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APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER PURSUANT TO
SECTION 57(i) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AND
RULE 17d-1 UNDER THE ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN JOINT TRANSACTIONS
OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY SECTION 57(a)(4) OF THE ACT

FIFTH STREET FINANCE CORP., FIFTH STREET MANAGEMENT LLC, FIFTH STREET SENIOR LOAN FUND LP, FSLF GP LLC, FIFTH STREET MEZZANINE PARTNERS IV, L.P., FSMP IV GP, LLC, FIFTH STREET MEZZANINE PARTNERS V, L.P., FSMP V GP, LLC, FSFC HOLDINGS, INC., FIFTH STREET FUND OF FUNDS LLC, FIFTH STREET FUNDING, LLC, FIFTH STREET FUNDING II, LLC, FS PARTNERS FUND LLC

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<i>In the Matter of:</i>)	
FIFTH STREET FINANCE CORP.,)	
FIFTH STREET MANAGEMENT LLC,)	APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 57(i)
FIFTH STREET SENIOR LOAN FUND)	OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AND RULE 17d-
LP, FSLF GP LLC, FIFTH STREET)	1 UNDER THE ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN JOINT
MEZZANINE PARTNERS IV, L.P., FSMP)	TRANSACTIONS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY SECTION 57(a)
IV GP, LLC, FIFTH STREET)	(4) OF THE ACT
MEZZANINE PARTNERS V, L.P., FSMP)	
V GP, LLC, FSFC HOLDINGS, INC.,)	
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The following entities hereby apply for an order (the “**Order**”) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) pursuant to Section 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “**Act**”) ¹, and Rule 17d-1 thereunder, ² authorizing certain joint transactions that may otherwise be prohibited by Section 57(a)(4) of the Act:

- Fifth Street Finance Corp. (“**Fifth Street**,” and collectively with its Wholly-Owned Investment Subs (as defined below), the “**Company**”),
- Fifth Street Mezzanine Partners IV, L.P., (“**SBIC Subsidiary IV**”), and its general partner, FSMP IV GP, LLC (the “**SBIC IV General Partner**”),
- Fifth Street Mezzanine Partners V, L.P., (“**SBIC Subsidiary V**” and together with Fifth Street SBIC Subsidiary IV, the “**SBIC Subsidiaries**”) and its general partner, FSMP V GP, LLC (the “**SBIC V General Partner**” and together with the SBIC IV General Partner, the “**SBIC General Partners**”),

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- FSFC Holdings, Inc., Fifth Street Fund of Funds LLC, Fifth Street Funding, LLC, Fifth Street Funding II, LLC (collectively, and together with the SBIC Subsidiaries, the “**Subsidiaries**”),
- Fifth Street Senior Loan Fund LP and FS Partners Fund LLC (the “**Funds**”),
- FSLF GP LLC, Fifth Street Senior Loan Fund’s general partner (“**FSLF GP**”),
- Fifth Street Management LLC, the investment adviser for the Company and the Funds (the “**Company Adviser**,” and together with the Funds, FSLF GP, the SBIC General Partners, and the Company, the “**Applicants**”).

In particular, the relief requested in this application (the “**Application**”) would allow the Company, on the one hand, and the Funds and any future entity that is advised by the Company Adviser, or any other currently-existing or future investment adviser controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Company Adviser (each, a “**Future Adviser**” and together with the Company Adviser, each, an “**Adviser**” and, together, the “**Advisers**,”) and that is an affiliated person as defined in Section 2(a)(3)(C) or 2(a)(3)(D) of the 1940 Act of the Company, that may be prohibited from co-investing with the Company by reason of Section 57 of the 1940 Act (each, a “**Future Co-Investment Affiliate**”³ and, collectively with the Funds, the “**Co-Investment Affiliates**” and each, a “**Co-Investment Affiliate**”), on the other hand, to co-invest in the same investment opportunities through a proposed co-investment program (the “**Co-Investment Program**”) where such participation would otherwise be prohibited under Section 57 of the Act. As used herein, “**Co-Investment Transaction**” means any transaction in which the Company participated together with one or more Co-Investment Affiliates in reliance on the Order. “**Potential Co-Investment Transaction**” means any investment opportunity in which the Company could not participate together with one or more Co-Investment Affiliates without obtaining and relying on the Order.

“**Wholly-Owned Investment Sub**” means an entity (i) that is wholly-owned by Fifth Street (with Fifth Street at all times holding, beneficially and of record, 100% of the voting and economic interests) and consolidated with Fifth Street for financial reporting purposes; (ii) whose sole business purpose is to hold one or more investments on behalf of Fifth Street (and, in the case of the SBIC Subsidiaries, to maintain a license under the SBA Act and issue debentures guaranteed by the SBA); (iii) that either does not pay a separate advisory fee, including any performance-based fee, to any person or is advised by the Company Adviser; and (iv) that would be an investment company but for section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act. The Subsidiaries are Wholly-Owned Investment Subs, and any future subsidiaries of Fifth Street that participate in the Co-Investment Program will be Wholly-Owned Investment Subs.

All existing entities that currently intend to rely on the Order have been named as Applicants. Any other existing or future entity that relies on the Order in the future will comply with the terms and conditions of the Application.

I. APPLICANTS

A. FIFTH STREET FINANCE CORP.

Fifth Street is an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company. Fifth Street filed a registration statement on Form N-2 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended

³ The Advisers expect that any Future Co-Investment Affiliate will be exempt from registration as provided by Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the Act and will have an investment objective and strategies similar to those of the Company.

(the “**1933 Act**”) in connection with its initial public offering on October 16, 2007, which became effective on June 11, 2008. Fifth Street filed an election to be regulated as a business development company (“**BDC**”) under the Act on October 16, 2007.⁴ In addition, Fifth Street has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (“**RIC**”) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “**Code**”) and intends to continue to qualify as a RIC in the future. Fifth Street’s principal place of business is 10 Bank Street, 12th Floor, White Plains, NY 10606.

Fifth Street is a specialty finance company that lends to and invests in small and mid-sized companies, primarily in connection with investments by private equity sponsors. Fifth Street’s investments generally range in size from \$5 million to \$75 million and are principally in the form of first lien, second lien and subordinated debt investments, which may also include an equity component. Fifth Street’s investment objective is to maximize its portfolio’s total return by generating current income from its debt investments and capital appreciation from its equity investments. Fifth Street is advised by the Company Adviser pursuant to an investment advisory agreement (the “**Advisory Agreement**”). Fifth Street believes that its proposed investment strategy will allow it to generate cash for distribution to stockholders and provide competitive total returns to stockholders.

The Company’s business and affairs are managed under the direction of a board of directors (the “**Board**”). The Board currently consists of eight members, five of whom are not “interested persons” of the Company as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Act (the “**Independent Directors**”). Leonard M. Tannenbaum, Bernard D. Berman and Ivelin M. Dimitrov serve as directors on Fifth Street’s Board. Mr. Tannenbaum serves as Fifth Street’s Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Berman serves as Fifth Street’s President, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary and Mr. Dimitrov serves as Fifth Street’s Chief Investment Officer. None of Messrs. Tannenbaum, Berman or Dimitrov will benefit directly or indirectly from any Co-Investment Transaction, other than by virtue of the ownership of securities of the Company and the Advisers. None will participate individually in any Co-Investment Transaction. The Board delegates daily management and investment authority to the Company Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement.

B. FIFTH STREET MEZZANINE PARTNERS IV, L.P., FSMP IV GP, LLC, FIFTH STREET MEZZANINE PARTNERS V, L.P., AND FSMP V GP, LLC

The SBIC Subsidiaries are Wholly-Owned Investment Subs of the Fifth Street. SBIC Subsidiary IV was organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the state of Delaware on August 13, 2009 and received a license to operate as a Small Business Investment Company (an “**SBIC**”) under the Small Business Investment Company Act of 1958 (the “**SBA Act**”) from the Small Business Administration (the “**SBA**”), effective February 1, 2010. SBIC Subsidiary IV has the same investment objective and strategies as the Company, as summarized above.

SBIC Subsidiary V was organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the state of Delaware on October 31, 2011 and received a license to operate as an SBIC under the SBA Act from the SBA, effective May 10, 2012. SBIC Subsidiary V has the same investment objective and strategies as the Company, as summarized above.

On August 13, 2009 and October 31, 2011, Fifth Street organized the SBIC IV General Partner and the SBIC V General Partner, respectively, as limited liability companies under the laws of the State of Delaware. Fifth Street is each SBIC General Partner’s sole member and owner. The managers of the SBIC General Partners are officers of Fifth Street and serve at the discretion of the Board and the SBA, and thus are subject to the oversight of Fifth Street through the Board. Fifth Street directly owns all of the ownership interests in the

⁴ Section 2(a)(48) defines a BDC to be any closed-end investment company that operates for the purpose of making investments in securities described in Section 55(a)(1) through 55(a)(3) of the Act and makes available significant managerial assistance with respect to the issuers of such securities.

SBIC General Partners, which each owns 1% of their respective SBIC Subsidiary. Fifth Street also owns 99% of the ownership interests in each SBIC Subsidiary. Therefore, Fifth Street, directly or indirectly through the SBIC General Partners, wholly owns each SBIC Subsidiary. Thus, there is no possibility that the SBIC General Partners or SBIC Subsidiaries will obtain a benefit that will not also be obtained by Fifth Street.

The SBIC Subsidiaries' licenses allow the Company, through the SBIC Subsidiaries, to issue SBA-guaranteed debentures at favorable interest rates. The SBIC Subsidiaries will not be registered under the Act based on the exclusion from the definition of investment company contained in Section 3(c)(7).

C. FIFTH STREET MANAGEMENT LLC

The Company Adviser is a Delaware limited liability company that is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The Company Adviser is an affiliate of Fifth Street Capital, LLC, a private investment firm founded and managed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Tannenbaum. Mr. Tannenbaum is the Company Adviser's managing partner. Subject to the overall supervision of the Board, the Company Adviser manages the day-to-day operations of, and provides investment advisory and management services to, the Company. Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, the Company Adviser determines the composition of the Company's portfolio; identifies and negotiates the structure of the investments the Company makes; continuously monitors the Company's investments; and determines the purchase, retention or sale of the Company's investments and assets.

D. THE FUNDS

1. Fifth Street Senior Loan Fund LP

Fifth Street Senior Loan Fund LP is a Delaware limited partnership that was formed on November 13, 2012. Its general partner is FSLF GP and its investment adviser is the Company Adviser. Fifth Street Senior Loan Fund LP has an investment objective and strategies that are similar to or overlap with those of the Company.

2. FS Partners Fund LLC

FS Partners Fund LLC is a Delaware limited liability company that was formed on February 4, 2013. Its investment adviser is the Company Adviser and it has an investment objective and strategies that are similar to or overlap with those of the Company.

II. RELIEF FOR PROPOSED CO-INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

A. Co-Investment Transactions by the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates

1. Mechanics of the Co-Investment Program

Fifth Street wholly owns the Wholly-Owned Investment Subs, and may from time to time, create other Wholly Owned Investment Subs. Any such Wholly-Owned Investment Sub would be prohibited from investing in a Co-Investment Transaction with any Co-Investment Affiliate because it would be a company controlled by Fifth Street, which is a regulated entity, for purposes of Section 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1. Applicants request that Wholly-Owned Investment Subs be permitted to participate in Co-Investment Transactions in lieu of Fifth Street and that a Wholly-Owned Investment Sub's participation in any such transaction be treated, for purposes of the Order, as though Fifth Street were participating directly. Applicants represent that this treatment is justified because a Wholly-Owned Investment Sub would have no purpose other than serving as a holding vehicle for Fifth Street's investments and, therefore, no conflicts of interest could arise between the Fifth Street and the

Wholly-Owned Investment Sub. Fifth Street's Board would make all relevant determinations under the conditions with regard to a Wholly-Owned Investment Sub's participation in a Co-Investment Transaction, and the Board would also be informed of, and take into consideration, any proposed use of a Wholly-Owned Investment Sub in Fifth Street's place. If Fifth Street proposes to participate in the same Co-Investment Transaction with any of its Wholly-Owned Investment Subs, Fifth Street's Board will also be informed of, and take into consideration, the relative participation of Fifth Street and the Wholly-Owned Investment Sub.

Upon issuance of the requested Order, the Advisers will manage the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates in the same manner that they have managed them in the past. However, rather than making separate investments, the Company, on the one hand, and the Co-Investment Affiliates, on the other hand, would co-invest in the Co-Investment Program.

In selecting investments for the Company, the Company Adviser will consider only the investment objective, investment policies, investment position, capital available for investment, and other pertinent factors applicable to the Company. Likewise, when selecting investments for the Co-Investment Affiliates, the Advisers will select investments for the Co-Investment Affiliates, considering only the investment objective, investment policies, investment position, capital available for investment, and other pertinent factors applicable to each Co-Investment Affiliate. However, as described herein, as each of the Co-Investment Affiliates, has, or will have, investment objectives and strategies that are similar to or overlap with the Company's Objectives and Strategies (as defined below), to the extent there is an investment that falls within the Objectives and Strategies of the Company and the investment objectives and strategies of one or more of the Co-Investment Affiliates, the Company intends to co-invest with the Co-Investment Affiliates, with certain exceptions based on available capital or diversification, as discussed below.

Under the Co-Investment Program, each Co-Investment Transaction would be allocated among the Company, on the one hand, and the Co-Investment Affiliates, on the other hand. Each transaction and the proposed allocation of each investment opportunity would be approved prior to the actual investment by the required majority (within the meaning of Section 57(o)) (the "**Required Majority**")⁵ of the directors eligible to vote on the Co-Investment Transaction under Section 57(o) (the "**Eligible Directors**").

All other subsequent activity, meaning either to: (a) sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of an investment (collectively, a "**Disposition**") or (b) complete a Follow-On Investment⁶, in respect of an investment acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Application. With respect to Dispositions and Follow-On Investments in which the Company and a Co-Investment Affiliate would participate in proportion to their outstanding investments in a security of the issuer, the Company may participate without obtaining transaction-specific approval from the Board if the Board has previously approved the Company's participation in pro rata Dispositions and Follow-On Investments as being in the best interests of the Company. The Board may at any time rescind, suspend or qualify its approval of pro rata Dispositions and Follow-On Investments with the result that all Dispositions and/or Follow-On Investments must be individually submitted to the Board as applicable.

The Co-Investment Program stipulates that the terms, conditions, price, class of securities, settlement date, and registration rights applicable to the Company's purchase be the same as those applicable to the purchase by the Co-Investment Affiliates.

⁵ The term "Required Majority," when used with respect to the approval of a proposed transaction, plan, or arrangement, means both a majority of a BDC's directors or general partners who have no financial interest in such transaction, plan, or arrangement and a majority of such directors or general partners who are not interested persons of such company.

⁶ "Follow-On Investment" means any additional investment in an existing portfolio company, consisting of a debt or equity investment or warrants, or the exercise of conversion privileges or other similar rights to acquire additional securities of the issuer.

Co-investment opportunities are to be allocated to the Company either (a) consistent with the Adviser's allocation policy, based on the size recommended by the Adviser based on the Company's available capital and the investment's attributes (the "**Recommended Amount**"), or (b) if the size of the investment available is smaller than the sum of the Recommended Amounts for the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates, pro rata based on the Recommended Amounts for the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates.

2. Reasons for Co-Investing

It is expected that co-investment in portfolio companies by the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates will increase the number of favorable investment opportunities for the Company. The Co-Investment Program will be effected only if it is approved by a Required Majority on the basis that it would be advantageous for the Company to have the additional capital from the Co-Investment Affiliates available to meet the funding requirements of attractive investments in portfolio companies. A BDC that makes investments of the type contemplated by the Company typically limits its participation in any one transaction to a specific dollar amount, which may be determined by legal or internally imposed prudential limits on exposure in a single investment. In view of the foregoing, in cases where the Adviser identifies investment opportunities requiring larger capital commitments, they must seek the participation of other entities with similar investment styles. The availability of the Co-Investment Affiliates as an investing partner of the Company may alleviate some of that necessity in certain circumstances.

The Company could lose some investment opportunities if it could not provide "one-stop" financing to a potential portfolio company. Portfolio companies may reject an offer of funding arranged by the Company Adviser due to the Company's inability to commit the full amount of financing required by the portfolio company in a timely manner (*i.e.*, without the delay that typically would be associated with obtaining single-transaction exemptive relief from the Commission). By reducing the number of occasions on which the Company's individual or aggregate investment limits require the Company Adviser to arrange a syndication with unaffiliated entities, the Company will likely be required to forego fewer suitable investment opportunities. With the assets of the Co-Investment Affiliates available for co-investment, there should be an increase in the number of opportunities accessible to the Company.

The Company Adviser and the Board of the Company believe that it will be advantageous for the Company to co-invest with the Co-Investment Affiliates and that such investments would be consistent with the investment objective, investment policies, investment positions, investment strategies, investment restrictions, regulatory requirements, and other pertinent factors applicable to the Company.

The Company Adviser also believes that co-investment by the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates will afford the Company the ability to achieve greater diversification and, together with the Co-Investment Affiliates, the opportunity to exercise greater influence on the portfolio companies in which the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates co-invest.

B. Applicable Law

1. Sections 57(a)(4) and 57(i) of the Act, and Rule 17d-1 thereunder

Section 57(a)(4) makes it unlawful for any person who is related to a BDC in a manner described in Section 57(b), acting as principal, knowingly to effect any transaction in which the BDC is a joint or a joint and several participant with that person in contravention of rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe for the purpose of limiting or preventing participation by the BDC on a basis less advantageous than that of the other participant. Although the Commission has not adopted any rules expressly under Section 57(a)(4), Section 57(i) provides that the rules under Section 17(d) applicable to registered closed-end investment companies (*e.g.*, Rule 17d-1) are, in the interim, deemed to apply to transactions subject to Section 57(a). Rule 17d-1, as made applicable to BDCs by Section 57(i), prohibits any person who is related to a BDC in a manner

described in Section 57(b), as modified by Rule 57b-1, acting as principal, from participating in, or effecting any transaction in connection with, any joint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan in which the BDC is a participant, unless an application regarding the joint enterprise, arrangement, or profit-sharing plan has been filed with the Commission and has been granted by an order entered prior to the submission of the plan or any modification thereof to security holders for approval, or prior to its adoption or modification if not so submitted.

In passing upon applications under Rule 17d-1, the Commission will consider whether the participation by the BDC in such joint transaction is consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act and the extent to which such participation is on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants.

2. Section 57(b) of the Act and Rule 57b-1 thereunder

Section 57(b), as modified by Rule 57b-1, specifies the persons to whom the prohibitions of Section 57(a)(4) apply. These persons include the following: (1) any director, officer, employee, or member of an advisory board of a BDC or any person (other than the BDC itself) who is, within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C), an affiliated person of any such person; or (2) any investment adviser or promoter of, general partner in, principal underwriter for, or person directly or indirectly either controlling, controlled by, or under common control with a BDC (except the BDC itself and any person who, if it were not directly or indirectly controlled by the BDC, would not be directly or indirectly under the control of a person who controls the BDC), or any person who is, within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C) or (D), an affiliated person of such person.

Rule 57b-1 under the Act exempts certain persons otherwise related to a BDC in a manner described in Section 57(b)(2) of the Act from being subject to the prohibitions of Section 57(a). Specifically, this rule states that the provisions of Section 57(a) shall not apply to any person: (a) solely because that person is directly or indirectly controlled by a BDC; or (b) solely because that person is directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, a person described in (a) of the rule or is an officer, director, partner, copartner, or employee of a person described in (a) of the rule.

Section 2(a)(9) defines “control” as the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company, unless such power is solely the result of an official position with such company. The statute also sets forth the interpretation that any person who owns beneficially, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 25 percent of the voting securities of a company shall be presumed to control such company; any person who does not so own more than 25 percent of the voting securities of a company shall be presumed not to control such company; and a natural person shall be presumed not to be a controlled person.

Sections 2(a)(3)(C) and (D) define an “affiliated person” of another person as: (C) any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such other person; and (D) any officer, director, partner, copartner, or employee of such other person.

C. Need for Relief

Co-Investment Transactions may be prohibited by Section 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1 without a prior order of the Commission to the extent that the Co-Investment Affiliates fall within the category of persons described by Section 57(b), as modified by Rule 57b-1 thereunder vis-à-vis the Company. Each of the Co-Investment Affiliates may be deemed to be affiliated persons of the Company within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3) by reason of common control because (i) the Company Adviser advises and may be deemed to control the Funds and any Future Co-Investment Affiliate will be advised and may be deemed to be controlled by an Adviser, (ii) the Company Adviser manages and may be deemed to control the Company and (iii) the Advisers are

controlled by the same persons. Thus, each Co-Investment Affiliate could be deemed to be a person related to the Company in a manner described by Section 57(b) and therefore prohibited by Section 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1 from participating in Co-Investment Transactions with the Company.

D. Requested Relief

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an Order of the Commission, pursuant to Section 57(i) and Rule 17d-1, permitting the Co-Investment Affiliates to participate with the Company in the Co-Investment Program.

E. Precedents

The Commission has granted co-investment relief on numerous occasions in recent years.⁷ Applicants submit that the formulae and procedures set forth as conditions for the relief requested herein are consistent with the range of investor protection found in the cited orders. We note, in particular, that the co-investment protocol to be followed by the Applicants here is substantially similar to the protocol followed by Gladstone Capital Corporation and its affiliates, for which an order was granted on July 26, 2012.⁸

F. Applicants' Legal Arguments

Rule 17d-1 was promulgated by the Commission pursuant to Section 17(d) and made applicable to BDCs by Section 57(i). Paragraph (a) of Rule 17d-1 permits an otherwise prohibited person, acting as principal, to participate in, or effect a transaction in connection with, a joint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan in which a BDC is a participant if an application regarding the joint enterprise, arrangement, or profit-sharing plan has been filed with the Commission and has been granted by an order issued prior to the submission of such plan or any modification thereof to security holders for approval, or prior to its adoption or modification if not so submitted. Paragraph (b) of Rule 17d-1 states that in passing upon applications under that rule, the Commission will consider whether the participation by the investment company in such joint enterprise, joint arrangement, or profit-sharing plan on the basis proposed is consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act and the extent to which such participation is on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants.

Applicants submit that the fact that the Required Majority will approve each Co-Investment Transaction before the investment is made, and other protective conditions set forth in this Application will ensure that the Company will be treated fairly.

The conditions to which the requested relief will be subject are designed to ensure that the Advisers or the principals of the Advisers would not be able to favor the Co-Investment Affiliates over the Company through the allocation of investment opportunities among them. Because many attractive investment opportunities for the Company will also be attractive investment opportunities for one or more Co-Investment Affiliates, Applicants submit that the Co-Investment Program presents an attractive alternative to the institution of some form of equitable allocation protocol for the allocation of 100% of individual investment opportunities to either the Company or the Co-Investment Affiliates as opportunities arise.

⁷ Gladstone Capital Corporation, et. al. (File No. 812-13878) Release No. 30154 (Jul. 26, 2012) (order), Release No. IC-30125 (Jun. 29, 2012) (notice); Medley Capital Corporation, et. al. (File No. 812-13787) Release No. IC-30009 (Mar. 26, 2012) (order), Release No. IC- 29968 (Feb. 27, 2012) (notice); NGP Capital Resources Company, et. al. (File No. 812-13695) Release No. IC-29860 (Nov. 10, 2011) (order), Release No. IC-29831 (Oct. 7, 2011) (notice); Ridgewood Capital Corporation, et. al. (File No. 812-13569, Release No. IC-28982 (Oct. 21, 2009) (order), Release No. IC-28931 (Sept. 25, 2009) (notice).

⁸ See note 7, *supra*.

Applicants submit that the Company's participation in the Co-Investment Transactions will be consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act and on a basis that is not different from or less advantageous than that of other participants. Applicants believe that the conditions will ensure that the Advisers would not be able to favor the Co-Investment Affiliates over the Company through the allocation of investment opportunities among them because, as a guiding principle, the conditions permit a co-investment transaction only if the Eligible Directors have made a determination that the proposed investment would not benefit an affiliated person other than the fund participating in the transaction and then only to the extent strictly permitted by the conditions.

G. Conditions

Applicants agree that any Order of the Commission granting the requested relief will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Each time an Adviser considers a Potential Co-Investment Transaction for a Co-Investment Affiliate that falls within the Company's then-current Objectives and Strategies,⁹ it will make an independent determination of the appropriateness of the investment for the Company in light of the Company's then-current circumstances.

2. (a) If the Company Adviser deems the Company's participation in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction to be appropriate for the Company, it will then determine an appropriate level of investment for the Company.

(b) If the aggregate amount recommended by the Company Adviser to be invested in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction by the Company, together with the amount proposed to be invested by any Co-Investment Affiliates, collectively, in the same transaction, exceeds the amount of the investment opportunity, the amount proposed to be invested by each party will be allocated among them pro rata based on the Recommended Amounts up to the amount proposed to be invested by each. The Company Adviser will provide the Eligible Directors with information concerning the participating Co-Investment Affiliates' available capital to assist the Eligible Directors with their review of the Company's investments for compliance with these allocation procedures.

(c) After making the determinations required in conditions 1 and 2(a), the Company Adviser will distribute written information concerning the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, including the amount proposed to be invested by the Co-Investment Affiliates, to the Eligible Directors for their consideration. The Company will co-invest with the Co-Investment Affiliates only if, prior to the Company's and the Co-Investment Affiliates' participation in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, a Required Majority concludes that:

(i) the terms of the transaction, including the consideration to be paid, are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching in respect of the Company or its stockholders on the part of any person concerned;

⁹ "Objectives and Strategies" means the Company's investment objectives and strategies, as described in the Company's registration statement on Form N-2, other filings the Company has made with the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Company's reports to stockholders.

(ii) the transaction is consistent with

(A) the interests of the stockholders of the Company; and

(B) the Company's then-current Objectives and Strategies;

(iii) the investment by the Co-Investment Affiliates would not disadvantage the Company, and participation by the Company is not on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of the Co-Investment Affiliates; provided that, if a Co-Investment Affiliate, but not the Company, gain the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company's board of directors or the right to have a board observer or any similar right to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company, such event will not be interpreted to prohibit the Required Majority from reaching the conclusions required by this condition (2)(c)(iii), if:

(A) the Eligible Directors will have the right to ratify the selection of such director or board observer, if any;

(B) the Company Adviser agrees to, and does, provide, periodic reports to the Company's Board with respect to the actions of the director or the information received by the board observer or obtained through the exercise of any similar right to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company; and

(C) any fees or other compensation that the Co-Investment Affiliate or any affiliated person of a Co-Investment Affiliate receives in connection with the right of the Co-Investment Affiliate to nominate a director or appoint a board observer or otherwise to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company will be shared proportionately among the Co-Investment Affiliate (which may, in turn, share its portion with its affiliated persons) and the Company in accordance with the amount of each party's investment; and

(iv) the proposed investment by the Company will not benefit the Advisers or the Co-Investment Affiliates or any affiliated person of any of them (other than the parties to the Co-Investment Transaction), except (A) to the extent permitted by condition 13, (B) to the extent permitted by section 17(e) or 57(k) of the Act, as applicable, (C) in the case of fees or other compensation described in condition 2(c)(iii)(C), or (D) indirectly, as a result of an interest in the securities issued by one of the parties to the Co-Investment Transaction.

3. The Company has the right to decline to participate in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction or to invest less than the amount proposed.

4. The Company Adviser will present to the Board, on a quarterly basis, a record of all investments made by the Co-Investment Affiliates during the preceding quarter that fell within the Company's then-current Objectives and Strategies that were not made available to the Company, and an explanation of why the investment opportunities were not offered to the Company. All information presented to the Board pursuant to this condition will be kept for the life of the Company and at least two years thereafter, and will be subject to examination by the Commission and its staff.

5. Except for Follow-On investments made in accordance with condition 8, the Company will not invest in reliance on the Order in any issuer in which a Co-Investment Affiliate or any affiliated person of a Co-Investment Affiliate is an existing investor.

6. The Company will not participate in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction unless the terms, conditions, price, class of securities to be purchased, settlement date, and registration rights will be the same for the Company as for the Co-Investment Affiliates. The grant to a Co-Investment Affiliate, but not the Company, of the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company's board of directors, the right to have an observer on the board of directors or similar rights to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company will not be interpreted so as to violate this condition 6, if conditions 2(c) (iii)(A), (B) and (C) are met.

7. (a) If any Co-Investment Affiliate elects to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of an interest in a security that was acquired by the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliate in a Co-Investment Transaction, the Company Adviser will:

- (i) notify the Company of the proposed Disposition at the earliest practical time; and
- (ii) formulate a recommendation as to participation by the Company in the Disposition.

(b) The Company will have the right to participate in such Disposition on a proportionate basis, at the same price and on the same terms and conditions as those applicable to the participating Co-Investment Affiliates.

(c) The Company may participate in such Disposition without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if: (i) the proposed participation of the Company and each participating Co-Investment Affiliate in such Disposition is proportionate to its outstanding investment in the security of the issuer immediately preceding the Disposition; (ii) the Board has approved as being in the best interests of the Company the ability to participate in such Dispositions on a pro rata basis (as described in greater detail in this Application); and (iii) the Board is provided on a quarterly basis with a list of all Dispositions made in accordance with this condition. In all other cases, the Company Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Company's participation to the Eligible Directors, and the Company will participate in such Disposition solely to the extent that a Required Majority determines that it is in the Company's best interests.

(d) The Company and each participating Co-Investment Affiliate will bear its own expenses in connection with any such Disposition.

8. (a) If any Co-Investment Affiliate desires to make a Follow-On Investment in a portfolio company whose securities were acquired by the Company and one or more Co-Investment Affiliate in a Co-Investment Transaction, the Company Adviser will:

- (i) notify the Company of the proposed transaction at the earliest practical time; and
- (ii) formulate a recommendation as to the proposed participation, including the amount of the proposed Follow-On Investment, by the

Company.

(b) The Company may participate in such Follow-On Investment without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if: (i) the proposed participation of the Company and each Co-Investment Affiliate in such investment is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the security of the issuer immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and (ii) the Board has approved as being in the best interests of the Company the ability to participate in Follow-On Investments on a pro rata basis (as described in greater detail in this Application). In all other cases, the Company Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Company's participation to the Eligible Directors, and the Company will participate in such Follow-On Investment solely to the extent that a Required Majority determines that it is in the Company's best interests.

(c) If, with respect to any Follow-On Investment:

(i) the amount of the opportunity is not based on the Company's and the participating Co-Investment Affiliates' outstanding investments immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and

(ii) the aggregate amount recommended by the Company Adviser to be invested by the Company in the Follow-On Investment, together with the amount proposed to be invested by the participating Co-Investment Affiliates in the same transaction, exceeds the amount of the opportunity; then the amount invested by each such party will be allocated among them pro rata based on the recommended Amounts, up to the amount proposed to be invested by each.

(d) The acquisition of Follow-On Investments as permitted by this condition will be considered a Co-Investment Transaction for all purposes and subject to the other conditions set forth in this Application.

9. The Independent Directors will be provided quarterly for review all information concerning Potential Co-Investment Transactions and Co-Investment Transactions, including investments made by the Co-Investment Affiliates that the Company considered but declined to participate in, so that the Independent Directors may determine whether all investments made during the preceding quarter, including those investments that the Company considered but declined to participate in, comply with the conditions of the Order. In addition, the Independent Directors will consider at least annually the continued appropriateness for the Company of participating in new and existing Co-Investment Transactions.

10. The Company will maintain the records required by section 57(f)(3) of the Act as if each of the investments permitted under these conditions were approved by the Required Majority under section 57(f).

11. No Independent Director will also be a director, general partner, managing member or principal, or otherwise an "affiliated person" (as defined in the Act), of a Co-Investment Affiliate.

12. The expenses, if any, associated with acquiring, holding or disposing of any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction (including, without limitation, the expenses of the distribution of any such securities registered for sale under the 1933 Act) will, to the extent not payable by an Adviser under a Co-Investment Affiliate's investment advisory agreement, be shared by the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates in proportion to the relative amounts of their securities to be acquired or disposed of, as the case may be.

13. Any transaction fee (including break-up or commitment fees but excluding broker's fees contemplated by section 17(e) or 57(k) of the Act, as applicable) received in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction will be distributed to the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates on a pro rata basis based on the amount they invested or committed, as the case may be, in such Co-Investment Transaction. If any transaction fee is to be held by an Adviser pending consummation of the transaction, the fee will be deposited into an account maintained by the Adviser at a bank or banks having the qualifications prescribed in section 26(a)(1) of the Act, and the account will earn a competitive rate of interest that will also be divided pro rata among the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates based on the amount they invest in such Co-Investment Transaction. None of the Co-Investment Affiliates, the Advisers nor any affiliated person of the Company will receive additional compensation or remuneration of any kind as a result of or in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction (other than (a) in the case of the Company and the Co-Investment Affiliates, the pro rata transaction fees described above and fees or other compensation described in condition 2(c)(iii)(C) and (b) in the case of the Advisers, investment advisory fees paid in accordance with the each investment advisory agreement).

III. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A. Communications

Please address all communications concerning this Application and the Notice and Order to:

Bernard D. Berman
Fifth Street Finance Corp.
10 Bank Street, 12th Floor
White Plains, NY 10606
(914) 286-6800

Please address any questions, and a copy of any communications, concerning this Application, the Notice and Order to:

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B. Authorization

Pursuant to Rule 0-2(c) under the Act, Applicants hereby state that the Company, by resolution duly adopted by the Board on February 15, 2013 (attached hereto as Exhibit A), has authorized to cause to be prepared and to execute and file with the Commission this Application and any amendment thereto under Section 57(i) of the Act and Rule 17d-1 under the Act, for an order pursuant to section 57(i) of the Act, and Rule 17d-1 under the Act, permitting certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by Section 57(a)(4) of such Act. Each person executing the Application on behalf of the Applicants says that he has duly executed the Application for and on behalf of the Applicants; that he is authorized to execute the Application pursuant to the terms of an operating agreement, management agreement or otherwise; and that all actions by members, directors or other bodies necessary to authorize each such deponent to execute and file the Application have been taken.

All requirements for the execution and filing of this Application in the name and on behalf of each Applicant by the undersigned have been complied with and the undersigned is fully authorized to do so and has duly executed this Application this 12th day of March, 2013.

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Title: President, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary

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VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application, dated March 12, 2013, for and on behalf of the Applicants, as the case may be, that he holds the office with such entity as indicated below and that all action by the directors, stockholders, general partners, trustees or members of each entity, as applicable, necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument and the contents thereof and that the facts set forth therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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**Resolutions of the Board of
FIFTH STREET FINANCE CORP.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the Company's Co-Investment Exemptive Application (the "**Exemptive Application**"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, for an order of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**SEC**") pursuant to Section 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**1940 Act**"), and Rule 17d-1 promulgated under the 1940 Act, permitting certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by Section 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers (as defined below) shall be, and each of them individually hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Company, to cause to be executed, delivered and filed with the SEC the Exemptive Application, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers shall be, and each of them individually hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Company, to cause to be made, executed, delivered and filed with the SEC any amendments to the Exemptive Application and any additional applications for exemptive relief as are determined necessary, advisable or appropriate by any such officers in order to effectuate the foregoing, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the taking of any such action; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts and things previously done by any of the Authorized Officers, on or prior to the date hereof, in the name and on behalf of the Company in connection with the foregoing resolutions are in all respects authorized, ratified, approved, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds by and on behalf of the Company; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any officer of the Company be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed to certify and deliver copies of these resolutions to such governmental bodies, agencies, persons, firms or corporations as such officer may deem necessary and to identify by such officer's signature or certificate, or in such form as may be required, the documents and instruments presented to and approved herein and to furnish evidence of the approval, by an officer authorized to give such approval, of any document, instrument or provision or any addition, deletion or change in any document or instrument; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that for purposes of the foregoing resolutions, the Authorized Officers of the Company shall be the Chief Executive Officer, the President, Chief Compliance Officer & Secretary, and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company (collectively, the "**Authorized Officers**").

(Adopted by Unanimous Written Consent dated February 15, 2013)