## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	) Chapter 11
SOUTHCROSS ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P., et al.,	) Case No. 19-10702 (MFW)
	) Jointly Administered
Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	)

FINAL ORDER (I) GRANTING ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE STATUS TO DEBTORS' UNDISPUTED OBLIGATIONS TO VENDORS ARISING FROM THE POST-PETITION DELIVERY OF GOODS ORDERED PREPETITION, (II) AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO PAY THOSE OBLIGATIONS IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS, (III) AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO RETURN GOODS, AND (IV) AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO HONOR AND PROCESS RELATED CHECKS AND TRANSFERS

Upon the motion (the "**Motion**")<sup>2</sup> of Southcross Energy Partners, L.P. ("**Southcross**"), Southcross Energy Partners GP, LLC, and Southcross's wholly owned direct and indirect subsidiaries, each of which is a debtor and debtor in possession in the Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**"), for entry of an order pursuant to sections 105(a), 363, 503(b), 507(a)(2), and 546 of the Bankruptcy Code, (a) granting the Vendors administrative priority

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective Employer Identification Numbers, are as follows: Southcross Energy Partners, L.P. (5230); Southcross Energy Partners GP, LLC (5141); Southcross Energy Finance Corp. (2225); Southcross Energy Operating, LLC (9605); Southcross Energy GP LLC (4246); Southcross Energy LP LLC (4304); Southcross Gathering Ltd. (7233); Southcross CCNG Gathering Ltd. (9553); Southcross CCNG Transmission Ltd. (4531); Southcross Marketing Company Ltd. (3313); Southcross NGL Pipeline Ltd. (3214); Southcross Midstream Services, L.P. (5932); Southcross Mississippi Industrial Gas Sales, L.P. (7519); Southcross Mississippi Pipeline, L.P. (7499); Southcross Gulf Coast Transmission Ltd. (0546); Southcross Mississippi Gathering, L.P. (2994); Southcross Delta Pipeline LLC (6804); Southcross Alabama Pipeline LLC (7180); Southcross Nueces Pipelines LLC (7034); Southcross Processing LLC (0672); FL Rich Gas Services GP, LLC (5172); FL Rich Gas Services, LP (0219); FL Rich Gas Utility GP, LLC (3280); FL Rich Gas Utility, LP (3644); Southcross Transmission, LP (6432); T2 EF Cogeneration Holdings LLC (0613); and T2 EF Cogeneration LLC (4976). The debtors' mailing address is 1717 Main Street, Suite 5300, Dallas, TX 75201.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

status under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code for undisputed obligations arising from the Debtors' outstanding Prepetition Orders for certain Goods received and accepted by the Debtors on or after the Petition Date, (b) authorizing the Debtors to pay, in their sole discretion, such obligations in the ordinary course of business under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, (c) authorizing the Debtors, in their sole discretion, under section 546(h) of the Bankruptcy Code, to return Goods purchased from Vendors by the Debtors prior to the Petition Date for credit against such Vendors' prepetition claims, and (d) authorizing the Debtors' financial institutions to receive, process, honor, and pay all checks or wire transfers used by the Debtors to pay the foregoing, as more fully described in the Motion; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the matters raised in the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and the Court having authority to hear the matters raised in the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157; and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and consideration of the Motion and the requested relief being a core proceeding that the Court can determine pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and due and proper notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion having been given to the parties listed therein, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having reviewed and considered the Motion and the Howe Declaration; and the Court having held an interim hearing on the Motion; and the Court having granted interim relief on the Motion on April 2, 2019 (D.I. 56); ); and the Court having the opportunity to hold a final hearing on the Motion (the "Final Hearing"); and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Final Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and the Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion being in the best

interests of the Debtors, their creditors, their estates, and all other parties in interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The relief requested in the Motion is hereby granted as set forth herein.
- 2. The Debtors' Vendors shall be granted administrative expense claims with priority status, pursuant to sections 503(b) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, with respect to those obligations of the Debtors for Goods delivered to and accepted by the Debtors on or after the Petition Date under Prepetition Orders that the Debtors determine are valid claims against the Debtors' estates.
- 3. The Debtors are authorized, in their sole discretion, to pay all undisputed obligations arising from the post-petition delivery or shipment by the Vendors of Goods, including shipments of parts, inventory, supplies, and equipment, subject to the Prepetition Orders, consistent with their customary practices in the ordinary course of their businesses, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. The Debtors are authorized, in their sole discretion, under section 546(h) of the Bankruptcy Code, subject to the limitations imposed by any orders of this Court and the prior rights of holders of security interests in such Goods or the proceeds of such Goods, to the extent of such interests, to return to Vendors Goods that were delivered before the Petition Date for an offset of the purchase price of such Goods against such Vendors' prepetition claims.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> To the extent the Debtors in good faith are unable to ascertain what portion of obligations owed to Vendors are on account of Goods and what portion are on account of services, the Debtors are authorized to pay the totality of such obligations.

- 5. All applicable banks and other financial institutions are hereby authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay any and all checks, drafts, wires, check transfer requests, or automated clearing house transfers evidencing amounts paid by the Debtors under this Order whether presented prior to, on, or after the Petition Date. Such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the representations of the Debtors as to which checks are issued or authorized to be paid pursuant to this Order without any duty of further inquiry and without liability for following the Debtors' instructions.
- 6. Nothing in this Order or any action taken by the Debtors in furtherance of the implementation hereof shall be deemed to constitute an assumption or rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, and all of the Debtors' rights with respect to such matters are expressly reserved.
- 7. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein and any actions taken hereunder, nothing contained herein shall (a) create, nor is it intended to create, any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by, any person or entity or (b) be deemed to convert the priority of any claim from a prepetition claim into an administrative expense claim.
- 8. Nothing in this Order nor the Debtors' payment of claims pursuant to this Order shall be construed as or deemed to constitute (a) an agreement or admission by the Debtors as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors on any ground, (b) a grant of third party beneficiary status or bestowal of any additional rights on any third party, (c) a waiver or impairment of any rights, claims, or defenses of the Debtors' rights to dispute any claim on any grounds, (d) a promise by the Debtors to pay any claim, or (e) an implication or admission by the Debtors that such claim is payable pursuant to this Order.

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9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order, in the event of any

inconsistency between the terms of this Order and the terms of any order of this Court approving

the debtor-in-possession financing facility and use of cash collateral (the "DIP Order"),

including, without limitation, any budget in connection therewith, the terms of the DIP Order

shall govern.

10. Any Bankruptcy Rule (including, but not limited to, Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h)) or

Local Rule that might otherwise delay the effectiveness of this Order is hereby waived, and the

terms and conditions of this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon its entry.

11. The Debtors are authorized to take all such actions as are necessary or appropriate

to implement the terms of this Order.

12. Proper, timely, adequate, and sufficient notice of the Motion has been provided in

accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules, and no other

or further notice of the Motion or the entry of this Order shall be required.

13. The Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters

arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: April 23rd, 2019

Wilmington, Delaware

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**