of the Underwritten Securities, in the forms first furnished to the Underwriters by the Company for use in connection with the offering of the Underwritten Securities, are collectively referred to herein as the "Prospectus"; provided, however, that all references to the "Registration Statement" and the "Prospectus" shall also be deemed to include all documents incorporated therein by reference pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), prior to the execution of the applicable Terms Agreement; provided, further, that if the Company files a registration statement with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations (the "Rule 462(b) Registration Statement"), then all references to "Registration Statement" shall also be deemed to include the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement; and provided, further, that if the Company elects to rely upon Rule 434 of the 1933 Act Regulations, then all references to "Prospectus" shall also be deemed to include the final or preliminary prospectus and the applicable term sheet or abbreviated term sheet (the "Term Sheet"), as the case may be, in the forms first furnished to the Underwriters by the Company in reliance upon Rule 434 of the 1933 Act Regulations, and all references to the date of the Prospectus shall mean the date of the Term Sheet. A "preliminary prospectus" shall be deemed to refer to (i) any prospectus used before the Registration Statement became effective and (ii) any prospectus that omitted, as applicable, the Rule 430A Information, the Rule 434 Information or other information to be included upon pricing in a form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations and was used after such effectiveness and prior to the initial delivery of the Prospectus to the Underwriters by the Company. For purposes of this Underwriting Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, Prospectus, Term Sheet or preliminary prospectus or to any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include any copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system ("EDGAR").

All references in this Underwriting Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is "contained," "included" or "stated" (or other references of like

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import) in the Registration Statement, Prospectus or preliminary prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, Prospectus or preliminary prospectus, as the case may be, prior to the execution of the applicable Terms Agreement; and all references in this Underwriting Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, Prospectus or preliminary prospectus shall be deemed to include the filing of any document under the 1934 Act which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, Prospectus or preliminary prospectus, as the case may be, after the execution of the applicable Terms Agreement.

# SECTION 1. Representations and Warranties.

(a) Representations and Warranties by the Company. The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter named in the applicable Terms Agreement, as of the date thereof, as of the Closing Time (as defined below) and, if applicable, as of each Date of Delivery (as defined below) (in each case, a "Representation Date"), as follows:

> (1) Compliance with Registration Requirements. The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act. The Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued under the 1933 Act and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, are contemplated by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information has been complied with. In addition, each Indenture has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

> At the respective times the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto (including the filing of the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K with the Commission (the "Annual Report on Form 10-K")) became effective and at each Representation Date, the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1939 Act, the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1939 Act (the "1939 Act Regulations") and did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not

misleading. At the date of the Prospectus, at the Closing Time and at each Date of Delivery, if any, neither the Prospectus nor any amendments and supplements thereto included or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. If the Company elects to rely upon Rule 434 of the 1933 Act Regulations, the Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 434. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by any Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus.

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Each preliminary prospectus and prospectus filed as part of the Registration Statement as originally filed or as part of any amendment thereto, or filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the 1933 Act, complied when so filed in all material respects with the 1933 Act Regulations and each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering of Underwritten Securities will, at the time of such delivery, be identical to any electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(2) Incorporated Documents. The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, when they became effective or at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission, complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "1934 Act Regulations") and, when read together with the other information in (including other information incorporated by reference therein) the Prospectus, at the date of the Prospectus, at the Closing Time and at each Date of Delivery, if any, did not and will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(3) Independent Accountants. The accountants who certified the financial statements and any supporting schedules thereto included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus are independent public accountants as required by the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.

(4) Financial Statements. The financial statements of the Company included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, together with the related schedules and notes, as well as those financial statements, schedules and notes of any other entity included therein, present fairly the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, or such other entity, as the case may be, at the dates indicated and the statement of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, or such other entity, as the case may be, for the periods specified. Such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved. The supporting schedules, if any, included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus present fairly in accordance with GAAP the information required to be stated therein. The selected financial data and the summary financial information included in the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. In addition, any pro forma financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, or such other entity, as the case may be, and the related notes thereto included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein, have been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines with respect to pro forma

described therein, and the assumptions used in the preparation thereof are reasonable and the adjustments used therein are appropriate to give effect to the transactions and circumstances referred to therein.

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

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

(7) Good Standing of Subsidiaries. Each of Satellite CD Radio, Inc. and each "significant subsidiary" of the Company (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the 1933 Act) (each, a "Subsidiary" and, collectively, the "Subsidiaries") has been duly organized and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to so qualify or be in good standing would not result in a Material Adverse Effect. Except as otherwise stated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of each Subsidiary has been duly authorized and is validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and is owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity. None of the outstanding shares of

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capital stock of any Subsidiary was issued in violation of preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of such Subsidiary.

(8) Capitalization. If the Prospectus contains a "Capitalization" section, the authorized, issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company is as set forth in the column entitled "Actual" under such section (except for subsequent issuances thereof, if any, contemplated under this Underwriting Agreement, pursuant to reservations, agreements or employee benefit plans referred to in the Prospectus or pursuant to the exercise of convertible securities or options referred to in the Prospectus). Such shares of capital stock have been duly authorized and validly issued by the Company and are fully paid and non-assessable, and none of such shares of capital stock was issued in violation of preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company.

(9) Authorization of this Underwriting Agreement and Terms Agreement. This Underwriting Agreement has been, and the applicable Terms Agreement as of the date thereof will have been, duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(10) Authorization of Common Stock. If the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement

include Common Stock, such Underwritten Securities have been, or as of the date of such Terms Agreement will have been, duly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to this Underwriting Agreement and such Terms Agreement. Such Underwritten Securities, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to this Underwriting Agreement and such Terms Agreement against payment of the consideration therefor specified in such Terms Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and will not be subject to preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company. No holder of such Underwritten Securities is or will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder.

(11) Authorization of Preferred Stock. If the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Preferred Stock, such Underwritten Securities have been, or as of the date of such Terms Agreement will have been, duly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to this Underwriting Agreement and such Terms Agreement. The applicable Preferred Stock, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to this Underwriting Agreement and such Terms Agreement against payment of the consideration therefor, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and will not be subject to preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company. No holder of such Preferred Stock is or will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder. The applicable Certificate of Designations will be in full force and effect prior to the Closing Time.

(12) Authorization of Senior Debt Securities and/or Subordinated Debt Securities. If the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Senior Debt Securities and/or Subordinated Debt Securities, such

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Underwritten Securities have been, or as of the date of such Terms Agreement will have been, duly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to this Underwriting Agreement and such Terms Agreement. Such Underwritten Securities, when issued and authenticated in the manner provided for in the applicable Indenture and delivered against payment of the consideration therefor specified in such Terms Agreement, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors, rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), and except further as enforcement thereof may be limited by requirements that a claim with respect to any Debt Securities payable in a foreign or composite currency (or a foreign or composite currency judgment in respect of such claim) be converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law or by governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States. Such Underwritten Securities will be in the form contemplated by, and each registered holder thereof is entitled to the benefits of, the applicable Indenture.

(13) Authorization of the Indentures. If the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Senior Debt Securities and/or Subordinated Debt Securities or if Preferred Stock is convertible into Debt Securities, each applicable Indenture has been, or prior to the issuance of the Debt Securities thereunder will have been, duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and, upon such authorization, execution and delivery, will constitute a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(14) Authorization of Warrants. If the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Warrants, such Underwritten Securities have been, or as of the date of such Terms Agreement will have been, duly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to this Underwriting Agreement and such Terms Agreement. Such Underwritten Securities, when issued and authenticated in the manner provided for the applicable Warrant Agreement and delivered against payment of the consideration therefor specified in such Terms Agreement, (A) will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits provided by such Warrant Agreement and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is

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considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), and (B) will be in the form contemplated by, and entitled to the benefits of, the Warrant Agreement.

(15) Authorization of Warrant Agreement. If the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Warrants, each applicable Warrant Agreement has been, or prior to the issuance of such Underwritten Securities will have been, duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and, upon such authorization, execution and delivery, will constitute a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors, rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(16) Authorization of Underlying Securities. If the Underlying Securities related to the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Common Stock or Preferred Stock, such Underlying Securities have been, or as of the date of such Terms Agreement will have been, duly authorized and reserved for issuance by the Company upon exercise of the Common Stock Warrants or Preferred Stock Warrants, as applicable, or upon conversion of the related Preferred Stock, Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities, as applicable. If the Underlying Securities include Common Stock or Preferred Stock, such Underlying Securities, when issued upon such exercise or conversion, as applicable, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and will not be subject to preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company. No holder of such Common Stock or Preferred Stock is or will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder. If the Underlying Securities related to the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Senior Debt Securities and/or Subordinated Debt Securities, such Underlying Securities have been, or as of the date of such Terms Agreement will have been, duly authorized for issuance by the Company upon the exercise of the Debt Security Warrants or upon conversion of the related Preferred Stock. Such Underlying Securities, when issued and authenticated in the manner provided for in the applicable Indenture and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Debt Security Warrants or the related Preferred Stock, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), and except further as enforcement thereof may be limited by requirements that a claim with respect to any Debt Securities payable in a foreign or composite currency (or a foreign or composite currency judgment in respect of such claim) be converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date

determined pursuant to applicable law or by governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States.

(17) Descriptions of the Underwritten Securities, Underlying Securities, Indentures and Warrant Agreement. The Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement and each applicable Indenture and Warrant Agreement, as of each Representation Date, and any Underlying Securities, when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the related Underwritten Securities, will conform in all material respects to the statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus and will be in substantially the form filed or incorporated by reference, as the case may be, as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

(18) Absence of Defaults and Conflicts. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of its charter or by-laws or in default in the performance or observance of any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the assets, properties or operations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is subject (collectively, "Agreements and Instruments"), except for such defaults that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect. The execution, delivery and performance of this Underwriting Agreement, the applicable Terms Agreement and each applicable Indenture and Warrant Agreement and any other agreement or instrument entered into or issued or to be entered into or issued by the Company in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (including the issuance and sale of the Underwritten Securities and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Underwritten Securities as described under the caption "Use of Proceeds" as well as the issuance of any Underlying Securities) and compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder and thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any assets, properties or operations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to, any Agreements and Instruments, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any applicable law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their assets, properties or operations. As used herein, a "Repayment Event" means any event or condition which gives the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

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(19) Absence of Labor Dispute. No labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its or any Subsidiary's principal suppliers, manufacturers, customers or contractors, which, in either case, may reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(20) Absence of Proceedings. There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, now pending, or to the knowledge of the Company threatened, against or affecting the Company or any of its Subsidiaries which is required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (other than as stated therein), or which might reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, or which might reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the assets, properties or operations thereof or the consummation of the transactions contemplated under the Prospectus, this Underwriting Agreement, the applicable Terms Agreement or any applicable Indenture or Warrant Agreement or the Performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and thereunder. The aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any of their respective assets, properties or operations is the subject which are not described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, could not reasonably be

expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(21) Accuracy of Exhibits. There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein or to be filed as exhibits thereto which have not been so described and filed as required.

(22) Absence of Further Requirements. No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic or foreign, is necessary or required for the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company of this Underwriting Agreement or the applicable Terms Agreement or for the performance by the Company of the transactions contemplated under the Prospectus, this Underwriting Agreement, such Terms Agreement or any applicable Indenture or Warrant Agreement, except such as have been already made, obtained or rendered, as applicable.

(23) Possession of Intellectual Property. The Company and its Subsidiaries own or possess, or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), trademarks, service marks, trade names or other intellectual property (collectively, "Intellectual Property") necessary to carry on the business now operated by them, and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice or is otherwise aware of any infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any Intellectual

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Property or of any facts or circumstances which would render any Intellectual Property invalid or inadequate to protect the interest of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries therein, and which infringement or conflict (if the subject of any unfavorable decision, ruling or finding) or invalidity or inadequacy, singly or in the aggregate, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(24) Possession of Licenses and Permits. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein, the Company and its Subsidiaries possess such permits, licenses, approvals, consents and other authorizations (including, without limitation, all permits required for the operation of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries by the FCC and each state and local authority that regulates the activities of the Company) (collectively, "Governmental Licenses") issued by the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies, other governmental authorities or self regulatory organizations necessary to conduct the business now operated by them except as would not result in a Material Adverse Effect; the Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and conditions of all such Governmental Licenses, except where the failure so to comply would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect; all of the Governmental Licenses are valid and in full force and effect, except where the invalidity of such Governmental Licenses or the failure of such Governmental Licenses to be in full force and effect would not result in a Material Adverse Effect; and except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such Governmental Licenses which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would result in a Material Adverse Effect. To the knowledge of the Company, except as described in the Registration Statement, Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein, there exists no reason or cause that could justify the variation, suspension, cancelation or termination of any such Governmental Licenses held by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to the construction or operation of their respective businesses, which variation, suspension, cancelation or termination could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(25) Title to Property. The Company and its Subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real property owned by the Company and its Subsidiaries and good title to all other properties owned by them, in each case, free and clear of all mortgages, pledges, liens, security interests, claims, restrictions or encumbrances of any kind, except (A) as otherwise stated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus or (B) those which do not, singly or in the aggregate, materially affect the value of such property and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company or any of its subsidiaries. All of the leases and subleases material to the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, and under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries holds properties described in the Prospectus, are in full force and effect, and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice of any material claim of any sort that has been

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asserted by anyone adverse to the rights of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under any of the leases or subleases mentioned above, or affecting or questioning the rights of the Company or such Subsidiaries of the continued possession of the leased or subleased premises under any such lease or sublease, except (A) as otherwise stated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus or (B) those which do not, singly or in the aggregate, materially affect the value of such property and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

(26) Commodity Exchange Act. If the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Debt Securities or if any related Underlying Securities include Debt Securities, as the case may be, such Debt Securities, upon issuance, will be excluded or exempted under, or beyond the purview of, the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "Commodity Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Commodity Exchange Act (the "Commodity Exchange Act Regulations").

(27) Investment Company Act. The Company is not, and upon the issuance and sale of the Underwritten Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus will not be, an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

(28) Environmental Laws. Except as otherwise stated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and except as would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, (A) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of any federal, state, local or foreign statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, policy or rule of common law or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof including any judicial or administrative order, consent, decree or judgment, relating to pollution or protection of human health, the environment (including, without limitation, ambient air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata) or wildlife, including, without limitation, laws and regulations relating to the release or threatened release of chemicals, pollutants, contaminants, wastes, toxic substances, hazardous substances, petroleum or petroleum products (collectively, "Hazardous Materials") or to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Materials (collectively, "Environmental Laws"), (B) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries fails to possess any permit, authorization or approval required under any applicable Environmental Laws or to be in compliance with their requirements, (C) there are no pending or threatened administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, notices of noncompliance or violation, investigation or proceedings relating to any Environmental Law against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and (D) there are no events or circumstances that might reasonably be expected to form the basis of an order for clean-up or remediation, or an action, suit or proceeding by any private party or governmental body or agency, against

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or affecting the Company or any of its Subsidiaries relating to Hazardous Materials or any Environmental Laws.

(b) Officers' Certificates. Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and delivered to any Underwriter or to counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Underwritten Securities shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby on the date of such certificate and, unless subsequently amended or supplemented, at each Representation Date subsequent thereto.

SECTION 2. Sale and Delivery to Underwriters; Closing. (a) Underwritten Securities. The several commitments of the Underwriters to purchase the Underwritten Securities pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement shall be deemed to have been made on the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements herein contained and shall be subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth.

(b) Option Underwritten Securities. Subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company may grant, if so provided in the applicable Terms Agreement, an option to the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, to purchase up to the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of the Option Underwritten Securities set forth therein at a price per Option Underwritten Security equal to the price per Initial Underwritten Security (plus accrued interest as applicable), less an amount equal to any dividends or distributions declared by the Company and paid or payable on the Initial Underwritten Securities but not payable on the Option Underwritten Securities. Such option, if granted, will expire 30 days after the date of such Terms Agreement, and may be exercised in whole or in part from time to time only for the purpose of covering over-allotments which may be made in connection with the offering and distribution of the Initial Underwritten Securities upon notice by the Underwriters to the Company setting forth the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Option Underwritten Securities as to which the several Underwriters are then exercising the option and the time, date and place of payment and delivery for such Option Underwritten Securities. Any such time and date of payment and delivery (each, a "Date of Delivery") shall be determined by the Underwriters but shall not be later than seven full business days after the exercise of said option, nor in any event prior to the Closing Time, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Underwriters and the Company. If the option is exercised as to all or any portion of the Option Underwritten Securities, each of the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, will purchase that proportion of the total number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Option Underwritten Securities then being purchased which the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Initial Underwritten Securities each such Underwriter has severally agreed to purchase as set forth in such Terms Agreement bears to the total number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Initial Underwritten Securities, subject to such adjustments as the Underwriters in their discretion shall make to eliminate any sales or purchases of a fractional number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Option Underwritten Securities.

(c) Payment. Payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of, the Initial Underwritten Securities shall be made at the offices of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, 825 Eighth Avenue, New

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York, NY 10019, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Underwriters and the Company, at 9:00 A.M. (Eastern time) on the third (fourth, if the pricing occurs after 4:30 P.M. (Eastern time) on any given day) business day after the date of the applicable Terms Agreement (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 hereof), or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Underwriters and the Company (such time and date of payment and delivery being herein called "Closing Time"). In addition, in the event that the Underwriters have exercised their option, if any, to purchase any or all of the Option Underwritten Securities, payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of such Option Underwritten Securities, shall be made at the above-mentioned offices of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Underwriters and the Company, on the relevant Date of Delivery as specified in the notice from the Underwriters to the Company.

Payment shall be made to the Company by wire transfer of immediately available funds to a bank account designated by the Company, against delivery to the Underwriters for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of the Underwritten Securities to be purchased by them.

(d) Denominations; Registration. The Underwritten Securities or certificates for the Underwritten Securities shall be in such denominations and registered in such names as the Underwriters may request in writing at least one full business day prior to the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be. The Underwritten Securities or certificates for the Underwritten Securities will be made available for examination and packaging by the Underwriters in The City of New York at a reasonable time prior to the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be.

 $$\tt SECTION$  3. Covenants of the Company. The Company covenants with each Underwriter participating in the offering of Underwritten Securities, as

(a) Compliance with Securities Regulations and Commission Requests. The Company, subject to Section 3(b), will comply with the requirements of Rule 430A of the 1933 Act Regulations and/or Rule 434 of the 1933 Act Regulations, if and as applicable, and will notify the Underwriters immediately, and confirm the notice in writing, of (i) the effectiveness of any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or the filing of any supplement or amendment to the Prospectus, (ii) the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (iii) any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or for additional information, and (iv) the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Underwritten Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes. The Company will promptly effect the filings necessary pursuant to Rule 424 and will take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain promptly whether the Prospectus transmitted for filing under Rule 424 was received for filing by the Commission and, in the event that it was not, it will promptly file the Prospectus. The Company will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order and, if any stop order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.

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(b) Filing of Amendments. The Company will give the Underwriters notice of its intention to file or prepare any amendment to the Registration Statement (including any filing under Rule 462(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations), any Term Sheet or any amendment, supplement or revision to either the prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time it became effective or to the Prospectus, whether pursuant to the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act or otherwise, will furnish the Underwriters with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Underwriters or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object.

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

(d) Delivery of Prospectuses. The Company will deliver to each Underwriter, without charge, as many copies of each preliminary prospectus as such Underwriter may reasonably request, and the Company hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the 1933 Act. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be! delivered under the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, such number of copies of the Prospectus as such Underwriter may reasonably request. The Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to any electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(e) Continued Compliance with Securities Laws. The Company will comply with the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Underwritten Securities as contemplated in this Underwriting Agreement and the applicable Terms Agreement and in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. If at any time when the Prospectus is required by the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Securities, any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the reasonable opinion of counsel for the Underwriters or for the Company, to amend the Registration Statement in order that the Registration Statement will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order that the Prospectus will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser, or if it shall be necessary, in the opinion of such counsel, at any

such time to amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, the Company will promptly prepare and file with the Commission, subject to Section 3(b), such amendment or supplement as may be necessary to correct such statement or omission or to make the Registration Statement or the Prospectus comply with such requirements, and the Company will furnish to the Underwriters, without charge, such number of copies of such amendment or supplement as the Underwriters may reasonably request.

(f) Blue Sky Qualifications. The Company will use its best efforts, in cooperation with the Underwriters, to qualify the Underwritten Securities and any related Underlying Securities for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and other jurisdictions (domestic or foreign) as the Underwriters may designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect for a period of not less than one year from the date of the applicable Terms Agreement; provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject. In each jurisdiction in which the Underwritten Securities or any related Underlying Securities have been so qualified, the Company will file such statements and reports as may be required by the laws of such jurisdiction to continue such qualification in effect for a period of not less than one year from the date of such Terms Agreement.

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

(h) Reservation of Securities. If the applicable Terms Agreement specifies that any related Underlying Securities include Common Stock or Preferred Stock, the Company will reserve and keep available at all times, free of preemptive or other similar rights, a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock and/or Preferred Stock, as applicable, for the purpose of enabling the Company to satisfy any obligations to issue such Underlying Securities upon exercise of the related Warrants, as applicable, or upon conversion of the Preferred Stock, Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities, as applicable.

(i) Use of Proceeds. The Company will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Underwritten Securities in the manner specified in the Prospectus under "Use of Proceeds".

(j) Listing. The Company will use its best efforts to effect the listing of the Underwritten Securities and any related Underlying Securities, prior to the Closing Time, on any national securities exchange or quotation system if and as specified in the applicable Terms Agreement.

(k) Restriction on Sale of Securities. Between the date of the applicable Terms Agreement and the Closing Time or such other date specified in such Terms Agreement, the

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Company will not, without the prior written consent of the Underwriters, directly or indirectly, issue, sell, offer or contract to sell, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of, the securities specified in such Terms Agreement.

(1) Reporting Requirements. The Company, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act within the time periods required by the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations.

SECTION 4. Payment of Expenses.

(a) Expenses. The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Underwriting Agreement or the applicable Terms Agreement, including (i) the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits) as

originally filed and of each amendment thereto, (ii) the preparation, printing and delivery to the Underwriters of this Underwriting Agreement, any Terms Agreement, the Indentures, any Warrant Agreement and such other documents as may be required in connection with the offering, purchase, sale, issuance or delivery of the Underwritten Securities or any related Underlying Securities, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the Underwritten Securities and any related Underlying Securities and any certificates for the Underwritten Securities or such Underlying Securities to the Underwriters, including any transfer taxes and any stamp or other duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Underwritten Securities to the Underwriters, (iv) the fees and disbursements of the Company's counsel, accountants and other advisors or agents (including transfer agents and registrars), as well as the fees and disbursements of the Trustees and any Warrant Agent, and their respective counsel, (v) the gualification of the Underwritten Securities and any related Underlying Securities under state securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(f) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation, printing and delivery of a Blue Sky survey, and any amendment thereto, (vi) the preparation, printing, filing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of each preliminary prospectus, any Term Sheet, and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, (vii) the fees charged by nationally recognized rating organizations for the rating of the Underwritten Securities and any related Underlying Securities, if applicable, (viii) the fees and expenses incurred with respect to the listing of the Underwritten Securities and any related Underlying Securities, if applicable, (ix) the filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters in connection with, the review, if any, by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD") of the terms of the sale of the Underwritten Securities and any related Underlying Securities, and (x) the fees and expenses of any Underwriter acting in the capacity of a "qualified independent underwriter" (as defined in Section 2(1) of Schedule E of the bylaws of the NASD), if applicable.

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

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SECTION 5. Conditions of Underwriters, Obligations. The obligations of the Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Underwritten Securities pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in Section 1 hereof or in certificates of any officer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:

(a) Effectiveness of Registration Statement. The Registration Statement, including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, has become effective under the 1933 Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the 1933 Act and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or be pending or threatened by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of counsel to the Underwriters. A prospectus containing information relating to the description of the Underwritten Securities and any related Underlying Securities, the specific method of distribution and similar matters shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 424(b)(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5), as applicable (or any required post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed and declared effective in accordance with the requirements of Rule 430A), or, if the Company has elected to rely upon Rule 434 of the 1933 Act Regulations, a Term Sheet including the Rule 434 Information shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 424(b)(7).

(b) Opinion of General Counsel for Company. At Closing Time, the Underwriters shall have received the favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Patrick L. Donnelly, General Counsel for the Company, or other counsel satisfactory to the Underwriters, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters, to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto and to such further effect as counsel to the Underwriters may reasonably request.

(c) Opinion of Counsel for Company. At Closing Time, the Underwriters shall have received the favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, counsel for the Company, or other counsel satisfactory to

the Underwriters, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters, to the effect set forth in Exhibit C hereto and to such further effect as counsel to the Underwriters may reasonably request. In giving such opinion, such counsel may rely, as to all matters governed by the laws of jurisdictions other than the law of the State of New York, the federal law of the United States and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, upon the opinions of counsel satisfactory to the Underwriters. Such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and its Subsidiaries and certificates of public officials.

(d) Opinion of Regulatory Counsel for Company. At Closing Time, the Underwriters shall have received the favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Wiley, Rein & Fielding, regulatory counsel for the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the

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Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters, to the effect set forth in Exhibit D hereto and to such further effect as counsel to the Underwriters may reasonably request.

(e) Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters. At Closing Time, the Underwriters shall have received the favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters, with respect to the matters set forth in the following parts of Exhibit C: Sections (1), (4) to (12) (as applicable) (solely as to the extent that execution and delivery are matters of the Delaware General Corporation Law or New York law), (13) (solely as to the information in the Prospectus under "Description of the Underwritten Securities" and "Description of the Underlying Securities", if any, or any caption purporting to describe any such Securities), (19), (23) and the penultimate paragraph of Exhibit C hereto. In giving such opinion, such counsel may rely, as to all matters governed by the laws of jurisdictions other than the law of the State of New York, the federal law of the United States and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, upon the opinions of counsel satisfactory to the Underwriters. Such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and its Subsidiaries and certificates of public officials.

(f) Officers' Certificate. At Closing Time, there shall not have been, since the date of the applicable Terms Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its Subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and the Underwriters shall have received a certificate of the President or a Vice President of the Company and of the chief financial officer or chief accounting officer of the Company, dated as of Closing Time, to the effect that (i) there has been no such material adverse change, (ii) the representations and warranties in Section 1(a) are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of the Closing Time, (iii) the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Time, and (iv) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted, are pending or, to the best of such officer's knowledge, are threatened by the Commission.

(g) Accountant's Comfort Letter. At the time of the execution of the applicable Terms Agreement, the Underwriters shall have received from Arthur Andersen LLP a letter dated such date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the Underwriters, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference therein.

(h) Bring-down Comfort Letter. At Closing Time, the Underwriters shall have received from Arthur Andersen LLP a letter, dated as of Closing Time, to the effect that they reaffirm the

statements made in the letter furnished pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section 5, except that the specified date referred to shall be a date not more than three business days prior to the Closing Time.

(i) Ratings. At Closing Time and at any relevant Date of Delivery, unless the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement relate solely to Common Stock or Common Stock Warrants, the Underwritten Securities shall have the ratings accorded by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization", as defined by the Commission for purposes of Rule 436(q)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations, if and as specified in the applicable Terms Agreement, and the Company shall have delivered to the Underwriters a letter, dated as of such date, from each such rating organization, or other evidence satisfactory to the Underwriters, confirming that the Underwritten Securities have such ratings. Since the time of execution of such Terms Agreement, there shall not have occurred a downgrading in, or withdrawal of, the rating assigned to the Underwritten Securities or any of the Company's other securities by any such rating organization, and no such rating organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review its rating of the Underwritten Securities or any of the Company's other securities.

(j) Approval of Listing. At Closing Time, the Underwritten Securities shall have been approved for listing, subject only to official notice of issuance, if and as specified in the applicable Terms Agreement.

(k) No Objection. If the Registration Statement or an offering of Underwritten Securities has been filed with the NASD for review, the NASD shall not have raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements.

(1) Lock-up Agreements. On the date of the applicable Terms Agreement, the Underwriters shall have received, in form and substance satisfactory to it, each lock-up agreement, if any, specified in such Terms Agreement as being required to be delivered by the persons listed therein.

(m) Over-Allotment Option. In the event that the Underwriters are granted an over-allotment option by the Company in the applicable Terms Agreement and the Underwriters exercise their option to purchase all or any portion of the Option Underwritten Securities, the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein and the statements in any certificates furnished by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries hereunder shall be true and correct as of each Date of Delivery, and, at the relevant Date of Delivery, the Underwriters shall have received:

> (1) A certificate, dated such Date of Delivery, of the President or a Vice President of the Company and the chief financial officer or chief accounting officer of the Company, confirming that the certificate delivered at the Closing Time pursuant to Section 5(f) hereof remains true and correct as of such Date of Delivery.

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(2) The favorable opinions relating to the Option Underwritten Securities and otherwise to the same effect as the opinions required by Sections 5(b)-(d) hereof each in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery.

(3) The favorable opinion of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Underwritten Securities and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion required by Section 5(e) hereof.

(4) A letter from Arthur Andersen LLP, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters and dated such Date of Delivery, substantially in the same form and substance as the letter furnished to the Underwriters pursuant to Section 5(h) hereof, except that the "specified date" on the letter furnished pursuant to this paragraph shall be a date not more than three business days prior to such Date of Delivery.

(5) Since the time of execution of such Terms Agreement, there shall not have occurred a downgrading in, or withdrawal of, the rating assigned to the Underwritten Securities or any of the Company's other securities by any such rating organization, and no such rating organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review its rating of the Underwritten Securities or any of the Company's other securities.

(n) Additional Documents. At Closing Time and at each Date of Delivery,

counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may reasonably require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Underwritten Securities as herein contemplated, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of the Underwritten Securities as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Underwriters and to counsel for the Underwriters.

(o) Termination of Terms Agreement. If any condition specified in this Section 5 shall not have been fulfilled when and as required to be fulfilled, the applicable Terms Agreement (or, with respect to the Underwriters' exercise of any applicable over-allotment option for the purchase of Option Underwritten Securities on a Date of Delivery after the Closing Time, the obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Option Underwritten Securities on such Date of Delivery) may be terminated by the Underwritters by notice to the Company at any time at or prior to the Closing Time (or such Date of Delivery, as applicable), and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 and except that Sections 1, 6, 7 and 8 shall survive any such termination and remain in full force and effect.

### Section 6. Indemnification.

(a) Indemnification of Underwriters. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act as follows:

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(1) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information and the Rule 434 Information deemed to be a part thereof, if applicable, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included in any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

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

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

provided, however, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information and the Rule 434 Information deemed to be a part thereof, if applicable, or any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto); and provided, further, that the Company will not be liable to an Underwriter with respect to any preliminary prospectus to the extent that the Company shall sustain the burden of proving that any such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense resulted from the fact that such Underwriter, in contravention of a requirement of the Underwriting Agreement or applicable law, sold Securities to a person to whom such Underwriter failed to send or give, at or prior to the Closing Time, a copy of the Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented if (i) the Company has previously furnished copies thereof (sufficiently in advance of the Closing Time to allow for distribution by the Closing Time) to the Underwriters and the loss, liability, claim, damage or expense of such Underwriter resulted from an untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission of a material fact 23

or supplemented prior to the Closing Time and (ii) such failure to give or send such Prospectus by the Closing Time to the party or parties asserting such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense would have constituted the sole defense to the claim asserted by such person.

(b) Indemnification of Company, Directors and Officers. Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a) of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information and the Rule 434 Information deemed to be a part thereof, if applicable, or any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment thereto) or such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment thereto) or such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto).

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

(d) Settlement without Consent if Failure to Reimburse. If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and

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

SECTION 7. Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in Section 6 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or

expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, from the offering of the Underwritten Securities pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the offering of the Underwritten Securities pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of such Underwritten Securities (before deducting expenses) received by the Company and the total underwriting discount received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus, or, if Rule 434 is used, the corresponding location on the Term Sheet bear to the aggregate initial public offering price of such Underwritten Securities as set forth on such cover.

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

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 7. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 7 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency

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or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Underwritten Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

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

For purposes of this Section 7, each person, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Initial Underwritten Securities set forth opposite their respective names in the applicable Terms Agreement, and not joint.

SECTION 8. Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive Delivery. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Underwriting Agreement or the applicable Terms Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries submitted pursuant hereto or thereto shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or controlling person, or by or on behalf of the Company, and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Underwritten Securities.

#### SECTION 9. Termination.

(a) Underwriting Agreement. This Underwriting Agreement (excluding the applicable Terms Agreement) may be terminated for any reason at any time by the Company or by the Underwriters upon the giving of 30 days' prior written notice of such termination to the other party hereto.

(b) Terms Agreement. The Underwriters may terminate the applicable Terms Agreement, by notice to the Company, at any time at or prior to the Closing Time or any relevant Date of Delivery, if (i) there has been, since the time of execution of such Terms Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its Subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or, if the Underwritten Securities or any

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related Underlying Securities include Debt Securities denominated or payable in, or indexed to, one or more foreign or composite currencies, in the international financial markets, or any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Underwriters, impracticable to market the Underwritten Securities or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Underwritten Securities, or (iii) trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or the Nasdag National Market or if trading generally on the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange or in the Nasdaq National Market has been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by either of said exchanges or by such system or by order of the Commission, the NASD or any other governmental authority, or (iv) a banking moratorium has been declared by either Federal or New York authorities or, if the Underwritten Securities or any related Underlying Securities include Debt Securities denominated or payable in, or indexed to, one or more foreign or composite currencies, by the relevant authorities in the related foreign country or countries.

(c) Liabilities. If this Underwriting Agreement or the applicable Terms Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section 9, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and provided further that Sections 1, 6, 7 and 8 shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.

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

(a) if the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Underwritten Securities to be purchased on such date pursuant to such Terms Agreement, the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations under such Terms Agreement bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters, or

(b) if the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of Underwritten Securities to be purchased on such date pursuant to such Terms Agreement, such Terms Agreement (or, with respect to the Underwriters' exercise of any applicable over-allotment option for the purchase of Option Underwritten Securities on a Date of Delivery after the Closing Time, the obligations of the Underwriters to purchase, and the Company to sell, such Option Underwritten Securities on such Date of Delivery) shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

No action taken pursuant to this Section 10 shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default.

In the event of any such default which does not result in (i) a termination of the applicable Terms Agreement or (ii) in the case of a Date of Delivery after the Closing Time, a termination of the obligations of the Underwriters and the Company with respect to the related Option Underwritten Securities, as the case may be, either the Underwriters or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements.

SECTION 11. Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be directed to [], attention of []; and notices to the Company shall be directed to it at Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Floor, New York, NY 10020, attention of Patrick L. Donnelly.

SECTION 12. Parties. This Underwriting Agreement and the applicable Terms Agreement shall each inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company and, upon execution of such Terms Agreement, any Underwriters and their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Underwriting Agreement or such Terms Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers and directors referred to in Sections 6 and 7 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Underwriting Agreement or such Terms Agreement or any provision herein or therein contained. This Underwriting Agreement and such Terms Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof and thereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto and thereto and their respective successors, and said controlling persons and officers and directors and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Underwritten Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

SECTION 13. GOVERNING LAW AND TIME. THIS UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT AND ANY APPLICABLE TERMS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME.

Section 14. Effect of Headings. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

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

Very truly yours,

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC.

By:

Name: Title:

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

[Names of Underwriters]

By: [Managing Underwriter]

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#### Exhibit A

# SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC. (a Delaware corporation)

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### TERMS AGREEMENT

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To: Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Fl. New York, NY 10020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We understand that Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell [ \_\_\_\_\_\_ shares of its common stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Common Stock")] [ shares of its preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Preferred Stock")] [\$ aggregate principal amount of its [senior] [subordinated] debt securities (the "Debt Securities")] [ warrants (the "Common Stock Warrants") to purchase common stock, par value \$.001 per share] [ warrants (the "Preferred Stock Warrants") to purchase preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share] [ warrants (the "Debt Security Warrants") to purchase \$ aggregate principal amount of [senior] [subordinated] debt securities] ([such securities also being hereinafter referred to as] the "[Initial] Underwritten Securities"). Subject to the terms and conditions set forth or incorporated by reference herein, we [the underwriters named below (the "Underwriters")] offer to purchase [, severally and not jointly,] the [[number [principal] [amount] of] Underwritten Securities [opposite their names set forth below] at the purchase price set forth below [, and a proportionate share of Option Underwritten Securities set forth below, to the extent any are purchased].

	[Number]
	[Principal Amount]
Underwriter	of [Initial] Underwritten Securities
Total	

[\$]

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The Underwritten Securities shall have the following terms:

[Common Stock]

### Title:

Number of shares:

Number of Option Underwritten Securities:

Initial public offering price per share: \$

Purchase price per share: \$

Listing requirements:

Black-out provisions:

Lock-up provisions:

Other terms and conditions:

Closing date and location:

[Preferred Stock]

Title:

Rank:

Ratings:

Number of shares:

Number of Option Underwritten Securities:

Dividend rate (or formula) per share: \$

Dividend payment dates:

Stated value: \$

Liquidation preference per share: \$

Redemption provisions:

Sinking fund requirements:

Conversion provisions:

Listing requirements:

Black-out provisions:

Lock-up provisions:

Initial public offering price per share: \$\_\_\_\_ plus accumulated dividends, if
any, from \_\_\_\_

Purchase price per share: \$\_\_\_\_ plus accumulated dividends, if any, from \_\_\_\_

Other terms and conditions:

Closing date and location:

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[Debt Securities]

Title: Rank: Ratings: Aggregate principal amount: Denominations: Currency of payment: Interest rate or formula: Interest payment dates: Regular record dates: Stated maturity date: Redemption provisions: Sinking fund requirements: Conversion provisions: Listing requirements: Black-out provisions: Fixed or Variable Price Offering: [Fixed] [Variable] Price Offering

If Fixed Price Offering, initial public offering price per share: % of the principal amount, plus accrued interest [amortized original issue discount], if any, from \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Purchase price per share: \_\_\_\_% of principal amount, plus accrued interest [amortized original issue discount], if any, from \_\_\_\_\_.

Form:

Other terms and conditions:

Closing date and location:

[Common Stock] [Preferred Stock] [Debt Security] Warrants

Title:

Type:

Number:

Warrant Agent:

Issuable jointly with [Common Stock] [Preferred Stock] [Debt Securities]: [Yes] [No]

Number of [Common Stock] [Preferred Stock] [Debt Security] Warrants issued with each [share of Common Stock] [share of Preferred Stock] [\$ \_\_\_\_\_\_principal amount of Debt Securities]:

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Date(s) from which or period(s) during which [Common Stock] [Preferred Stock] [Debt Security] Warrants are exercisable:

Date(s) on which [Common Stock] [Preferred Stock] [Debt Security] Warrants expire:

Exercise price (s):

Initial public offering price: \$

Purchase price: \$

Title of Underlying Securities:

[Number of shares] [Principal amount] purchasable upon exercise of one [Common Stock] [Preferred Stock] [Debt Security] Warrant:

Terms of Underlying Securities:

Other terms and conditions:

Closing date and location:

All of the provisions contained in the document attached as Annex I hereto entitled "SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC.-- Common Stock, Warrants to Purchase Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Warrants to Purchase Preferred Stock, Debt Securities and Warrants to Purchase Debt Securities-Form of Underwriting Agreement as of September 23, 1999", are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety herein and shall be deemed to be a part of this Terms Agreement to the same extent as if such provisions had been set forth in full herein. Terms defined in such document are used herein as therein defined.

Please accept this offer no later than \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock P.M. (New York City time) on \_\_\_\_\_\_ by signing a copy of this Terms Agreement in the space set forth below and returning the signed copy to us.

Very truly yours,

By

Authorized Signatory

[Acting on behalf of itself

Accepted:

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC.

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Name: Title:

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Exhibit B

FORM OF OPINION OF PATRICK L. DONNELLY, ESQ. TO BE DELIVERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(b)

(1) The District of Columbia, the State of New York and the State of Michigan [others] are the only jurisdictions in which the Company is required to be qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business as of the date hereof, except where the failure so to qualify or to be in good standing would not result in a material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect").

(2) Satellite CD Radio, Inc. (the "Subsidiary") has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in the District of Columbia and in the State of New York, which are the only jurisdictions in which the Subsidiary is required to be qualified, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure so to qualify or to be in good standing would not result in a Material Adverse Effect; all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Subsidiary has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and nonassessable and, to my knowledge, is owned by the Company free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity other than liens in favor of the Collateral Agent (as defined in the Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement dated as of May 15, 1999 (the "Pledge Agreement")) pursuant to the Pledge Agreement for its benefit, the benefit of the trustee of the Company's 15% Senior Secured Discount Notes due 2007 (the "Discount Notes"), the benefit of the trustee of the Company's 14-1/2% Senior Secured Notes due 2009 (the "Notes") and the ratable benefit of the holders of Discount Notes and Notes; none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Subsidiary was issued in violation of the preemptive rights provisions in (a) the Subsidiary's certificate of incorporation or by-laws or (b) the Delaware General Corporation Law.

## [include equivalent opinion for other Subsidiaries, if any]

(3) The execution, delivery and performance of the Company's Amended and Restated Contract with Space Systems/Loral Inc. (the "Loral Satellite Contract") by the Company and compliance by the Company with its obligations under the Loral Satellite Contract do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event (as defined in the Underwriting Agreement) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or its Subsidiaries pursuant to, any contract,

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indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or any other agreement or instrument, described in the Prospectus, to which the Company or its Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or its Subsidiaries is subject (except for such conflicts, breaches or defaults or liens, charges or encumbrances that would not have a Material Adverse Effect), nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws of the Company or its Subsidiaries, or any applicable law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree, known to me, of any government, government instrumentality or court of the State of Delaware, the State of New York or the United States, having jurisdiction over the Company or its Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties, assets or operations.

In addition, although I have not undertaken to investigate or verify independently, and am not passing upon and do not assume any responsibility for, the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the contents of the Prospectus, in connection with the preparation of the Prospectus, I have participated in conferences with representatives of and counsel to the Underwriters and with certain officers and employees of, and independent certified public accountants for, the Company, at which conferences the contents of the Prospectus and related matters were discussed, and based upon this participation (and relying as to factual matters to the extent I deemed reasonable on officers and employees of the Company), advise you that no facts have come to my attention that would lead me to believe that the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial data included or incorporated by reference in or omitted from those documents, as to which I make no statement), at the time the Prospectus was issued, at the time any amended or supplemented Prospectus was issued or at the Closing Time (as defined in the Underwriting Agreement), included or includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

In rendering his opinion, such counsel may rely, as to matters of facts (but not as to legal conclusions), to the extent he deems proper, on certificates of public officials. The opinion shall not state that it is to be governed or qualified by, or that it is otherwise subject to, any treatise, written policy or other document relating to legal opinions, including, without limitation, the Legal Opinion Accord of the ABA Section of Business Law (1991). The opinion shall contain assumptions, limitations, qualifications and exceptions normally included by counsel in transactions of this kind.

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Exhibit C

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

(1) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.

(2) The Company has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under, or as contemplated under, the Underwriting Agreement and the applicable Terms Agreement.

(3) The Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in the District of Columbia, the State of New York and the State of Michigan [others].

(4) The Underwriting Agreement and the applicable Terms Agreement have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(5) [Include if the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Common Stock --] The Underwritten Securities have been duly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement and the applicable Terms Agreement. The Underwritten Securities, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement and such Terms Agreement against payment of the consideration therefor specified in such Terms Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and will not be subject to preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company. No holder of the Underwritten Securities is or will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder. The form of certificate used to evidence the Underwritten Securities is in due and proper form and complies with the applicable statutory requirements, with any applicable requirements of the charter or by-laws of the Company and with the requirements of the Nasdaq National Market.

(6) [Include if the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Preferred Stock] The Underwritten Securities

have been duly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement and the applicable Terms Agreement. The applicable Preferred Stock, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement and such Terms Agreement against payment of the consideration therefor specified in such Terms Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and will not be subject to preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company. No holder of such Preferred Stock is or will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder. The form of certificate used to evidence the Preferred Stock is in due and proper form and complies with the applicable statutory requirements, with any applicable requirements of the charter or by-laws of the Company and with the requirements of the Nasdaq National Market.

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(7) [Include if the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Senior Debt Securities and/or Subordinated Debt Securities -] The Underwritten Securities have been duly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement and the applicable Terms Agreement. The Underwritten Securities, when issued and authenticated in the manner provided for in the applicable Indenture and delivered against payment of the consideration therefor specified in such Terms Agreement, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), and except further as enforcement thereof may be limited by requirements that a claim with respect to any Debt Securities payable in a foreign or corporate currency (or a foreign or composite currency judgment in respect of such claim) be converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law or by governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States. The Underwritten Securities are in the form contemplated by, and each registered holder thereof is entitled to the benefits of, the applicable Indenture.

(8) [Include if the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Senior Debt Securities and/or Subordinated Debt Securities or if Preferred Stock is convertible into Debt Securities --] The [Each] applicable Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery thereof by the applicable Trustee) constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(9) [Include if the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Warrants --] The Underwritten Securities have been duly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement and the applicable Terms Agreement. The Underwritten Securities, when issued and authenticated in the manner provided for in the applicable Warrant Agreement and delivered against payment of the consideration therefor specified in such Terms Agreement, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits provided by such Warrant Agreement and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(10) [Include if the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Warrants --] The [Each] applicable Warrant Agreement has been duly

authorization, execution and delivery thereof by the applicable Warrant Agent) constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(11) [Include if the Underlying Securities related to the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Common Stock or Preferred Stock] The Underlying Securities have been duly authorized and reserved for issuance by the Company [upon exercise of the [Common Stock] [Preferred Stock] Warrants] [upon conversion of the related [Preferred Stock] [Senior Debt Securities] [Subordinated Debt Securities]]. The Underlying Securities, when issued upon such [exercise] [conversion], will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and will not be subject to preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company. No holder of the Underlying Securities is or will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder. [Include if the Underlying Securities related to the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Senior Debt Securities and/or Subordinated Debt Securities --] The Underlying Securities have been duly authorized for issuance by the Company [upon exercise of the Debt Security Warrants] [upon conversion of the related Preferred Stock]. The Underlying Securities, when issued and authenticated in the manner provided for in the applicable Indenture and delivered in accordance with the terms of the [Debt Security Warrants] [related [Preferred Stock]], will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), and except further as enforcement thereof may be limited by requirements that a claim with respect to any Debt Securities payable in a foreign or composite currency (or a foreign or composite currency judgment in respect of such claim) be converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law or by governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States.

(12) The Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement and the [each] applicable [Indenture] [Warrant Agreement] conform, and any Underlying Securities, when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the related Underwritten Securities, will conform, in all material respects to the statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus and are in substantially the form filed or incorporated by reference, as the case may be, as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

(13) The information in the Prospectus under "Description of Underwritten Securities" and "Description of Underlying Securities", if any, or any caption purporting to describe any such Securities, "Certain Federal Income Tax Considerations" and " ", in the Annual Report on Form 10-K under " " and in the Registration Statement under Item 15, to the

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extent that it constitutes matters of law, summaries of legal matters or the Company's charter, bylaws or legal proceedings, or legal conclusions, has been reviewed by us and is correct in all material respects.

(14) To the best of our knowledge, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of its charter or by-laws and no default by the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists in the due performance or observance of any material obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument that is described or referred to in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or filed or incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

(15) The execution, delivery and performance of the Underwriting Agreement, the applicable Terms Agreement and the [each] applicable [Indenture] [Warrant Agreement] and any other agreement or instrument listed on Schedule A hereto and the consummation of the transactions contemplated in the Underwriting Agreement and such Terms Agreement and in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (including the issuance and sale of the Underwritten Securities and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Underwritten Securities as described under the caption "Use of Proceeds" and the issuance of any Underlying Securities) and compliance by the Company with its obligations thereunder do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any assets, properties or operations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or any other agreement or instrument, known to us, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the assets, properties or operations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any applicable law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree, known to us, of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their assets, properties or operations.

(16) To the best of our knowledge, there is not pending or threatened any action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which the assets, properties or operations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, before or by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, which might reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect") or which might reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the assets, properties or operations thereof or the consummation of the transactions contemplated under the Underwriting Agreement, the applicable Terms Agreement or the (any] applicable [Indenture] [Warrant Agreement] or the performance by the Company of its obligations thereunder.

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

(18) To the best of our knowledge, there are no statutes or regulations that are required to be described in the Prospectus that are not described as required.

(19) The Registration Statement (including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement) has been declared effective under the 1933 Act. Any required filing of the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) has been made in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b). To the best of our knowledge, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement (or such Rule 462(b) Registration Statement) has been insued under the 1933 Act and no proceedings for that purpose have been initiated or are pending or threatened by the Commission.

(20) The Registration Statement (including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement) and the Prospectus, excluding the documents incorporated by reference therein, and each amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement (including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement) and Prospectus, excluding the documents incorporated by reference therein, as of their respective effective or issue dates (other than the financial statements and supporting schedules included therein or omitted therefrom and each Trustee's Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 (the "Form T-1s"), as to which we express no opinion), complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act Regulations.

(21) The documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus (other than the financial statements and supporting schedules therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we express no opinion), when they became effective or were filed with the Commission, as the case may be, complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(22) No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic or foreign, is necessary or required for the due authorization, execution or delivery by the Company of the Underwriting Agreement or the applicable Terms Agreement or for the performance by the Company of the transactions contemplated under the Prospectus, the Underwriting Agreement, such Terms Agreement or the [any] applicable [Indenture] [Warrant Agreement], other than (x) under the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1939 Act and the 1939 Act Regulations, which have already been made, obtained or rendered, as applicable and (y) as required by any state securities or Blue Sky laws of the various states, as to which state laws we express no opinion. For the purposes of this opinion, the term "governmental authority" means the government of, or any executive, legislative, judicial, administrative or regulatory body of, the State of Delaware, the State of New York or the United States of America [others, as applicable]

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(23) [Include if the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Debt Securities or if any related Underlying Securities include Debt Securities --] The [Each] applicable Indenture has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

(24) [Include if the Underwritten Securities being sold pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement include Debt Securities or if any related Underlying Securities include Debt Securities --] The [Underwritten] [Underlying] Securities, upon issuance, will be excluded or exempted under, or beyond the purview of, the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "Commodity Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Commodity Exchange Act (the "Commodity Exchange Act Regulations").

(25) The Company is not, and upon the issuance and sale of the Underwritten Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus will not be required to register as an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") and the rules and regulations of the Commission under the statute.

Nothing has come to our attention that would lead us to believe that the Registration Statement (including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement) or any post-effective amendment thereto (except for financial statements and supporting schedules and other financial data included therein or omitted therefrom and for the Form T-1s, as to which we make no statement), at the time the Registration Statement (including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement) or any post-effective amendment thereto (including the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K with the Commission) became effective or at the date of the applicable Terms Agreement, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (except for financial statements and supporting schedules and other financial data included therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we make no statement), at the time the Prospectus was issued, at the time any such amended or supplemented prospectus was issued or at the Closing Time, included or includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made. not misleading.

In rendering such opinion, such counsel may rely as to matters of fact (but not as to legal conclusions), to the extent they deem proper, on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and public officials. Such opinion shall not state that it is to be governed or qualified by, or that it is otherwise subject to, any treatise, written policy or other document relating to legal opinions, including, without limitation, the Legal Opinion Accord of the ABA Section of Business Law (1991). The opinion shall contain assumptions, limitations, qualifications and exceptions normally included by counsel in transactions of this kind.

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Exhibit D

FORM OF OPINION OF WILEY, REIN & FIELDING, REGULATORY COUNSEL TO THE COMPANY, TO BE DELIVERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(d)

(1) (a) The execution, delivery and performance of the Underwriting

Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated therein and in the Prospectus and compliance by the Company with its obligations thereunder do not violate (i) the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Communications Act"), (ii) any rules or regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") applicable to the Company or its Subsidiary, (iii) to the best of such counsel's knowledge, any decree from any court, and (b) no consent, approval, authorization or order of or filing with the FCC, is necessary for the execution, delivery and performance of the Underwriting Agreement except for consents, approvals, authorizations or orders of or qualifications as have already been obtained and except to the extent that the failure to obtain such consents, approvals, authorizations or orders or to qualify with the FCC would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the prospects, condition (financial or otherwise) or in the earnings, business or operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(2) Except as described in the Prospectus, (a) each of the Company and its Subsidiary has made all reports and filings, and paid all fees, required by the FCC and the State Authorities, and have all certificates, orders, permits, licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals of and from, and have made all filings and registrations, with the FCC and the State Authorities necessary to own, lease, license and use its properties and assets and to conduct the business now operated by them or intended to be operated by them in the manner described in the Prospectus; and (b) to the best of such counsel's knowledge, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of proceedings relating to the violation, revocation or modification of any such certificates, orders, permits, licenses, authorizations, consents or approvals, or the qualification or rejection of any such filing or registration, the effect of which, singly or in the aggregate, would have a material adverse effect on the prospects, condition, financial or otherwise, earnings, operations or business of the Company and its subsidiaries now operated by them or intended to be operated by them in the manner described in the Prospectus taken as a whole.

(3) To the best of such counsel's knowledge after due inquiry (A) no adverse judgment, decree or order of the FCC or of any State Authority has been issued against the Company or its subsidiary and (B) no litigation, proceeding, inquiry or investigation has been commenced or threatened against the Company or its subsidiary before or by the FCC or any State Authority which, if decided adversely to the Company's interest, would have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiary, taken as a whole.

(4) The statements in the Prospectus under the captions [], insofar as such statements constitute a summary of the legal matters, documents or proceedings referred to therein, fairly summarize the matters referred to therein.

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In rendering their opinion, counsel may rely, as to matters of fact (but not as to legal conclusions), to the extent they deem proper, on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and public officials. The opinion shall not state that it is to be governed or qualified by, or that it is otherwise subject to, any treatise, written policy or other document relating to legal opinions, including, without limitation, the Legal Opinion Accord of the ABA Section of Business Law (1991). The opinion shall contain assumptions, limitations, qualifications and exceptions normally included by counsel in transactions of this kind.

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