Trends in the U.S. Solar Sector

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Abstract: On October 16, 2017, Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P., along with its institutional partners, closed on an acquisition of a 51% interest in TerraForm Power, a large scale, diversified portfolio of solar and wind assets predominantly located in the U.S. TerraForm represents Brookfield Renewable’s first meaningful investment into solar and distributed generation and provides a platform for further growth in these sectors. In light of this transaction, we will review the investment environment for solar in the U.S. and discuss how TerraForm is positioning itself to operate in this exciting space.

Valerie Hannah is the Chief Operating Officer of TerraForm Power and is responsible for all operations, power marketing and regulatory affairs of the company. She also oversees human resources and information technology. Ms. Hannah brings deep operating expertise to her role having held a number of leadership positions at Brookfield Renewable, where she helped the company achieve a track record of driving value through growth initiatives, increasing cash flows and mitigating risks. Prior to her current role, Ms. Hannah served as Senior Vice President, Acquisitions & Integrations at Brookfield Renewable with a focus on TerraForm Power. She also served as the Chief Financial Officer, North America at Brookfield Renewable where she was responsible for all capital markets activities including accounting, financial reporting, treasury, and taxation in North America. Ms. Hannah holds a Graduate Diploma from McGill University and is a Chartered Accountant.

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