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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

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In re:	§	Chapter 11
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VANGUARD NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	§	Case No. 17-30560 (MI)
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Debtors.	§	(Joint Administration Requested)
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	§	Re: Docket No. <u>2</u>

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**ORDER GRANTING COMPLEX CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASE TREATMENT  
AND ORDER SETTING BAR DATE FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM**

On February 2, 2017 (the “Petition Date”), Vanguard Natural Resources, LLC and its affiliated debtors as debtors in possession (collectively, “Vanguard” or the “Debtors”) filed voluntary petitions for relief under title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Court”). Vanguard filed a *Notice of Designation as Complex Chapter 11 Case* was filed on the Petition Date. Based on its review of the initial pleadings, the Court concludes that the complex chapter 11 case designation is appropriate. Accordingly, the Court hereby orders:

1. Vanguard must maintain a consolidated master service list (the “Master Service List”) identifying the parties that must be served whenever a motion or other pleading requires notice. Unless otherwise required by the Bankruptcy Code or the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), notices of motions and other matters will be limited to the parties on the Master Service List. The Master Service List must initially include the following parties and/or their counsel, if requested: (a) Vanguard and Vanguard’s professionals; (b) Vanguard’s proposed claims, noticing, and solicitation agent, Prime Clerk LLC; (c) the Office of

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Vanguard Natural Resources, LLC (1161); Eagle Rock Acquisition Partnership, L.P. (6706); Eagle Rock Acquisition Partnership II, L.P. (0903); Eagle Rock Energy Acquisition Co., Inc. (4564); Eagle Rock Energy Acquisition Co. II, Inc. (3364); Eagle Rock Upstream Development Company, Inc. (0113); Eagle Rock Upstream Development Company II, Inc. (7453); Encore Clear Fork Pipeline LLC (2032); Escambia Asset Co. LLC (3869); Escambia Operating Co. LLC (2000); Vanguard Natural Gas, LLC (1004); Vanguard Operating, LLC (9331); VNR Finance Corp. (1494); and VNR Holdings, LLC (6371). The location of the Debtors’ service address is: 5847 San Felipe, Suite 3000, Houston, Texas 77057.

the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas; (d) the holders of the 50 largest unsecured claims against Vanguard (on a consolidated basis), or any official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in these chapter 11 cases, if any, from and after its appointment; (e) Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent under Vanguard's first lien credit facility and its counsel; (f) the indenture trustee for Vanguard's second lien notes; (g) counsel to the ad hoc group of second lien noteholders; (h) the indenture trustees for Vanguard's senior unsecured notes; (i) counsel the ad hoc group of unsecured noteholders; (j) the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas; (k) the Internal Revenue Service; (l) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (m) the state attorneys general for states in which Vanguard conducts business; (n) any other applicable government agencies to the extent required by the Bankruptcy Rules and the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"); (o) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002; and (p) all parties on whom the Court orders notice. For the avoidance of doubt, any party in interest that files a Notice of Appearance will be added to the Master Service List.

- (a) Parties on the Master Service List who appear in this case through counsel or submit a request for service by CM/ECF will be served with pleadings and orders through the CM/ECF notification system only. No mail notice will be required.
- (b) All other parties on the Master Service List must be served, at the server's option, by electronic mail, fax, or regular mail.
- (c) The proceedings with respect to which notice would be limited to the Master Service List shall include all matters covered by Bankruptcy Rule 2002, with the exception of the following: (i) the notice of the first meeting of creditors pursuant to section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) the time fixed for filing proofs of claim pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c); (iii) the time fixed for filing objections to, and the hearings to consider, approval of a disclosure statement and confirmation of a chapter 11 plan; and (iv) notice and transmittal of ballots for accepting or rejection a chapter 11 plan. Notice of the foregoing matters would be given to all parties in interest listed on Vanguard's creditor matrix by either first-class U.S. mail, electronic mail, or facsimile.
- (d) The initial Master Service List must be filed within three days after entry of this Order. A revised list must be filed within seven days after the initial Master Service List is filed. Vanguard must update the list thereafter, and shall file a copy of the updated list: (i) at least every seven days during the first thirty days of the case; (ii) at least every fifteen days during the next sixty days of the case; and (iii) at least every thirty days thereafter throughout the case.

2. The Court will publish on its website available complex hearing dates for this case at [www.txs.uscourts.gov](http://www.txs.uscourts.gov). The Debtors or any other party in interest may request additional complex hearing dates from the Court's Case Manager.

- (a) All motions and other matters requiring hearing, but not requiring expedited or emergency hearing, shall be noticed for hearing on the next hearing day that is at

least twenty-one days after the notice is mailed. As a preface to each pleading, just below the case caption, in lieu of the language required by any Bankruptcy Local Rule, the pleading shall state:

**A HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THIS MATTER ON \_\_\_\_\_ AT \_\_\_ AM/PM IN COURTROOM \_\_\_, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, 515 RUSK STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002. IF YOU OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU MUST RESPOND IN WRITING, SPECIFICALLY ANSWERING EACH PARAGRAPH OF THIS PLEADING. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COURT, YOU MUST FILE YOUR RESPONSE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT WITHIN TWENTY-ONE DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU WERE SERVED WITH THIS PLEADING. YOU MUST SERVE A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE ON THE PERSON WHO SENT YOU THE NOTICE; OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY TREAT THE PLEADING AS UNOPPOSED AND GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED.**

- (b) All motions and other matters requiring expedited or emergency hearing must be calendared for hearing on a complex hearing date selected by the party seeking emergency or expedited relief from the available dates posted on the Court's website. The party seeking emergency relief must comply with the usual Court requirements for explanation of the need for emergency or expedited hearing. The party requesting the hearing is responsible for providing proper notice in accordance with this Order and the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules. At the scheduled hearing, the Court will determine whether to allow emergency or expedited consideration.

3. The Court's procedures for telephonic participation in hearings are published on the Court's website. Those procedures apply in this case. No motion is required to authorize telephonic participation. Dial-in information and participation information is on the website.

4. If a matter is properly noticed for hearing and the parties reach a settlement of the dispute prior to the final hearing, the parties may announce the settlement at the scheduled hearing. If the Court determines that the notice of the dispute and the hearing is adequate notice of the effects of the settlement (*i.e.*, that the terms of the settlement are not materially different from what parties in interest could have expected if the dispute were fully litigated), the Court may approve the settlement at the hearing without further notice of the terms of the settlement.

5. The Bar Date for the filing of proofs of claim in these cases is April 30, 2017 for all non-governmental entities.

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6. Vanguard must give notice of this Order to all parties listed on the Master Service List within seven days. If a party in interest objects to the provisions of this Order, that party may file a motion articulating the objection and the relief requested. After hearing the objection

and any responses the Court may reconsider any part of this Order and may grant relief, if appropriate.

Dated: 2-2, 2017  
Houston, Texas

  
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE