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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-3**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

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**DCP MIDSTREAM, LP**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**03-0567133**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**370 17th Street, Suite 2500**  
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**(303) 595-3331**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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**From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.**  
(Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public)

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If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box:

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If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box:

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common units representing limited partner interests	\$750,000,000 (1)	\$81,825 (2)

- (1) The amount of securities being registered consists of up to \$750,000,000 of an indeterminate number or aggregate offering price of common units representing limited partner interests in DCP Midstream, LP (the "Registrant"), estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act, the registration fee due under this registration statement is being offset by \$86,925, which represents the portion of the registration fee previously paid by the Registrant with respect to \$750,000,000 of unsold securities previously registered on the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-219927) initially filed on August 11, 2017. Consequently, the filing fee transmitted herewith is \$0.

**The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION

DATED OCTOBER 2, 2020

PROSPECTUS



\$750,000,000

## DCP Midstream, LP

### Common Units Representing Limited Partner Interests

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We may offer and sell up to \$750,000,000 in aggregate offering price of common units representing limited partner interests in DCP Midstream, LP, from time to time in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions and other factors at the time of our offerings.

We will sell these common units directly to investors, or through agents, dealers or underwriters as designated from time to time, or through a combination of these methods, on a continuous or delayed basis.

This prospectus describes the general terms that apply to the common units and the general manner in which they may be offered. Each time we offer to sell common units pursuant to this prospectus, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the terms of the offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell the common units unless it is accompanied by the applicable prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein carefully before you invest in the common units. You should also read the documents we have referred you to in the "Where You Can Find More Information" section of this prospectus for information about us, including our financial statements.

Our common units are listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, under the symbol "DCP".

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**Investing in our common units involves risks. Limited partnerships are inherently different from corporations. Before you make an investment in our common units, you should carefully consider the risk factors described under "[Risk Factors](#)" beginning on page 5 of this prospectus, and contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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The date of this prospectus is October 2, 2020

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using a “shelf” registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, offer and sell, in one or more offerings, in any combination, a number and amount of common units of DCP Midstream, LP with a maximum aggregate offering price of \$750,000,000, as described in this prospectus. This prospectus generally describes us and the common units of DCP Midstream, LP.

Each time we offer to sell common units pursuant to this prospectus, we will deliver a prospectus supplement that describes specific information about the offering. The prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change the information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, on the one hand, and the information contained or incorporated by reference in any applicable prospectus supplement, on the other hand, you should rely on the information contained or incorporated by reference in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Wherever references are made in this prospectus to information that will be included in a prospectus supplement, to the extent permitted by applicable law, rules, or regulations, we may instead include such information or add, update, or change the information contained in this prospectus by means of a post-effective amendment to the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, through filings we make with the SEC that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus or by any other method as may then be permitted under applicable law, rules, or regulations.

Statements made in this prospectus, in any prospectus supplement or in any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete. In each instance we refer you to the copy of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or as an exhibit to the documents incorporated by reference. You may obtain copies of those documents as described in this prospectus under “Where You Can Find More Information”.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement and for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreements, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you. Such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any “free writing prospectus” we may authorize to be delivered to you. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any information other than what is contained in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any “free writing prospectus” or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any “free writing prospectus”. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We are not making an offer to sell or soliciting an offer to buy any securities other than the common units described in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. We are not making an offer to sell or soliciting an offer to buy the common units in any state or jurisdiction where an offer is not permitted or in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful.

Neither the delivery of this prospectus nor any sale made hereunder implies that there has been no change in our affairs or that the information in this prospectus is correct as of any date after the date of this prospectus. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, including any information incorporated in this prospectus by reference, the accompanying prospectus supplement or any “free writing prospectus” we may authorize to be delivered to you, is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of each of those

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documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Throughout this prospectus, when we use the terms “we,” “us,” “our,” or “DCP,” we are referring either to DCP Midstream, LP, itself, or to DCP Midstream, LP and its operating subsidiaries, collectively, as the context requires. References in this prospectus to our “general partner” refer to DCP Midstream GP, LP and/or DCP Midstream GP, LLC, the general partner of DCP Midstream GP, LP, as the context requires.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the disclosure requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and file Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and other information with the SEC. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Unless specifically listed or described under "Incorporation by Reference" below, the information contained on the SEC website is not intended to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus and you should not consider that information a part of this prospectus.

Our SEC filings can also be inspected and copied at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 11 Wall Street, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10005. We will also provide to you, at no cost, a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement and any exhibits specifically incorporated by reference in those documents. You may request a copy of any document incorporated by reference into this prospectus (including exhibits to those documents specifically incorporated by reference in this document), at no cost, by visiting our website at [www.dcpmidstream.com](http://www.dcpmidstream.com), or by writing or calling us at the following address:

**DCP Midstream, LP**  
**370 17th Street, Suite 2500**  
**Denver, Colorado 80202**  
**Attention: Corporate Secretary**  
**Telephone: (303) 595-3331**

We make available free of charge on or through our website our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and you should not consider that information a part of this prospectus.

## INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to “incorporate by reference” into this prospectus the information we have filed with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus by referring you to those documents filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and may replace information in this prospectus and information previously filed with the SEC. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (excluding in all cases any information furnished under Items 2.02 or 7.01 or exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 on any Current Report on Form 8-K) after (i) the date on which the registration statement that includes this prospectus was initially filed with the SEC and before the effectiveness of such registration statement and (ii) the date of this prospectus and until the termination of this offering:

- Our Annual Report on [Form 10-K](#) (File No. 001-32678) for the year ended December 31, 2019, filed with the SEC on February 21, 2020, as amended by [Amendment No. 1](#), filed with the SEC on March 6, 2020, and [Amendment No. 2](#), filed with the SEC on March 30, 2020;
- Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-32678) for the quarter ended [March 31, 2020](#), filed with the SEC on May 7, 2020, and the quarter ended [June 30, 2020](#), filed with the SEC on August 6, 2020;
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K (File No. 001-32678) filed with the SEC on [April 13, 2020](#), [June 16, 2020](#), [June 19, 2020](#), and [June 24, 2020](#); and
- The description of our common units contained in our registration statement on [Form 8-A](#) (File No. 001-32678) filed with the SEC on November 18, 2005, and any subsequent amendment thereto filed for the purpose of updating such description.

These reports contain important information about us, our financial condition and our results of operations.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or considered to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus shall be considered to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any subsequently filed document that is or is considered to be incorporated by reference modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement that is modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this prospectus.

You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any “free writing prospectus” is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of each of those documents.

## RISK FACTORS

*An investment in our common units involves risks. Limited partner interests are inherently different from the capital stock of a corporation, although many of the business risks to which we are subject are similar to those that would be faced by a corporation engaged in a similar business. Before you invest in our common units, you should carefully consider the risk factors included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, which are incorporated herein by reference. You should also carefully consider any risk factors that may be included in the applicable prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference herein or therein, in evaluating an investment in our common units.*

*If any of the risks discussed in the foregoing documents were to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations, or cash flow could be materially adversely affected. In that case, our ability to make distributions to our unitholders may be reduced or the trading price of our common units could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.*

## CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the information included in this prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference herein contain “forward-looking” statements. All statements that are not statements of historical facts, including statements regarding our future financial position, business strategy, budgets, projected costs and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements as defined under the federal securities law. You can typically identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words, such as “may,” “could,” “should,” “intend,” “assume,” “project,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “expect,” “estimate,” “potential,” “plan,” “forecast” and other similar words. When considering forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference herein and therein.

These forward-looking statements reflect our intentions, plans, expectations, assumptions and beliefs about future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside our control. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements include known and unknown risks. Known risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, (i) the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, as amended, which is incorporated herein by reference, (ii) the risks described in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2020, and June 30, 2020, and (iii) the risks described herein and in any applicable prospectus supplement. Some of these risks are summarized below:

- the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic and disruption to economies around the world, including the oil, gas and NGL industry in which we operate and the resulting adverse impact on our business, liquidity, commodity prices, workforce, and third-party and counterparty effects and resulting federal, state and local actions;
- the extent of changes in commodity prices and the demand for our products and services, our ability to effectively limit a portion of the adverse impact of potential changes in commodity prices through derivative financial instruments, and the potential impact of price, and of producers’ access to capital on natural gas drilling, demand for our services, and the volume of NGLs and condensate extracted;
- the demand for crude oil, residue gas and NGL products;
- the level and success of drilling and quality of production volumes around our assets and our ability to connect supplies to our gathering and processing systems, as well as our residue gas and NGL infrastructure;

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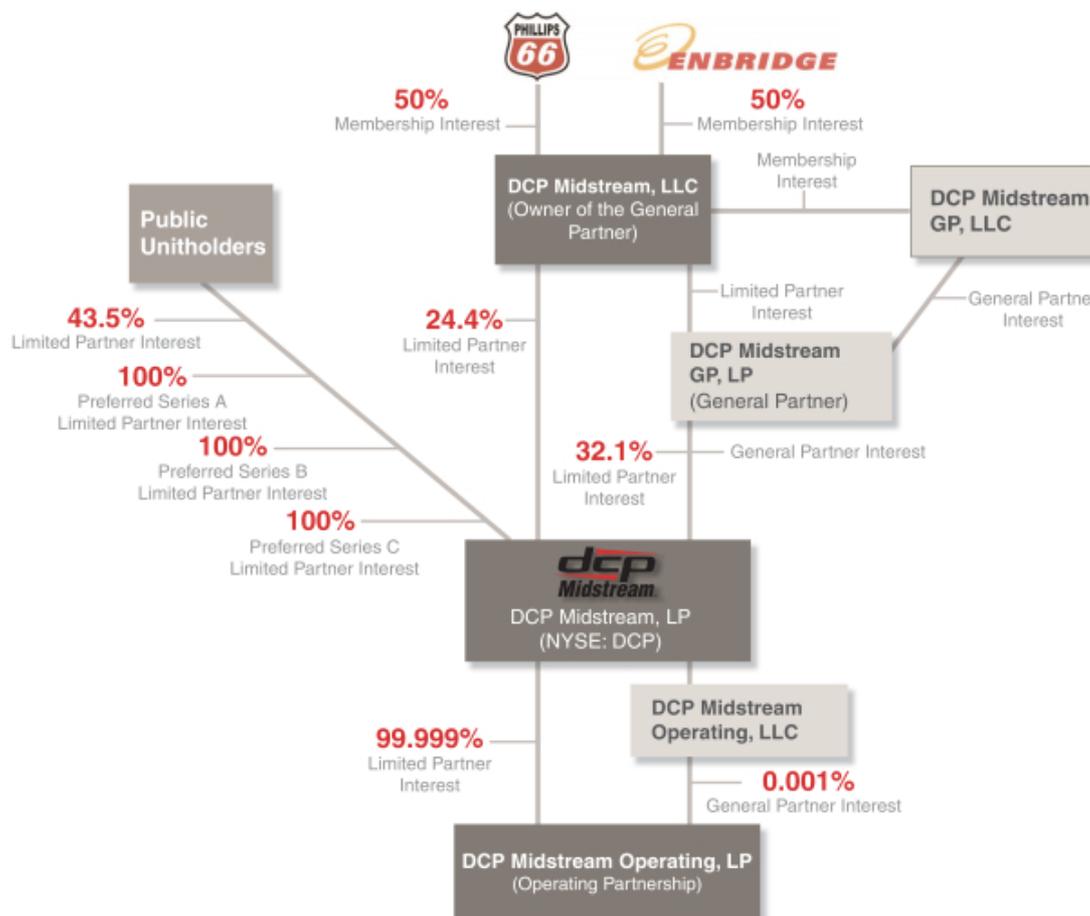
- new, additions to, and changes in laws and regulations, particularly with regard to taxes, safety, regulatory and protection of the environment, including, but not limited to, climate change legislation, regulation of over-the-counter derivatives markets and entities, and hydraulic fracturing regulations, or the increased regulation of our industry, including additional local control over such activities, and their impact on producers and customers served by our systems;
- volatility in the price of our common units and preferred units;
- general economic, market and business conditions;
- the amount of natural gas we gather, compress, treat, process, transport, store and sell, or the NGLs we produce, fractionate, transport, store and sell, may be reduced if the pipelines, storage and fractionation facilities to which we deliver the natural gas or NGLs are capacity constrained and cannot, or will not, accept the natural gas or NGLs or we may be required to find alternative markets and arrangements for our natural gas and NGLs;
- our ability to continue the safe and reliable operation of our assets;
- our ability to grow through organic growth projects, or acquisitions, and the successful integration and future performance of such assets;
- our ability to access the debt and equity markets and the resulting cost of capital, which will depend on general market conditions, our financial and operating results, inflation rates, interest rates, our ability to comply with the covenants in our \$1.4 billion unsecured revolving credit facility or other credit facilities, and the indentures governing our notes, as well as our ability to maintain our credit ratings;
- the creditworthiness of our customers and the counterparties to our transactions;
- the amount of collateral we may be required to post from time to time in our transactions;
- industry changes, including the impact of bankruptcies, consolidations, alternative energy sources, technological advances, infrastructure constraints and changes in competition
- our ability to construct and start up facilities on budget and in a timely fashion, which is partially dependent on obtaining required construction, environmental and other permits issued by federal, state and municipal governments, or agencies thereof, the availability of specialized contractors and laborers, and the price of and demand for materials;
- our ability to hire, train, and retain qualified personnel and key management to execute our business strategy;
- weather, weather-related conditions and other natural phenomena, including, but not limited to, their potential impact on demand for the commodities we sell and the operation of company-owned and third party-owned infrastructure;
- security threats such as terrorist attacks, and cybersecurity attacks and breaches, against, or otherwise impacting, our facilities and systems; and
- our ability to obtain insurance on commercially reasonable terms, if at all, as well as the adequacy of insurance to cover our losses.

You should read these statements carefully because they discuss our expectations about our future performance, contain projections of our future operating results or our future financial condition, or state other forward-looking information. Before you invest, you should be aware that the occurrence of any of the events described in the “Risk Factors” section of this prospectus, of any prospectus supplement, and of the documents that are incorporated herein by reference could substantially harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the events described in the forward-looking statements might not occur or might occur to a different extent or at a different time than we have described. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable securities laws.

## ABOUT DCP MIDSTREAM, LP

We are a Delaware limited partnership formed in August 2005 by DCP Midstream, LLC to own, operate, acquire and develop a diversified portfolio of complementary midstream energy assets. DCP Midstream, LLC and its subsidiaries and affiliates, collectively referred to as DCP Midstream, LLC, is owned 50% by Phillips 66 and 50% by Enbridge Inc. and its affiliates, or Enbridge.

The diagram below depicts our organizational structure as of October 1, 2020:



Our operations are conducted through, and our operating assets are owned by, our subsidiaries. We own our interests in our subsidiaries through our 100% ownership interest in our operating partnership, DCP Midstream Operating, LP. DCP Midstream GP, LLC is the general partner of our general partner, DCP Midstream GP, LP, and has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations.

Our operations are organized into two reportable segments: (i) Logistics and Marketing and (ii) Gathering and Processing. Our Logistics and Marketing segment includes transporting, trading, marketing, and storing natural gas and NGLs, and fractionating NGLs. Our Gathering and Processing segment consists of gathering, compressing, treating, and processing natural gas, producing and fractionating NGLs, and recovering condensate.

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Our principal executive office is located at 370 17th Street, Suite 2500, Denver, Colorado 80202, and our telephone number is (303) 595-3331. Our website is located at [www.dcpmidstream.com](http://www.dcpmidstream.com). Information on this website or any other website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus. Our common units are traded on the NYSE under the symbol “DCP”.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we specify otherwise in any prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds (after the payment of any offering expenses and underwriting discounts and commissions) from our sale of common units using this prospectus for general partnership purposes, which may include, among other things:

- funding working capital, capital expenditures, or acquisitions; and
- repaying or refinancing all or a portion of our indebtedness outstanding at the time.

The actual application of proceeds from the sale of any particular offering of common units pursuant to this prospectus will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to such offering. The precise amount and timing of the application of these proceeds will depend upon our funding requirements and the availability and cost of other funds. We may temporarily invest the net proceeds in short-term marketable securities until they are used for their stated purposes.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMON UNITS

### The Common Units

We currently have outstanding common units, which are limited partner interests in us. The holders of our common units are entitled to participate in partnership distributions and exercise the rights or privileges available to limited partners under our partnership agreement. For a description of the relative rights and preferences in and to partnership distributions of holders of common units and holders of other partnership interests in us, please read this section and “Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions”. For a general discussion of the expected U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning and disposing of common units, please read “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences”.

Our outstanding common units are listed on the NYSE under the symbol “DCP”. Any additional common units we issue will also be listed on the NYSE.

### Number of Common Units

As of October 1, 2020, we had 208,351,528 common units outstanding.

### Voting Rights

The following is a summary of the unitholder vote required for the matters specified below. Matters requiring the approval of a “unit majority” require the approval of a majority of the common units.

In voting their common units, our general partner and its affiliates will have no fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to us or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of us or the limited partners.

Issuance of additional units	No approval right.
Amendment of the partnership agreement	Certain amendments may be made by the general partner without the approval of the unitholders. Other amendments require the approval of a unit majority. Please read “—Amendment of the Partnership Agreement”.
Merger, consolidation or conversion of our partnership or the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of our assets	Unit majority in certain circumstances. Please read “—Merger, Consolidation, Conversion, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets”.
Termination and dissolution of our partnership	Unit majority. Please read “—Termination and Dissolution”.
Continuation of our business upon dissolution	Unit majority. Please read “—Termination and Dissolution”.
Withdrawal of the general partner	No approval right. Please read “—Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner”.
Removal of the general partner	Not less than 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding common units, including units held by our general partner and its affiliates. Please read “—Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner”.
Transfer of the general partner interest	No approval right. Please read “—Transfer of General Partner Interest”.
Transfer of ownership interests in our general partner	No approval required at any time. Please read “—Transfer of Ownership Interests in the General Partner”.

### **Limited Liability**

Assuming that a limited partner does not participate in the control of our business within the meaning of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, or the Delaware Act, and that such limited partner otherwise acts in conformity with the provisions of the partnership agreement, such limited partner's liability under the Delaware Act will be limited, subject to possible exceptions, to the amount of capital such limited partner is obligated to contribute to us for its units plus its share of any undistributed profits and assets. If it were determined, however, that the right, or exercise of the right, by the limited partners as a group:

- to remove or replace the general partner;
- to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement; or
- to take other action under the partnership agreement;

constituted "participation in the control" of our business for the purposes of the Delaware Act, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for our obligations under the laws of Delaware, to the same extent as the general partner. This liability would extend to persons who transact business with us who reasonably believe that the limited partner is a general partner. Neither the partnership agreement nor the Delaware Act specifically provides for legal recourse against the general partner if a limited partner were to lose limited liability through any fault of the general partner. While this does not mean that a limited partner could not seek legal recourse, we know of no precedent for this type of a claim in Delaware case law.

Under the Delaware Act, a limited partnership may not make a distribution to a partner if, after the distribution, all liabilities of the limited partnership, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specific property of the partnership, would exceed the fair value of the assets of the limited partnership. For the purpose of determining the fair value of the assets of a limited partnership, the Delaware Act provides that the fair value of property subject to liability for which recourse of creditors is limited shall be included in the assets of the limited partnership only to the extent that the fair value of that property exceeds the nonrecourse liability. The Delaware Act provides that a limited partner who receives a distribution and knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution was in violation of the Delaware Act shall be liable to the limited partnership for the amount of the distribution for three years. Under the Delaware Act, a substituted limited partner of a limited partnership is liable for the obligations of its assignor to make contributions to the partnership, except that such person is not obligated for liabilities unknown to it at the time it became a limited partner and that could not be ascertained from the partnership agreement.

Our subsidiaries conduct business in multiple states and we may have subsidiaries that conduct business in additional states in the future. Maintenance of our limited liability as a limited partner of the operating partnership, may require compliance with legal requirements in the jurisdictions in which the operating partnership conducts business, including qualifying our subsidiaries to do business there.

Limitations on the liability of limited partners for the obligations of a limited partner have not been clearly established in many jurisdictions. If, by virtue of our partnership interest in our operating partnership or otherwise, it were determined that we were conducting business in any state without compliance with the applicable limited partnership or limited liability company statute, or that the right or exercise of the right by the limited partners as a group to remove or replace the general partner, to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement, or to take other action under the partnership agreement constituted "participation in the control" of our business for purposes of the statutes of any relevant jurisdiction, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for our obligations under the law of that jurisdiction to the same extent as the general partner under the circumstances. We will operate in a manner that the general partner considers reasonable and necessary or appropriate to preserve the limited liability of the limited partners.

### **Issuance of Additional Securities**

Our partnership agreement authorizes us to issue an unlimited number of additional partnership securities for the consideration and on the terms and conditions determined by our general partner without the approval of the

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common unitholders. However, without the consent of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units, Series B Preferred Units and Series C Preferred Units (voting as a class together with holders of any other parity securities), we may not (1) create or issue any parity securities if the cumulative distributions payable on outstanding Series A Preferred Units, Series B Preferred Units or Series C Preferred Units (or any other parity securities) are in arrears, (2) create or issue any senior securities, or (3) declare or pay any distribution to holders of common units from available cash from capital surplus.

It is possible that we will fund acquisitions through the issuance of additional common units, preferred units, subordinated units or other partnership securities. Holders of any additional common units that we issue in the future will be entitled to share equally in our distributions of available cash with the then-existing holders of common units. In addition, the issuance of additional common units or other partnership securities may dilute the value of the interests of the then-existing holders of common units in our net assets.

In accordance with Delaware law and the provisions of our partnership agreement, we may also issue additional partnership securities that, as determined by our general partner, may have special voting rights to which the common units are not entitled. In addition, our partnership agreement does not prohibit the issuance by our subsidiaries of equity securities, which may effectively rank senior to the common units.

### **Amendment of the Partnership Agreement**

*General.* Amendments to our partnership agreement may be proposed only by or with the consent of our general partner. However, our general partner will have no duty or obligation to propose any amendment and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to us or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of us or the limited partners. In order to adopt a proposed amendment, other than the amendments discussed below, our general partner is required to seek written approval of the holders of the number of units required to approve the amendment or call a meeting of the limited partners to consider and vote upon the proposed amendment. Except as described below, an amendment must be approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority.

*Prohibited Amendments.* No amendment may be made that would:

- enlarge the obligations of any limited partner without its consent, unless approved by at least a majority of the type or class of limited partner interests so affected; or
- enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable by us to our general partner or any of its affiliates without the consent of our general partner, which consent may be given or withheld at its option.

The provision of our partnership agreement preventing the amendments having the effects described in any of the clauses above can be amended upon the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the outstanding units voting together as a single class (including units owned by our general partner and its affiliates), only if we obtain an opinion of counsel to the effect that such amendment will not affect the limited liability of any limited partner under the Delaware Act. As of October 1, 2020, our general partner and its affiliates owned approximately 57% of the outstanding common units.

*No Unitholder Approval.* Our general partner may generally make amendments to our partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner or assignee to reflect:

- a change in our name, the location of our principal place of our business, our registered agent or our registered office;
- the admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of partners in accordance with our partnership agreement;

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- a change that our general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to qualify or continue our qualification as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or to ensure that neither we nor the operating partnership nor any of its subsidiaries will be treated (to the extent not previously treated as such) as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes;
- an amendment that is necessary, in the opinion of our counsel, to prevent us or our general partner or its directors, officers, agents or trustees from, in any manner, being subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Investment Advisors Act of 1940, or “plan asset” regulations adopted under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or ERISA, whether or not substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed by the U.S. Department of Labor;
- an amendment that our general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the authorization of additional partnership securities or rights to acquire partnership securities;
- an amendment expressly permitted in our partnership agreement to be made by our general partner acting alone;
- an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by a merger agreement that has been approved under the terms of our partnership agreement;
- an amendment that our general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the formation by us of, or our investment in, any corporation, partnership, or other entity, as otherwise permitted by our partnership agreement;
- a change in our fiscal year or taxable year and related changes;
- conversions into, mergers with or conveyances to another limited liability entity that is newly formed and has no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of the conversion, merger or conveyance other than those it receives by way of the conversion, merger or conveyance; or
- any other amendments substantially similar to any of the matters described in the clauses above.

In addition, our general partner may make amendments to our partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner if our general partner determines that those amendments:

- do not adversely affect the limited partners (or any particular class of limited partners) in any material respect;
- are necessary or appropriate to satisfy any requirements, conditions or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling or regulation of any federal or state agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal or state statute;
- are necessary or appropriate to facilitate the trading of limited partner interests or to comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any national securities exchange on which the limited partner interests are or will be listed or admitted to trading;
- are necessary or appropriate for any action taken by our general partner relating to splits or combinations of units under the provisions of our partnership agreement; or
- are required to effect the intent expressed in our original registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-128378), filed with the SEC on September 16, 2005, as amended or supplemented, or the intent of the provisions of our partnership agreement or are otherwise contemplated by our partnership agreement.

*Opinion of Counsel and Unitholder Approval.* Our general partner will not be required to obtain an opinion of counsel that an amendment will not result in a loss of limited liability to the limited partners or result in our being treated as an entity for federal income tax purposes in connection with any of the amendments described above.

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No other amendments to our partnership agreement will become effective without the approval of holders of at least 90% of the outstanding units voting as a single class unless we first obtain an opinion of counsel to the effect that the amendment will not affect the limited liability under applicable law of any of our limited partners. In addition to the above restrictions, any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any type or class of outstanding units in relation to other classes of units will require the approval of at least a majority of the type or class of units so affected. Any amendment that reduces the voting percentage required to take any action is required to be approved by the affirmative vote of limited partners whose aggregate outstanding units constitute not less than the voting requirement sought to be reduced.

### **Merger, Consolidation, Conversion, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets**

A merger, consolidation or conversion of us requires the prior consent of our general partner. However, our general partner will have no duty or obligation to consent to any merger, consolidation or conversion and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to us or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interest of us or the limited partners.

In addition, the partnership agreement generally prohibits our general partner, without the prior approval of the holders of units representing a unit majority, from causing us to, among other things, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, including by way of merger, consolidation or other combination, or approving on our behalf the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of our subsidiaries. Our general partner may, however, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of our assets without that approval. Our general partner may also sell all or substantially all of our assets under a foreclosure or other realization upon those encumbrances without that approval. Finally, our general partner may consummate any merger without the prior approval of our unitholders if we are the surviving entity in the transaction, our general partner has received an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters, the transaction would not result in a material amendment to the partnership agreement, each of our units will be an identical unit of our partnership following the transaction, and the partnership securities to be issued in connection with such merger or consolidation do not exceed 20% of our outstanding partnership securities immediately prior to the transaction.

If the conditions specified in the partnership agreement are satisfied, our general partner may convert us or any of our subsidiaries into a new limited liability entity or merge us or any of our subsidiaries into, or convey all of our assets to, a newly formed entity if the sole purpose of that conversion, merger or conveyance is to effect a mere change in our legal form into another limited liability entity, our general partner has received an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters, and the governing instruments of the new entity provide the limited partners and the general partner with the same rights and obligations as contained in the partnership agreement. The unitholders are not entitled to dissenters' rights of appraisal under the partnership agreement or applicable Delaware law in the event of a conversion, merger or consolidation, a sale of substantially all of our assets or any other similar transaction or event.

### **Termination and Dissolution**

We will continue as a limited partnership until terminated under our partnership agreement. We will dissolve upon:

- the election of our general partner to dissolve us, if approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority;
- there being no limited partners, unless we are continued without dissolution in accordance with the Delaware Act;
- the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of our partnership; or

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- the withdrawal or removal of our general partner or any other event that results in its ceasing to be our general partner other than by reason of a transfer of its general partner interest in accordance with our partnership agreement or withdrawal or removal following approval and admission of a successor.

Upon a dissolution under the last clause above, the holders of units representing a unit majority may also elect, within specific time limitations, to continue our business on the same terms and conditions described in our partnership agreement by appointing as a successor general partner an entity approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority, subject to our receipt of an opinion of counsel to the effect that:

- the action would not result in the loss of limited liability of any limited partner; and
- neither our partnership, our operating partnership, nor any of our other subsidiaries, would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise be taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes upon the exercise of that right to continue.

### **Liquidation and Distribution of Proceeds**

Upon our dissolution, unless we are continued as a new limited partnership, the liquidator authorized to wind up our affairs will act with all of the powers of our general partner that are necessary or appropriate to liquidate our assets and apply the proceeds of the liquidation as described in “Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions—Distributions of Cash Upon Liquidation”. The liquidator may defer liquidation or distribution of our assets for a reasonable period of time or distribute assets to our partners. The liquidator may distribute our assets, in whole or in part, in kind if it determines that a sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to our partners.

### **Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner**

Our general partner may withdraw as general partner without obtaining approval of any unitholder by giving 90 days’ written notice, provided that such withdrawal will not constitute a violation of our partnership agreement.

In addition, the partnership agreement permits our general partner in some instances to sell or otherwise transfer all of its general partner interest in us without the approval of the unitholders. Please read “—Transfer of General Partner Interest”.

Upon withdrawal of our general partner under any circumstances, other than as a result of a transfer by our general partner of all or a part of its general partner interest in us, the holders of units representing a unit majority may select a successor to the withdrawing general partner. If a successor is not elected, or is elected but an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters cannot be obtained, we will be dissolved, wound up and liquidated, unless within a specified period after that withdrawal, the holders of units representing a unit majority agree in writing to continue our business and to appoint a successor general partner. Please read “—Termination and Dissolution”.

Our general partner may not be removed unless that removal is approved by the vote of the holders of not less than 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding common units, including units held by our general partner and its affiliates, and we receive an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters. Any removal of our general partner is also subject to the approval of a successor general partner by the vote of a unit majority. The ownership of more than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the outstanding common units by our general partner and its affiliates would give them the ability to prevent our general partner’s removal.

In the event of removal of a general partner under circumstances where cause exists or withdrawal of a general partner where that withdrawal violates our partnership agreement, a successor general partner will have the option to purchase the general partner interest of the departing general partner for a cash payment equal to the fair market value of that interest. Under all other circumstances where a general partner withdraws or is removed by the limited partners, the departing general partner will have the option to require the successor general partner

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to purchase the general partner interest of the departing general partner for fair market value. In each case, this fair market value will be determined by agreement between the departing general partner and the successor general partner. If no agreement is reached, an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert selected by the departing general partner and the successor general partner will determine the fair market value. Or, if the departing general partner and the successor general partner cannot agree upon an expert, then an expert chosen by agreement of the experts selected by each of them will determine the fair market value.

If the option described above is not exercised by either the departing general partner or the successor general partner, the departing general partner's general partner interest will automatically convert into common units equal to the fair market value of those interests as determined by an investment banking firm or other independent expert selected in the manner described in the preceding paragraph.

In addition, we will be required to reimburse the departing general partner for all amounts due the departing general partner, including, without limitation, all employee-related liabilities, including severance liabilities, incurred for the termination of any employees employed by the departing general partner or its affiliates for our benefit.

### **Transfer of General Partner Interest**

Our general partner holds a non-economic general partner interest in us. Our general partner and its affiliates may at any time, transfer the general partner interest to one or more persons, without unitholder approval.

### **Transfer of Ownership Interests in the General Partner**

At any time, DCP Midstream, LLC and its affiliates may sell or transfer all or part of their partnership interests in our general partner, or their membership interest in DCP Midstream GP, LLC, the general partner of our general partner, to an affiliate or third party without the approval of our unitholders.

### **Change of Management Provisions**

Our partnership agreement contains specific provisions that are intended to discourage a person or group from attempting to remove DCP Midstream GP, LP as our general partner or otherwise change our management. If any person or group other than our general partner and its affiliates acquires beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of units, that person or group will lose voting rights with respect to all of its units. This loss of voting rights does not apply to any person or group that acquires the units from our general partner or its affiliates and any transferees of that person or group approved by our general partner or to any person or group who acquires the units with the prior approval of the board of directors of our general partner. Please read "—Meetings; Voting". Other provisions in the partnership agreement relating to removal are described above under "—Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner".

### **Limited Call Right**

If at any time our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the then-issued and outstanding limited partner interests of any class (other than the Series A Preferred Units, Series B Preferred Units, and the Series C Preferred Units), our general partner will have the right, which it may assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates or to us, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the limited partner interests of the class held by unaffiliated persons as of a record date to be selected by our general partner, on at least 10 but not more than 60 days' notice. The purchase price in the event of this purchase is the greater of:

- the highest cash price paid by either of our general partner or any of its affiliates for any limited partner interests of the class purchased within the 90 days preceding the date on which our general partner first mails notice of its election to purchase those limited partner interests; and
- the current market price as of the date three days before the date the notice is mailed.

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As a result of our general partner's right to purchase outstanding limited partner interests, a holder of limited partner interests may have its limited partner interests purchased at a price that may be lower than market prices at various times prior to such purchase or lower than a unitholder may anticipate the market price to be in the future. The U.S. federal income tax consequences to a unitholder of the exercise of this call right are the same as a sale by that unitholder of its common units in the market. Please read "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences—Disposition of Common Units".

### **Meetings; Voting**

Except as described below regarding a person or group owning 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, record holders of units on the record date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, meetings of our limited partners and to act upon matters for which approvals may be solicited.

Our general partner does not anticipate that any meeting of unitholders will be called in the foreseeable future. Any action that is required or permitted to be taken by the unitholders may be taken either at a meeting of the unitholders or without a meeting if consents in writing describing the action so taken are signed by holders of the number of units necessary to authorize or take that action at a meeting. Meetings of the unitholders may be called by our general partner or by unitholders owning at least 20% of the outstanding units of the class for which a meeting is proposed. Unitholders may vote either in person or by proxy at meetings. The holders of a majority of the outstanding units of the class or classes for which a meeting has been called represented in person or by proxy will constitute a quorum unless any action by the unitholders requires approval by holders of a greater percentage of the units, in which case the quorum will be the greater percentage.

Each record holder of common units has a vote according to its percentage interest in us, although additional limited partner interests having special voting rights may be issued in the future. Please read "—Issuance of Additional Securities". However, if at any time any person or group, other than our general partner and its affiliates, or a direct or subsequently approved transferee of our general partner or its affiliates, acquires, in the aggregate, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, that person or group will lose voting rights on all of its units and the units may not be voted on any matter and will not be considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of unitholders, calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes. Please read "—Change of Management Provisions". Common units held in nominee or street name account will be voted by the broker or other nominee in accordance with the instruction of the beneficial owner unless the arrangement between the beneficial owner and its nominee provides otherwise.

Any notice, demand, request, report or proxy material required or permitted to be given or made to record holders of common units under our partnership agreement will be delivered to the record holder by us or by the transfer agent.

### **Status as Limited Partner**

By transfer of common units in accordance with our partnership agreement, each transferee of common units shall be admitted as a limited partner with respect to the common units transferred when such transfer and admission is reflected in our books and records. Except as described under "—Limited Liability," the common units will be fully paid, and unitholders will not be required to make additional contributions.

### **Non-Citizen Assignees; Redemption**

If we, or any of our affiliates, are or become subject to federal, state or local laws or regulations that, in the reasonable determination of our general partner, create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property that we, or our affiliates, have an interest in because of the nationality, citizenship or other related status of any limited partner, we may redeem the units held by such limited partner at their current market price. In order to avoid any cancellation or forfeiture, our general partner may require each limited partner to furnish

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information about its nationality, citizenship or related status. If a limited partner fails to furnish information about its nationality, citizenship or other related status within 30 days after a request for the information or our general partner determines after receipt of the information that the limited partner is not an eligible citizen, such limited partner may be treated as a non-citizen assignee. A non-citizen assignee is entitled to an interest equivalent to that of a limited partner for the right to share in allocations and distributions from us, including liquidating distributions. However, a non-citizen assignee does not have the right to direct the voting of its units and shall not receive distributions in-kind upon our liquidation.

### **Indemnification**

Under our partnership agreement, in most circumstances, we will indemnify the following persons, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all losses, claims, damages or similar events:

- our general partner;
- any departing general partner;
- any person who is or was an affiliate of a general partner or any departing general partner;
- any person who is or was a director, officer, member, partner, fiduciary or trustee of any entity set forth in the preceding three bullet points;
- any person who is or was serving as a director, officer, member, partner, fiduciary or trustee of another person at the request of our general partner or any departing general partner; and
- any other person designated by our general partner.

Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of our assets. Unless it otherwise agrees, our general partner will not be personally liable for, or have any obligation to contribute or lend funds or assets to us to enable us to effectuate, indemnification. We may purchase insurance against liabilities asserted against and expenses incurred by persons for our activities, regardless of whether we would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under our partnership agreement.

### **Reimbursement of Expenses**

Our partnership agreement requires us to reimburse our general partner for all direct and indirect expenses it incurs or payments it makes on our behalf and all other expenses allocable to us or otherwise incurred by our general partner in connection with operating our business. These expenses include salary, bonus, incentive compensation and other amounts paid to persons who perform services for us or on our behalf and expenses allocated to our general partner by its affiliates. The general partner is entitled to determine the expenses that are allocable to us.

### **Books and Reports**

Our general partner is required to keep appropriate books of our business at our principal offices. The books must be maintained for both tax and financial reporting purposes on an accrual basis. For tax and fiscal reporting purposes, our fiscal year is the calendar year.

We will furnish or make available to record holders of common units, within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, an annual report containing audited financial statements and a report on those financial statements by our independent public accountants. Except for our fourth quarter, we will also furnish or make available summary financial information within 90 days after the close of each quarter.

We will furnish each unitholder of record with information reasonably required for tax reporting purposes within 90 days after the close of each calendar year. This information is expected to be furnished in summary form so that some complex calculations normally required of partners can be avoided.

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information to unitholders will depend on the cooperation of unitholders in supplying us with specific information. Every unitholder will receive information to assist it in determining its federal and state tax liability and filing its federal and state income tax returns, regardless of whether it supplies us with information.

### **Right to Inspect Our Books and Records**

Our partnership agreement provides that a limited partner can, for a purpose reasonably related to its interest as a limited partner, and upon reasonable written demand stating the purpose of such demand and at such limited partner's own expense, have furnished to it:

- a current list of the name and last known address of each partner;
- a copy of our federal, state and local income tax returns;
- information as to the amount of cash, and a description and statement of the agreed value of any other property or services, contributed or to be contributed by each partner and the date on which each partner became a partner;
- copies of our partnership agreement, our certificate of limited partnership, related amendments and powers of attorney under which each has been executed;
- information regarding the status of our business and financial condition; and
- any other information regarding our affairs as is just and reasonable.

Our general partner may, and intends to, keep confidential from the limited partners trade secrets or other information, the disclosure of which our general partner believes in good faith is not in our best interests, that could damage our or our affiliates' businesses, or that we or our affiliates are required by law or by agreements with third parties to keep confidential.

### **Registration Rights**

Under our partnership agreement, we have agreed to register for resale under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws any common units, subordinated units or other partnership securities proposed to be sold by our general partner or any of its affiliates or their assignees if an exemption from the registration requirements is not otherwise available. These registration rights continue for two years following any withdrawal or removal of DCP Midstream GP, LP as general partner. We are obligated to pay all expenses incidental to the registration, excluding underwriting discounts and a structuring fee.

### **Transfer of Common Units**

By transfer of common units in accordance with our partnership agreement, each transferee of common units shall be admitted as a limited partner with respect to the common units transferred when such transfer and admission is reflected in our books and records. Each transferee:

- represents that the transferee has the capacity, power and authority to become bound by our partnership agreement;
- automatically agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of, and is deemed to have executed, our partnership agreement; and
- gives the consents, approvals and waivers contained in our partnership agreement, such as the approval of all transactions and agreements that we entered into in connection with our formation and our initial public offering.

A transferee will automatically become a substituted limited partner of our partnership for the transferred common units upon the recording of the transfer on our books and records. Our general partner will cause any transfers to be recorded on our books and records from time to time.

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We may, at our discretion, treat the nominee holder of a common unit as the absolute owner. In that case, the beneficial holder's rights are limited solely to those that it has against the nominee holder as a result of any agreement between the beneficial owner and the nominee holder.

Common units are securities and are transferable according to the laws governing transfers of securities. In addition to other rights acquired upon transfer, the transferor gives the transferee the right to become a substituted limited partner in our partnership for the transferred common units.

Until a common unit has been transferred on our books, we and the transfer agent may treat the record holder of the unit as the absolute owner for all purposes, except as otherwise required by law or stock exchange regulations.

## OUR CASH DISTRIBUTION POLICY AND RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTIONS

### General

*Rationale for Our Cash Distribution Policy.* Our cash distribution policy reflects a basic judgment that our unitholders will be better served by the distribution of our available cash after expenses and reserves rather than retaining it. Because we are not subject to an entity-level federal income tax, we have more cash to distribute to our unitholders than would be the case were we subject to such a tax. Our cash distribution policy is consistent with the terms of our partnership agreement, which requires that we distribute all of our available cash quarterly.

*Limitations on Cash Distributions and Our Ability to Change Our Cash Distribution Policy.* There is no guarantee that unitholders will receive quarterly distributions from us. Our distribution policy is subject to certain restrictions and may be changed at any time, including:

- The board of directors of our general partner will have the authority to establish reserves for the proper conduct of our business (including for future capital expenditures or credit needs), to comply with applicable law and any of our agreements or obligations, and for future cash distributions to our unitholders, and the establishment of those reserves could result in a reduction in cash distributions to our unitholders from levels we currently anticipate pursuant to our stated distribution policy.
- While our partnership agreement requires us to distribute all of our available cash, our partnership agreement, including provisions requiring us to make cash distributions contained therein, may be amended. Our partnership agreement can be amended with the approval of a majority of the outstanding common units (including common units held by affiliates of DCP Midstream, LLC).
- Even if our cash distribution policy is not modified or revoked, the amount of distributions we pay under our cash distribution policy and the decision to make any distribution is determined by our general partner, taking into consideration the terms of our partnership agreement.
- Under Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act, we may not make a distribution to our unitholders if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets.
- We may lack sufficient cash to pay distributions to our unitholders due to increases in our general and administrative expense, principal and interest payments on our outstanding debt, tax expenses, working capital requirements and anticipated cash needs.
- We have partial ownership interests in a number of joint ventures. The governing agreements for each of these joint ventures contain the requirements and restrictions on distributing cash from these joint ventures. We may be unable to control the timing and the amount of cash we will receive from the operation of these joint ventures and we could be required to contribute significant cash to fund our share of their operations, which could adversely affect our ability to make distributions.
- If we do not pay the required distributions on our preferred units, we will be unable to pay distributions on our common units. Additionally, because distributions to our preferred unitholders are cumulative, we will have to pay all unpaid accumulated preferred distributions before we can pay any distributions to our common unitholders. Also, because distributions to our common unitholders are not cumulative, if we do not pay distributions on our common units with respect to any quarter, our common unitholders will not be entitled to receive distributions covering any prior periods if we later commence paying distributions on our common units.

### Distributions of Available Cash

*General.* Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash pro rata to unitholders of record on the applicable record date.

*Definition of Available Cash.* Available cash, for any quarter, consists of all cash and cash equivalents on the date of determination of available cash for that quarter;

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- less the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner to:
  - provide for the proper conduct of our business, including reserves for future capital expenditures and anticipated credit needs;
  - comply with applicable law or any loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, debt instrument or other agreement or obligation;
  - provide funds to make Series A Preferred Distributions, Series B Preferred Distributions and Series C Preferred Distributions (as each such term is defined in our partnership agreement); or
  - provide funds for distributions to our unitholders for any one or more of the next four quarters; *provided, however*, that the general partner may not establish cash reserves pursuant to this sub-point if the effect of such reserves would be that we would be unable to distribute an amount equal to \$0.35 per common unit on all common units with respect to such quarter;
- plus, if our general partner so determines, all or a portion of cash or cash equivalents on hand on the date of determination of available cash for such quarter.

### **Operating Surplus and Capital Surplus**

*General.* All cash distributed to unitholders will be characterized as either “operating surplus” or “capital surplus.”

*Operating Surplus.* Operating surplus consists of:

- an amount equal to four times the amount needed for any one quarter for us to pay a distribution on all of our units at the same per unit amount as was distributed in the immediately preceding quarter; *plus*
- all of our cash receipts since our initial public offering, excluding cash from borrowings, sales of equity and debt securities, sales or other dispositions of assets outside the ordinary course of business, the termination of interest rate swap agreements, capital contributions or corporate reorganizations or restructurings; *less*
- all of our operating expenditures since our initial public offering, but excluding the repayment of borrowings, and including maintenance capital expenditures; *less*
- the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner to provide funds for future operating expenditures.

Maintenance capital expenditures represent cash expenditures where we add on to or improve capital assets owned, or acquire or construct new capital assets if such expenditures are made to maintain, including over the long term, our operating capacity or revenues. Expansion capital expenditures represent cash expenditures for acquisitions or capital improvements (where we add on to or improve the capital assets owned, or acquire or construct new gathering lines, treating facilities, processing plants, fractionation facilities, pipelines, terminals, docks, truck racks, tankage and other storage, distribution or transportation facilities and related or similar midstream assets) in each case if such addition, improvement, acquisition or construction is made to increase our operating capacity or revenues.

*Capital Surplus.* Capital surplus consists of:

- borrowings;
- sales of our equity and debt securities;
- sales or other dispositions of assets for cash, other than inventory, accounts receivable and other current assets sold in the ordinary course of business or as part of normal retirement or replacement of assets;
- the termination of interest rate swap agreements;

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- capital contributions; and
- corporate reorganizations or restructurings.

*Characterization of Cash Distributions.* Our partnership agreement requires that we treat all available cash distributed as coming from operating surplus until the sum of all available cash distributed since our initial public offering equals the operating surplus as of the most recent date of determination of available cash. Our partnership agreement requires that we treat any amount distributed in excess of operating surplus, regardless of its source, as capital surplus. As reflected above, operating surplus includes an amount equal to four times the amount needed for any one quarter for us to pay a distribution on all of our units at the same per-unit amount as was distributed in the immediately preceding quarter. This amount does not reflect actual cash on hand that is available for distribution to our unitholders. Rather, it is a provision that will enable us, if we choose, to distribute as operating surplus up to this amount of cash we receive in the future from non-operating sources, such as asset sales, issuances of securities, and borrowings, that would otherwise be distributed as capital surplus. We do not anticipate that we will make any distributions from capital surplus for the foreseeable future.

### **General Partner Interest**

Our general partner holds a non-economic general partner interest in us, which includes any and all rights, powers and benefits to which the general partner is entitled and obligations to which the general partner is subject, but does not include any rights to receive any distributions of cash, property or other assets upon our liquidation or winding up or otherwise.

### **Distributions of Cash Upon Liquidation**

*General.* If we dissolve in accordance with the partnership agreement, we will sell or otherwise dispose of our assets in a process called liquidation. We will first apply the proceeds of liquidation to the payment of our creditors. We will then apply the proceeds of liquidation to the payments of the Series A Preferred Liquidation Preference, the Series B Preferred Liquidation Preference and the Series C Preferred Liquidation Preference (each term as defined in our partnership agreement). We will then distribute any remaining proceeds to the unitholders, in accordance with, and to the extent of, the balances in their respective capital accounts, as adjusted to reflect any gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition of our assets in liquidation.

*Manner of Adjustments for Gain.* The manner of the adjustment for gain is set forth in the partnership agreement. We will generally allocate any gain on liquidation to the partners in the following manner:

- *first*, to the general partner and unitholders who have negative balances in their capital accounts to the extent of and in proportion to those negative balances;
- *second*, to the Series A Preferred Unitholders, pro rata, Series B Preferred Unitholders, pro rata, and Series C Preferred Unitholders, pro rata, until the capital account in respect of each outstanding Series A Preferred Unit, each outstanding Series B Preferred Unit, and each outstanding Series C Preferred Unit is equal to the Series A Preferred Base Liquidation Preference, the Series B Preferred Base Liquidation Preference, or the Series C Preferred Base Liquidation Preference (each term as defined in our partnership agreement), as applicable;
- *third*, to the common unitholders in a manner that, to the nearest extent possible, results in equal capital account balances maintained with respect to each common unit; and
- *thereafter*, among the common unitholders in accordance with their respective percentage interests.

*Manner of Adjustments for Losses.* The manner of the adjustment for loss is set forth in the partnership agreement. We will generally allocate any loss on liquidation to the partners in the following manner:

- *first*, among the common unitholders in a manner that, to the nearest extent possible, results in equal capital account balances maintained with respect to each common unit;

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- *second*, to the common unitholders, in accordance with their respective percentage interests, until the capital account in respect of each common unit then outstanding has been reduced to zero;
- *third*, to all Series A Preferred Unitholders, Series B Preferred Unitholders, and Series C Preferred Unitholders, in proportion to their adjusted capital account balances, until the adjusted capital account in respect of each Series A Preferred Unit, Series B Preferred Unit, and Series C Preferred Unit has been reduced to zero; and
- *thereafter*, the balance, if any, 100% to the general partner.

*Adjustments to Capital Accounts.* Our partnership agreement requires that we make adjustments to capital accounts upon the issuance of additional units. In this regard, our partnership agreement specifies that we allocate any unrealized and, for tax purposes, unrecognized gain or loss resulting from the adjustments to the unitholders and the general partner in the same manner as we allocate gain or loss upon liquidation. In the event that we make positive adjustments to the capital accounts upon the issuance of additional units, our partnership agreement requires that we allocate any later negative adjustments to the capital accounts resulting from the issuance of additional units or upon our liquidation in a manner which results, to the extent possible, in the general partner's capital account balances equaling the amount which they would have been if no earlier positive adjustments to the capital accounts had been made.

## MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

This section is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to prospective unitholders who are individual citizens or residents of the United States with respect to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of units issued pursuant to this prospectus. Unless otherwise noted in the following section, this discussion is the opinion of Holland & Hart LLP, tax counsel to our general partner and us, only insofar as it relates to legal conclusions with respect to matters of U.S. federal income tax law. This section is based upon representations made by us to tax counsel and current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, existing and proposed Treasury Regulations, current administrative rulings, and court decisions, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Changes in these authorities, subsequent to the date of this prospectus or retroactively applied, or inaccuracies in the representations upon which tax counsel relied, may cause the tax consequences to vary substantially from the consequences described below.

The following discussion does not address all U.S. federal income tax matters affecting us or the unitholders, such as the application of the alternative minimum tax. Moreover, the discussion focuses on unitholders who are individual citizens or residents of the United States and has only limited application to corporations, estates, trusts, partnerships and entities treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, nonresident aliens, U.S. expatriates and former citizens or long-term residents of the United States, or other unitholders subject to specialized tax treatment, such as banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions, tax-exempt organizations, non-U.S. persons, individual retirement accounts, or IRAs, or other plans governed by section 401 of the Code, real estate investment trusts, or REITs, employee benefit plans or mutual funds, dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities, U.S. persons whose “functional currency” is not the U.S. dollar, persons holding their units as part of a “straddle,” “hedge,” “conversion transaction,” or other risk reduction transaction, persons who acquired their units by gift, and persons deemed to sell their units under the constructive sale provisions of the Code. In addition, this discussion only comments to a limited extent on state tax consequences and does not comment on local or non-U.S. tax consequences or non-income U.S. federal taxes. Accordingly, we urge each prospective unitholder to consult, and depend on, its own tax advisor in analyzing the U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences particular to such prospective unitholder of the acquisition, ownership, or disposition of the common units.

We will rely on opinions and advice of tax counsel regarding matters affecting us and prospective unitholders. Unlike a ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, the opinion or advice of counsel represents only that counsel’s best legal judgment and does not bind the IRS or the courts. Accordingly, opinions and statements made in this discussion may not be sustained by a court if contested by the IRS. Any contest of this sort with the IRS may materially and adversely impact the market for the common units and the prices at which the common units trade. In addition, the costs of any contest with the IRS, principally legal, accounting and related fees, will result in a reduction in cash available for distribution to our unitholders and our general partner and thus will be borne directly or indirectly by the unitholders and our general partner. Furthermore, our tax treatment, or the tax treatment of an investment in us, may be significantly modified by future legislative or administrative changes or court decisions. Any modifications may or may not be retroactively applied.

All statements as to matters of U.S. federal income tax law and legal conclusions with respect thereto, but not as to factual matters, contained in this section, unless otherwise noted, are the opinion of tax counsel and are based on the accuracy of the representations made by us. Tax counsel has not undertaken any obligation to update its opinion after the date of this filing.

For the reasons described below, tax counsel has not rendered an opinion with respect to the following specific U.S. federal income tax issues:

- the treatment of a unitholder whose common units are loaned to a short seller to cover a short sale of common units (please read “—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Treatment of Short Sales”);

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- whether our monthly convention for allocating taxable income and losses is permitted by existing Treasury Regulations (please read “—Disposition of Common Units-Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees”);
- whether assignees of common units who are entitled to execute and deliver transfer applications, but who fail to execute and deliver transfer applications, will be treated as our partners for tax purposes (please read “—Limited Partner Status”); and
- whether our method for depreciating Section 743 adjustments is sustainable in certain cases (please read “—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Section 754 Election” and “—Uniformity of Common Units”).

In addition, tax counsel has not rendered an opinion with respect to the state, local, alternative minimum tax or non-U.S. tax consequences of an investment in us.

### **Partnership Status**

A partnership is not a taxable entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes and incurs no U.S. federal income tax liability, except as described in “—Administrative Matters-Information Returns and Audit Procedures”. Instead, each partner of a partnership is required to take into account its share of items of income, gain, loss and deduction of the partnership in computing its U.S. federal income tax liability, regardless of whether cash distributions are made to such partner by the partnership. Distributions by a partnership to a partner are generally not taxable to the partner unless the amount of cash distributed to it is in excess of its adjusted basis in its partnership interest.

Section 7704 of the Code provides that publicly traded partnerships will, as a general rule, be taxed as corporations. However, an exception, referred to as the “Qualifying Income Exception,” exists with respect to publicly traded partnerships of which 90% or more of the gross income for every taxable year consists of “qualifying income.” Qualifying income includes income and gains derived from the transportation, storage, processing, and marketing of crude oil, natural gas and products thereof. Other types of qualifying income include interest (other than from a financial business), dividends, gains from the sale of real property and gains from the sale or other disposition of capital assets held for the production of income that otherwise constitutes qualifying income. Qualifying income does not include rental income from leasing personal property. We estimate that, as of the date of this prospectus, less than 5% of our current gross income is not qualifying income; however, this estimate could change from time to time. Based on and subject to this estimate, the factual representations made by us and our general partner and a review of the applicable legal authorities, tax counsel is of the opinion that, as of the date of this prospectus, at least 90% of our current gross income constitutes qualifying income. The percentage of our income that is qualifying income can change from time to time.

A publicly traded partnership may not rely upon the Qualifying Income Exception if it is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the 1940 Act. If we are required to register under the 1940 Act, we will be taxed as a corporation even if we meet the Qualifying Income Exception. Based on an opinion of counsel regarding the 1940 Act and the factual representations made by us and our general partner, tax counsel is of the opinion that we may rely on the Qualifying Income Exception.

It is the opinion of tax counsel that, based upon the Code, applicable Treasury Regulations, published revenue rulings and court decisions and the representations described below, we will be classified as a partnership and our operating partnership will be disregarded as an entity separate from us for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

In rendering its opinion, tax counsel has relied on factual representations made by us and our general partner. The representations made by us and our general partner upon which tax counsel has relied include:

- (a) Neither we nor our operating partnership has elected or will elect to be treated as a corporation;

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(b) For each taxable year, more than 90% of our gross income has been and will be income that tax counsel has opined or will opine is “qualifying income” within the meaning of Section 7704(d) of the Code; and

(c) Each hedging transaction that we treat as resulting in qualifying income has been and will be appropriately identified as a hedging transaction pursuant to applicable Treasury Regulations, and has been and will be associated with crude oil, natural gas, or products thereof that are held or to be held by us in activities that tax counsel has opined or will opine result in qualifying income.

We believe that these representations have been true in the past and expect that these representations will continue to be true in the future.

Although we expect to conduct our business so as to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, if we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, other than a failure that is determined by the IRS to be inadvertent and that is cured within a reasonable time after discovery (in which case the IRS may also require us to make adjustments with respect to our unitholders or pay other amounts), we will be treated as if we had transferred all of our assets, subject to our liabilities, to a newly formed corporation, on the first day of the year in which we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, in return for stock in that corporation, and then distributed that stock to the unitholders in liquidation of their interests in us. This deemed contribution and liquidation should be tax-free to unitholders and us except to the extent that our liabilities exceed the tax bases of our assets at that time. Thereafter, we would be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If we were taxed as a corporation in any taxable year, either as a result of a failure to meet the Qualifying Income Exception or otherwise, our items of income, gain, loss and deduction would be reflected only on our tax return rather than being passed through to the unitholders, and our net income would be taxed to us at corporate rates. In addition, any distribution made to a unitholder would be treated as taxable dividend income to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, then as a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of the unitholder’s tax basis in its units, and finally as taxable capital gain, after the unitholder’s tax basis in its units is reduced to zero. Accordingly, taxation as a corporation would result in a material reduction in a unitholder’s cash flow and after-tax return and thus would likely result in a substantial reduction of the value of the units.

The discussion below is based on tax counsel’s opinion that we will be classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes and our operating partnership will be disregarded as an entity separate from us.

### **Recent Administrative and Legislative Developments**

The present U.S. federal income tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships, including us, or an investment in our common units may be modified by administrative, legislative or judicial interpretation at any time. Any modification to the U.S. federal income tax laws and interpretations thereof may or may not be applied retroactively. Moreover, any such modification could make it more difficult or impossible for us to meet the exception that allows publicly traded partnerships that generate qualifying income to be treated as partnerships (rather than corporations) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, affect or cause us to change our business activities, or affect the tax consequences of an investment in our common units. For example, from time to time, members of the U.S. Congress have considered substantive changes to the existing U.S. federal income tax laws that would affect the tax treatment of certain publicly traded partnerships. Further, on January 24, 2017, the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS published in the Federal Register final regulations effective as of January 19, 2017, interpreting the scope of activities that generate qualifying income under Section 7704 of the Code. We believe that the income we currently treat as qualifying income satisfies the requirements for qualifying income under the final regulations. We are unable, however, to predict whether any current laws will be changed or any other proposals will ultimately be enacted. Any changes could negatively impact the value of an investment in our common units.

### **Limited Partner Status**

Unitholders who have become our limited partners will be treated as partners of the partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A unitholder becomes a limited partner when the transfer or issuance of common units to such person, or the admission of such person as a limited partner, is reflected in our books and records. Assignees who have executed and delivered transfer applications, and assignees who are awaiting admission as limited partners, will also be treated as partners of the partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Where common units are held in street name or by a nominee, the person in whose name the common units are registered with us will be treated as the holder of such common units. As there is no direct authority addressing assignees of common units who are entitled to execute and deliver transfer applications and thereby become entitled to direct the exercise of attendant rights, but who fail to execute and deliver transfer applications, tax counsel's opinion does not extend to these persons. Furthermore, a purchaser or other transferee of common units who does not execute and deliver a transfer application may not receive some U.S. federal income tax information or reports furnished to record holders of common units unless the common units are held in a nominee or street name account and the nominee or broker has executed and delivered a transfer application for those common units.

A beneficial owner of common units whose units have been transferred to a short seller to complete a short sale would appear to lose its status as a partner with respect to those common units for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Please read “—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Treatment of Short Sales”.

Items of our income, gain, loss or deductions are not reportable by a unitholder who is not a partner for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and any cash distributions received by a unitholder who is not a partner for U.S. federal income tax purposes would therefore appear to be fully taxable as ordinary income. These holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to their tax consequences of holding our common units. The references to “unitholders” in the following discussion are to persons who are treated as partners in the partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

### **Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership**

*Flow-Through of Taxable Income.* Subject to the discussion below under “—Entity-Level Collections” and “—Administrative Matters-Information Returns and Audit Procedures,” we will not pay any U.S. federal income tax. Instead, each unitholder will be required to report on its income tax return its share of our income, gains, losses and deductions without regard to whether we make cash distributions to such unitholder. Consequently, we may allocate income to a unitholder even if it has not received a cash distribution. Each unitholder will be required to include in income its allocable share of our income, gains, losses and deductions for our taxable year or years ending with or within its taxable year. Absent a termination of our partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, our taxable year ends on December 31.

*Treatment of Distributions.* Distributions by us to a common unitholder generally will not be taxable to the unitholder for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent the distributions do not exceed the unitholder's tax basis in its common units immediately before the distribution. Our cash distributions to a unitholder in excess of its tax basis in its common units generally will be considered to be gain from the sale or exchange of the common units, taxable in accordance with the rules described under “—Disposition of Common Units” below. Any reduction in a unitholder's share of our liabilities for which no partner bears the economic risk of loss, known as “non-recourse liabilities,” will be treated as a distribution of cash to that unitholder. To the extent that our distributions cause a unitholder's “at risk” amount to be less than zero at the end of any taxable year, the unitholder must recapture any losses deducted in previous years. Please read “—Limitations on Deductibility of Losses”.

A decrease in a unitholder's percentage interest in us because of our issuance of additional common units will decrease its share of our non-recourse liabilities, and thus will result in a corresponding deemed distribution of cash, which may constitute a non-pro rata distribution. A non-pro rata distribution of money or property may result in ordinary income to a unitholder, regardless of its tax basis in its common units, if the distribution reduces the unitholder's share of our “unrealized receivables,” including depreciation recapture, and/or

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substantially appreciated “inventory items,” both as defined in Section 751 of the Code, and collectively, “Section 751 Assets”. To that extent, such unitholder will be treated as having been distributed its proportionate share of the Section 751 Assets and then having exchanged those assets with us in return for the non-pro rata portion of the actual distribution made to it. This latter deemed exchange will generally result in the unitholder’s realization of ordinary income, which will equal the excess of the non-pro rata portion of that distribution over the unitholder’s tax basis for the share of Section 751 Assets deemed relinquished in the exchange.

*Basis of Common Units.* A unitholder’s initial tax basis for its common units will generally be the amount it paid for the common units plus its share of our non-recourse liabilities. That basis will be increased by its share of our income and by any increases in its share of our non-recourse liabilities. That basis generally will be decreased, but not below zero, by distributions from us, by the unitholder’s share of our losses, by any decreases in its share of our non-recourse liabilities, by its share of our expenditures that are not deductible in computing taxable income and are not required to be capitalized and by the amount of any excess business interest allocated to the unitholder (generally, the excess of our business interest over the amount that is deductible). Generally, a unitholder will have no share of our liabilities that are recourse to any partner, but will have a share, generally based on its share of profits, of our other liabilities. Please read “—Disposition of Common Units-Recognition of Gain or Loss”.

*Limitations on Deductibility of Losses.* The deduction by a unitholder of its share of our losses will be limited: (i) to the tax basis in its common units; and (ii) in the case of an individual unitholder, estate, trust, or a corporate unitholder, if more than 50% of the value of the corporate unitholder’s stock is owned directly or indirectly by or for five or fewer individuals or certain tax-exempt organizations, to the amount for which the unitholder is considered to be “at risk” with respect to our activities, if that amount is less than the unitholder’s tax basis. A unitholder subject to these limitations must recapture losses deducted in previous years to the extent that distributions cause the unitholder’s at-risk amount to be less than zero at the end of any taxable year. Losses disallowed to a unitholder or recaptured as a result of these limitations will carry forward and will be allowable as a deduction in a later year to the extent that the unitholder’s tax basis or at-risk amount, whichever is the limiting factor, is subsequently increased. Upon the taxable disposition of a common unit, any gain recognized by a unitholder can be offset by losses that were previously suspended by the at-risk limitation but may not be offset by losses suspended by the basis limitation. Any excess loss above that gain previously suspended by the at-risk or basis limitations is no longer utilizable.

In general, a unitholder will be at risk to the extent of the tax basis of its common units, excluding any portion of that basis attributable to its share of our non-recourse liabilities, reduced by (i) any portion of that basis representing amounts otherwise protected against loss because of a guarantee, stop loss agreement or other similar arrangement and (ii) any amount of money a unitholder borrows to acquire or hold its common units, if the lender of those borrowed funds owns an interest in us, is related to the unitholder or can look only to the common units for repayment. A unitholder’s at-risk amount will increase or decrease as the tax basis of the unitholder’s common units increases or decreases, other than tax basis increases or decreases attributable to increases or decreases in its share of our non-recourse liabilities.

In addition to the tax basis and at-risk limitations on the deductibility of losses, the passive loss limitations generally provide that individuals, estates, trusts and some closely-held corporations and personal service corporations are permitted to deduct losses from passive activities, which are generally trade or business activities in which the taxpayer does not materially participate, only to the extent of the taxpayer’s income from passive activities. The passive loss limitations are applied separately with respect to each publicly traded partnership. Consequently, any passive losses we generate will only be available to offset our passive income generated in the future and will not be available to offset income from other passive activities or investments, including our investments or a unitholder’s investment in other publicly traded partnerships, or a unitholder’s salary or active business income. Passive losses that are not deductible-because they exceed a unitholder’s share of income we generate-may be deducted in full when the unitholder disposes of its entire investment in us in a fully taxable transaction with an unrelated party. A unitholder’s share of our net income may be offset by any of our suspended passive losses, but it may not be offset by any other current or carryover losses from other passive

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activities, including those attributable to other publicly traded partnerships. The passive loss limitations are applied after other applicable limitations on deductions, including the at-risk rules and the basis limitations

An additional loss limitation may apply to certain of our unitholders for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2026. A non-corporate unitholder will not be allowed to take a deduction for certain excess business losses in such taxable years. An excess business loss is the excess (if any) of a taxpayer's aggregate deductions for the taxable year that are attributable to the trades or businesses of such taxpayer (determined without regard to the excess business loss limitation) over the aggregate gross income or gain of such taxpayer for the taxable year that is attributable to such trades or businesses plus a threshold amount. The threshold amount for 2020 is equal to \$259,000 or \$518,000 for taxpayers filing a joint return, and will be adjusted for inflation in future years. Any losses disallowed in a taxable year due to the excess business loss limitation may be used by the applicable unitholder in the following taxable year if certain conditions are met. Unitholders to which this excess business loss limitation applies will take their allocable share of our items of income, gain, loss and deduction into account in determining this limitation. This excess business loss limitation will be applied to a non-corporate unitholder after the passive loss limitations and may limit such unitholder's ability to utilize any losses we generate allocable to such unitholder that are not otherwise limited by the basis, at-risk and passive loss limitations described above.

*Limitations on Interest Deductions.* In general, we are entitled to a deduction for interest paid or accrued on indebtedness properly allocable to our trade or business during our taxable year. However, subject to the exceptions in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act," discussed below), our deduction for this "business interest" is limited to the sum of our business interest income and 30% of our "adjusted taxable income." For the purposes of this limitation, our adjusted taxable income is computed without regard to any business interest or business interest income, and in the case of taxable years beginning before January 1, 2022, any deduction allowable for depreciation, amortization or depletion. This limitation is first applied at the partnership level and any deduction for business interest is taken into account in determining our non-separately stated taxable income or loss. Then, in applying this business interest limitation at the partner level, the adjusted taxable income of each of our unitholders is determined without regard to such unitholder's distributive share of any of our items of income, gain, deduction or loss and is increased by such unitholder's distributive share of our excess taxable income, which is generally equal to the excess of 30% of our adjusted taxable income over the amount of our deduction for business interest for a taxable year and is subject to certain adjustments.

To the extent our deduction for business interest is not limited, we will allocate the full amount of our deduction for business interest among our unitholders in accordance with their percentage interests in us. To the extent our deduction for business interest is limited, the amount of any disallowed deduction for business interest will also be allocated to each unitholder in accordance with their percentage interest in us, but such amount of "excess business interest" will not be currently deductible. Subject to certain limitations and adjustments to a unitholder's basis in its units, this excess business interest may be carried forward and deducted by a unitholder in a future taxable year. Further, a unitholder's basis in its units will generally be increased by the amount of any excess business interest upon a disposition of such units.

For our 2020 taxable year, the CARES Act increases the 30% adjusted taxable income limitation to 50%, unless we elect not to apply such increase. For purposes of determining our 50% adjusted taxable income limitation, we may elect to substitute our 2020 adjusted taxable income with our 2019 adjusted taxable income, which may result in a greater business interest expense deduction. In addition, unitholders may treat 50% of any excess business interest allocated to them in 2019 as deductible in the 2020 taxable year without regard to the 2020 business interest expense limitations. The remaining 50% of such unitholder's excess business interest is carried forward and subject to the same limitations as other taxable years.

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In addition to this limitation on the deductibility of a partnership's business interest, deductibility of a non-corporate taxpayer's "investment interest expense" is generally limited to the amount of that taxpayer's "net investment income." Investment interest expense includes:

- interest on indebtedness properly allocable to property held for investment;
- our interest expense attributed to portfolio income; and
- the portion of interest expense incurred to purchase or carry an interest in a passive activity to the extent attributable to portfolio income.

The computation of a unitholder's investment interest expense will take into account interest on any margin account borrowing or other loan incurred to purchase or carry a common unit. Net investment income includes gross income from property held for investment and amounts treated as portfolio income under the passive loss rules, less deductible expenses, other than interest, directly connected with the production of investment income, but generally does not include gains attributable to the disposition of property held for investment or qualified dividend income. The IRS has indicated that net passive income earned by a publicly traded partnership will be treated as investment income to its unitholders for purposes of the investment interest deduction limitation. In addition, the unitholder's share of our portfolio income will be treated as investment income.

*Entity-Level Collections.* If we are required or elect under applicable law to pay any U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. income tax on behalf of any unitholder or our general partner or any former unitholder, we are authorized to pay those taxes from our funds. See, e.g., "—Administrative Matters-Information Returns and Audit Procedures". That payment, if made, will be treated as a distribution of cash to the unitholder, general partner, or former unitholder on whose behalf the payment was made. If the payment is made on behalf of a person whose identity cannot be determined, we believe we are authorized to treat the payment as a distribution to all current unitholders. We are authorized to amend the partnership agreement in the manner necessary to maintain uniformity of intrinsic tax characteristics of units and to adjust later distributions, so that after giving effect to these distributions, the priority and characterization of distributions otherwise applicable under the partnership agreement is maintained as nearly as is practicable. Payments by us as described above could give rise to an overpayment of tax on behalf of a particular unitholder for which a credit or refund may be claimed in which event the unitholder would be required to file a claim with the appropriate authority in order to obtain a credit or refund.

*Allocation of Income, Gain, Loss and Deduction.* In general, if we have a net profit, our items of income, gain, loss and deduction will be allocated among our common unitholders in accordance with their percentage interests in us. If we have a net loss, that loss will be allocated first to our common unitholders in accordance with their percentage interests in us to the extent of their positive capital accounts. If the capital accounts of the common unitholders have been reduced to zero, net losses will then be allocated to the Series A Preferred Unitholders, the Series B Preferred Unitholders and the Series C Preferred Unitholders until the capital accounts of the Series A Preferred Unitholders, the Series B Preferred Unitholders and the Series C Preferred Unitholders are reduced to zero, and to our general partner thereafter. If the Series A Preferred Unitholders, the Series B Preferred Unitholders or the Series C Preferred Unitholders are allocated net losses in any taxable period, net income from a subsequent taxable period, if any, would be allocated to the Series A Preferred Unitholders, the Series B Preferred Unitholders and the Series C Preferred Unitholders in a manner designed to provide their liquidation preferences. If our general partner is allocated net losses in any taxable period, net income from a subsequent taxable period, if any, would be allocated to the general partner in an amount necessary to eliminate any deficit balance in the general partner's capital account.

Specified items of our income, gain, loss and deduction will be allocated in the manner provided under Section 704(c) of the Code to account for (i) any difference between the tax basis and fair market value of our assets at the time of an offering, and (ii) any difference between the tax basis and fair market value of any property contributed to us by our general partner and its affiliates that exists at the time of such contribution, together, referred to in this discussion as "Contributed Property". These allocations are required to eliminate the

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difference between a partner's "book" capital account, credited with the fair market value of Contributed Property, and "tax" capital account, credited with the tax basis of Contributed Property, referred to in this discussion as the "Book-Tax Disparity". The effect of these allocations to a unitholder purchasing common units from us in an offering will be essentially the same as if the tax basis of Contributed Property was equal to its fair market value at the time of the offering. In the event we issue additional units or engage in certain other transactions in the future, "reverse Section 704(c) allocation," similar to the allocations under Section 704(c) described above, will be made to all partners, including purchasers of common units, to account for the difference, at the time of the future transaction, between the "book" value and the fair market value of all property held by us at such time. In addition, items of recapture income will be allocated to the extent possible to the unitholder who was allocated the deduction giving rise to the treatment of that gain as recapture income in order to minimize the recognition of ordinary income by other unitholders. Finally, although we do not expect that our operations will result in the creation of negative capital accounts, if negative capital accounts nevertheless result, items of our income and gain will be allocated in an amount and manner to eliminate the negative balance as quickly as possible.

An allocation of items of our income, gain, loss or deduction, other than an allocation required by Section 704(c), as described above, will generally be given effect for U.S. federal income tax purposes in determining a partner's share of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction only if the allocation has substantial economic effect. In any other case, a partner's share of an item will be determined on the basis of its interest in us, which will be determined by taking into account all of the facts and circumstances, including:

- its relative contributions to us;
- the interests of all of the partners in profits and losses;
- the interest of all of the partners in cash flow; and
- the rights of all of the partners to distributions of capital upon liquidation.

Tax counsel is of the opinion that allocations under the partnership agreement will be given effect for U.S. federal income tax purposes in determining a partner's share of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction, except as to the issues described in "—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Section 754 Election," "—Uniformity of Common Units" and "—Disposition of Common Units-Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees" on which tax counsel is not opining.

*Treatment of Short Sales.* A unitholder whose common units are loaned to a "short seller" to cover a short sale of common units may be considered as having disposed of those common units. If so, such unitholder would no longer be treated as a partner for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to those common units during the period of the loan and may recognize gain or loss from the disposition. As a result, during this period:

- any of our income, gain, loss or deduction with respect to those common units would not be reportable by the unitholder;
- any cash distributions received by the unitholder as to those common units would be fully taxable; and
- all of these distributions would appear to be ordinary income.

Because there is no direct or indirect controlling authority on the issue relating to partnership interests, tax counsel has not rendered an opinion regarding the tax treatment of a unitholder where common units are loaned to a short seller to cover a short sale of common units; therefore, unitholders desiring to assure their status as partners for tax purposes and avoid the risk of gain recognition from a loan to a short seller are urged to modify any applicable brokerage account agreements to prohibit their brokers from borrowing and loaning their common units. Please also read "—Disposition of Common Units-Recognition of Gain or Loss".

*Tax Rates.* In general, as of the date of this prospectus, the highest effective U.S. federal income tax rate applicable to ordinary income of individuals is 37% and the highest marginal U.S. federal income tax rate

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applicable to long-term capital gains (generally, capital gains on certain assets held for more than twelve months) of individuals is 20%. However, these rates are subject to change by new legislation at any time.

*Medicare Contribution Tax.* Section 1411 of the Code imposes an additional tax of 3.8% upon a unitholder's allocable share of our income and gains, and upon gains from a unitholder's disposition of common units (without taking into account the 20% deduction discussed below). This additional tax is applicable to unitholders that are individuals, estates, or trusts. In the case of individual unitholders, the additional tax only applies if such unitholder's modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain threshold amounts. The modified gross income thresholds are \$250,000 in the case of an individual filing a joint return or a surviving spouse, \$125,000 in the case of a married individual filing a separate return, or \$200,000 in any other case. In the case of an individual, the amount of the tax is limited to 3.8% of the lesser of the individual's net investment income or the amount by which the individual's modified adjusted gross income exceeds the applicable threshold. In general, a unitholder that is a trust or estate may be subject to this additional tax if such trust's or estate's adjusted gross income exceeds the amount at which the highest tax bracket applicable to estates and trusts begins. In the case of estates and trusts, the amount of the tax is limited to 3.8% of the lesser of undistributed net investment income or the amount by which adjusted gross income exceeds the amount at which the highest tax bracket applicable to estates and trusts begins. Unitholders are urged to consult with their tax advisors as to the impact of this Medicare contribution tax on an investment in our units.

*Qualified Business Income.* For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, and ending on or before December 31, 2025, a non-corporate common unitholder is entitled to a deduction equal to 20% of its allocable share of our "qualified business income," subject to certain limitations. For purposes of this deduction, a common unitholder's allocable share of our "qualified business income" is equal to the sum of:

- the net amount of such unitholder's allocable share of certain of our U.S. items of income, gain, deduction and loss to the extent such items are included or allowed in the determination of taxable income for the year, excluding, however, certain specified types of passive investment income (such as capital gains and dividends) and certain payments made to the unitholder for services rendered to us; and
- any gain recognized by such unitholder on the disposition of its units to the extent such gain is attributable to certain Code Section 751 Assets (defined below), including depreciation recapture and "inventory items" we own, and thus, is treated as ordinary income under Section 751 of the Code.

*Section 754 Election.* We have made, and in case of any termination of our partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, expect to make, the election permitted by Section 754 of the Code. That election is irrevocable without the consent of the IRS. The election generally permits us to adjust a common unit purchaser's tax basis in our assets ("inside basis") under Section 743(b) of the Code to reflect its purchase price. This election does not apply to a person who purchases common units directly from us. The Section 743(b) adjustment belongs to the purchaser and not to other unitholders. For purposes of this discussion, a unitholder's inside basis in our assets will be considered to have two components: (1) its share of our tax basis in our assets ("common basis") and (2) its Section 743(b) adjustment to that basis.

Where the remedial allocation method is adopted (which we have adopted and will adopt as to property other than certain goodwill properties), the Treasury Regulations under Section 743 of the Code require a portion of the Section 743(b) adjustment that is attributable to recovery property under Section 168 of the Code whose "book" value is in excess of its tax basis to be depreciated over the remaining cost recovery period for the property's unamortized Book-Tax Disparity. Under Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-1(a)(6), a Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to property subject to depreciation under Section 167 of the Code, rather than cost recovery deductions under Section 168, is generally required to be depreciated using either the straight-line method or the 150% declining balance method. Under the partnership agreement, our general partner is authorized to take a position to preserve the uniformity of common units even if that position is not consistent with these and any other Treasury Regulations. Please read "— Uniformity of Common Units".

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We intend to depreciate the portion of a Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to unrealized appreciation in the value of Contributed Property, to the extent of any unamortized Book-Tax Disparity, using a rate of depreciation or amortization derived from the depreciation or amortization method and useful life applied to the property's unamortized Book-Tax Disparity, or treat that portion as non-amortizable to the extent attributable to property which is not amortizable. This method is consistent with the Treasury Regulations under Section 743 of the Code, and is employed by other publicly traded partnerships, but is arguably inconsistent with Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-1(a)(6), which is not expected to directly apply to a material portion of our assets. To the extent this Section 743(b) adjustment is attributable to appreciation in value in excess of the unamortized Book-Tax Disparity, we will apply the rules described in the Treasury Regulations and legislative history. If we determine that this position cannot reasonably be taken, we may take a depreciation or amortization position under which all purchasers acquiring common units in the same month would receive depreciation or amortization, whether attributable to common basis or a Section 743(b) adjustment, based upon the same applicable rate as if they had purchased a direct interest in our assets. This kind of aggregate approach may result in lower annual depreciation or amortization deductions than would otherwise be allowable to some unitholders. Please read “—Uniformity of Common Units”. A unitholder's tax basis for its common units is reduced by its share of our deductions (whether or not such deductions were claimed on an individual's income tax return) so that any position we take that understates deductions will overstate the common unitholder's basis in its common units, which may cause the unitholder to understate gain or overstate loss on any sale of such units. Please read “Disposition of Common Units-Recognition of Gain or Loss”. Tax counsel has not rendered an opinion as to whether our method for depreciating Section 743 adjustments is sustainable for property subject to depreciation under Section 167 of the Code or if we use an aggregate approach as described above, as there is no direct or indirect controlling authority addressing the validity of these positions. Moreover, the IRS may challenge our position with respect to depreciating or amortizing the Section 743(b) adjustments we take to preserve the uniformity of the units. If such challenge were sustained, the gain from the sale of units might be increased without the benefit of additional deductions.

Subject to certain limitations, a Section 743(b) adjustment may create additional depreciable basis that is eligible for bonus depreciation under Section 168(k) to the extent the adjustment is attributable to depreciable property and not to goodwill or real property. However, because we may not be able to determine whether transfers of our units satisfy all of the eligibility requirements and due to other limitations regarding administrability, we may elect out of the bonus depreciation provisions of Section 168(k) with respect to basis adjustments under Section 743(b).

A Section 754 election is advantageous if the transferee's tax basis in its common units is higher than the common units' share of the aggregate tax basis of our assets immediately prior to the transfer. In that case, as a result of the election, the transferee would have, among other items, a greater amount of depreciation deductions and its share of any gain or loss on a sale of our assets would be less. Conversely, a Section 754 election is disadvantageous if the transferee's tax basis in its common units is lower than those common units' share of the aggregate tax basis of our assets immediately prior to the transfer. Thus, the fair market value of the common units may be affected either favorably or unfavorably by the election. A basis adjustment is required regardless of whether a Section 754 election is made in the case of a transfer of an interest in us if we have a substantial built-in loss immediately after the transfer, or if we distribute property and have a substantial basis reduction. Generally, a basis reduction or built-in loss is substantial if it exceeds \$250,000.

The calculations involved in the Section 754 election are complex and will be made on the basis of assumptions as to the value of our assets and other matters. For example, the allocation of the Section 743(b) adjustment among our assets must be made in accordance with the Code. The IRS could seek to reallocate some or all of any Section 743(b) adjustment we allocated to our tangible assets to goodwill instead. Goodwill, as an intangible asset, is generally either non-amortizable or amortizable over a longer period of time or under a less accelerated method than our tangible assets. We cannot assure you that the determinations we make will not be successfully challenged by the IRS and that the deductions resulting from them will not be reduced or disallowed altogether. Should the IRS require a different basis adjustment to be made, and should, in our opinion, the expense of compliance exceed the benefit of the election, we may seek permission from the IRS to revoke our Section 754

election. If permission is granted, a subsequent purchaser of common units may be allocated more or less net income than it would have been allocated had the election not been revoked.

### **Tax Treatment of Operations**

*Accounting Method and Taxable Year.* We generally use the year ending December 31 as our taxable year and the accrual method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Each unitholder will be required to include in income its share of our income, gain, loss and deduction for our taxable year or years ending with or within its taxable year. In addition, a unitholder who has a taxable year different from our taxable year and who disposes of all of its common units following the close of our taxable year but before the close of its taxable year must include its share of our income, gain, loss and deduction in income for its taxable year, with the result that such unitholder will be required to include in income for its taxable year its share of more than one year of our income, gain, loss and deduction. Please read “—Disposition of Common Units-Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees”.

*Initial Tax Basis, Depreciation and Amortization.* We use the tax basis of our assets for purposes of computing depreciation and cost recovery deductions and, ultimately, gain or loss on the disposition of these assets. The U.S. federal income tax burden associated with the difference between the fair market value of our assets and their tax basis immediately prior to an offering of new units will be borne by our general partner, its affiliates, and our other unitholders immediately prior to such offering. Please read “—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Allocation of Income, Gain, Loss and Deduction”.

To the extent allowable, we may elect to use the depreciation and cost recovery methods, including bonus depreciation to the extent available, that will result in the largest deductions being taken in the early years after assets are placed in service. Property we subsequently acquire or construct may be depreciated using accelerated methods permitted by the Code.

The IRS may challenge the useful lives assigned to our assets or seek to characterize intangible assets as nonamortizable goodwill. If any such challenge or characterization is successful, the deductions allocated to a common unitholder in respect of our assets could be reduced, and its share of taxable income received from us could be increased accordingly. Any such increase could be material.

If we dispose of depreciable property by sale, foreclosure, or otherwise, all or a portion of any gain, determined by reference to the amount of depreciation previously deducted and the nature of the property, may be subject to the recapture rules and taxed as ordinary income rather than capital gain. Similarly, a unitholder who has taken cost recovery or depreciation deductions with respect to property we own will likely be required to recapture some or all of those deductions as ordinary income upon a sale of its interest in us. Please read “—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Allocation of Income, Gain, Loss and Deduction” and “—Disposition of Common Units-Recognition of Gain or Loss”.

The costs incurred in selling the common units (called “syndication expenses”) must be capitalized and cannot be deducted currently, ratably or upon our termination. There are uncertainties regarding the classification of costs as organization expenses, which we may be able to amortize, and as syndication expenses, which we may not amortize. The underwriting discounts and commissions we incur will be treated as syndication expenses.

*Valuation and Tax Basis of Our Properties.* The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of common units will depend in part on our estimates of the relative fair market values, and the tax bases, of our assets. Although we may from time to time consult with professional appraisers regarding valuation matters, we will make many of the relative fair market value estimates ourselves. These estimates and determinations of basis are subject to challenge and will not be binding on the IRS or the courts. If the estimates of fair market value or basis are later found to be incorrect, the character and amount of items of income, gain, loss or deductions previously reported by unitholders might change, and unitholders might be required to adjust their tax liability for prior years and incur interest and penalties with respect to those adjustments.

## **Disposition of Common Units**

*Recognition of Gain or Loss.* Gain or loss will be recognized on a sale of common units equal to the difference between the unitholder's amount realized and the unitholder's tax basis for the common units sold (adding back any basis adjustments attributable to previously disallowed interest deductions). A unitholder's amount realized will be measured by the sum of the cash or the fair market value of other property received by it plus its share of our liabilities attributable to the common units sold. Because the amount realized includes all or a portion of a unitholder's share of our liabilities, the gain recognized on the sale of common units could result in a tax liability in excess of any cash received from the sale.

A unitholder's tax basis in the unitholder's common units is adjusted by distributions, as well as by virtue of allocations of income, gains, losses, deductions, liabilities and disallowed interest expense. Please read "—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Basis of Common Units". Prior distributions from us in excess of cumulative net taxable income for a common unit that decreased a unitholder's tax basis in that common unit, in effect, will become taxable income if the common unit is sold at a price greater than the unitholder's tax basis in that common unit, even if the price received is less than its original cost. If any of our allocations are subsequently disputed by the IRS, unitholders who sold common units prior to the resolution of such dispute may be required to increase or decrease the amount of gain or loss reported on such sale. Please read "—Disposition of Common Units-Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees" and "—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Section 754 Election".

Except as noted below, gain or loss recognized by a unitholder, other than a "dealer" in units, on the sale or exchange of a common unit will generally be taxable as capital gain or loss. Capital gain recognized by an individual on the sale of common units held more than twelve months is generally taxed at a maximum U.S. federal income tax rate of 20%, which rate is in effect as of the date of this prospectus but is subject to change by new legislation at any time. However, a portion of this gain or loss, which may be substantial, will be separately computed and taxed as ordinary income or loss under Section 751 of the Code to the extent attributable to assets giving rise to depreciation recapture or other "unrealized receivables" or to "inventory items" we own. Depreciation and other potential recapture items are included in the term "unrealized receivables." Ordinary income attributable to unrealized receivables, inventory items and depreciation recapture may exceed net taxable gain realized on the sale of a common unit and may be recognized even if there is a net taxable loss realized on the sale of a common unit. Thus, a unitholder may recognize both ordinary income and a capital loss upon a sale of common units. Net capital losses may offset capital gains and no more than \$3,000 of ordinary income each year, in the case of individuals, and may only be used to offset capital gains, in the case of corporations. Both ordinary income and capital gain recognized on a sale of our common units may be subject to the additional Medicare contribution tax in certain circumstances. Please read "—Tax Consequence of Common Unit Ownership-Tax Rates."

The IRS has ruled that a partner who acquires interests in a partnership in separate transactions must combine those interests and maintain a single adjusted tax basis for all those interests. Upon a sale or other disposition of less than all of those interests, a portion of that tax basis must be allocated to the interests sold using an "equitable apportionment" method, which generally means that the tax basis allocated to the interest sold equals an amount that bears the same relation to the partner's tax basis in its entire interest in the partnership as the value of the interest sold bears to the value of the partner's entire interest in the partnership. Treasury Regulations under Section 1223 of the Code allow a selling unitholder who can identify common units transferred with an ascertainable holding period to elect to use the actual holding period of the common units transferred. Thus, according to the ruling, a common unitholder will be unable to select high or low basis common units to sell as would be the case with corporate stock, but, according to the Treasury Regulations, such common unitholder may designate specific common units sold for purposes of determining the holding period of units transferred. A unitholder electing to use the actual holding period of common units transferred must consistently use that identification method for all subsequent sales or exchanges of common units. A unitholder considering the purchase of additional common units or a sale of common units purchased in separate

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transactions is urged to consult its tax advisor as to the possible consequences of the ruling and application of the Treasury Regulations.

Specific provisions of the Code affect the taxation of some financial products and securities, including partnership interests, by treating a taxpayer as having sold an “appreciated” partnership interest, one in which gain would be recognized if it were sold, assigned or terminated at its fair market value, if the taxpayer or related persons enter(s) into:

- a short sale;
- an offsetting notional principal contract; or
- a futures or forward contract with respect to the partnership interest or substantially identical property.

Moreover, if a taxpayer has previously entered into a short sale, an offsetting notional principal contract or a futures or forward contract with respect to the partnership interest, the taxpayer will be treated as having sold that position if the taxpayer or a related person then acquires the partnership interest or substantially identical property. The Secretary of the Treasury is also authorized to issue regulations that treat a taxpayer that enters into transactions or positions that have substantially the same effect as the preceding transactions as having constructively sold the financial position. As of the date of this prospectus, no such regulations have been issued.

*Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees.* In general, our taxable income or losses will be determined annually, will be prorated on a monthly basis and will be subsequently apportioned among the unitholders in proportion to the number of common units owned by each of them as of the opening of the applicable exchange on the first business day of the month, which we refer to in this prospectus as the “Allocation Date”. However, gain or loss realized on a sale or other disposition of our assets other than in the ordinary course of business will generally be allocated among the unitholders on the Allocation Date in the month in which that gain or loss is recognized. As a result, a unitholder transferring common units may be allocated income, gain, loss and deduction realized after the date of transfer.

Although simplifying conventions are contemplated by the Code and most publicly traded partnerships use simplifying conventions, existing Treasury Regulations do not specifically authorize all aspects of the proration method we have adopted. Accordingly, our tax counsel is unable to opine on the validity of all aspects of our method of allocating income, gain, loss, and deductions among transferor and transferee unitholders. If the IRS were to successfully challenge our proration method, we may be required to change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss, and deduction among our unitholders. We are authorized to revise our method of allocation between transferor and transferee unitholders, as well as unitholders whose interests vary during a taxable year, to conform to a method permitted by the Treasury Regulations.

A unitholder who owns common units at any time during a quarter and who disposes of them prior to the record date set for a cash distribution for that quarter will be allocated items of our income, gain, loss and deductions attributable to that quarter but will not be entitled to receive that cash distribution.

*Notification Requirements.* A unitholder who sells any common units is generally required to notify us in writing of that sale within 30 days after the sale (or, if earlier, January 15 of the year following the sale), unless a broker or nominee will satisfy such requirement. A purchaser of common units who purchases units from another unitholder is also generally required to notify us in writing of that purchase within 30 days after the purchase. Upon receiving such notifications, we are required to notify the IRS of that transaction and to furnish specified information to the transferor and transferee. Failure to notify us of a sale of common units, in some cases, may lead to the imposition of penalties. However, these reporting requirements do not apply to a sale by an individual who is a citizen of the United States and who effects the sale or exchange through a broker who will satisfy such requirements.

### **Uniformity of Common Units**

Because we cannot match transferors and transferees of common units and for other reasons, we must maintain uniformity of the economic and tax characteristics of the common units for a purchaser of the common units. In the absence of uniformity, we may be unable to completely comply with a number of U.S. federal income tax requirements, both statutory and regulatory. A lack of uniformity can result from a literal application of Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-1(a)(6). Any non-uniformity could have a negative impact on the value of the common units. Please read “—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Section 754 Election”.

We intend to depreciate the portion of a Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to unrealized appreciation in the value of Contributed Property, to the extent of any unamortized Book-Tax Disparity, using a rate of depreciation or amortization derived from the depreciation or amortization method and useful life applied to the unamortized Book-Tax Disparity of that property, or treat that portion as non-amortizable, to the extent attributable to that property’s unamortized Book-Tax Disparity which is not amortizable, consistent with the Treasury Regulations under Section 743 of the Code, even though that position may be inconsistent with Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-1(a)(6), which is not expected to directly apply to a material portion of our assets. Please read “—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Section 754 Election”. To the extent that the Section 743(b) adjustment is attributable to appreciation in value in excess of the unamortized Book-Tax Disparity, we will apply the rules described in the Treasury Regulations and legislative history. If we determine that this position cannot reasonably be taken, we may adopt a depreciation and amortization position under which all purchasers acquiring common units in the same month would receive depreciation and amortization deductions, whether attributable to a common basis or Section 743(b) adjustment, based upon the same applicable rate as if they had purchased a direct interest in our property. If this position is adopted, it may result in lower annual depreciation and amortization deductions than would otherwise be allowable to some unitholders and risk the loss of depreciation and amortization deductions not taken in the year that these deductions are otherwise allowable. This position will not be adopted if we determine that the loss of depreciation and amortization deductions will have a material adverse effect on the unitholders. If we choose not to utilize this aggregate method, we may use any other reasonable depreciation and amortization method to preserve the uniformity of the intrinsic tax characteristics of any common units that would not have a material adverse effect on the unitholders. Tax counsel has not rendered an opinion on the validity of any of these positions. The IRS may challenge any method of depreciating the Section 743(b) adjustment described in this paragraph. If this challenge were sustained, the uniformity of common units might be affected, and the gain from the sale of common units might be increased without the benefit of additional deductions. We do not believe these allocations will affect any material item of income, gain, loss or deduction. Please read “—Disposition of Common Units-Recognition of Gain or Loss”.

### **Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors**

Ownership of common units by employee benefit plans, other tax-exempt organizations, non-resident aliens, non-U.S. corporations, and other non-U.S. persons raises issues unique to those investors and, as described below, may have substantially adverse tax consequences to them. If you are a tax-exempt entity or a non-U.S. person, you should consult your tax advisor before investing in our common units.

Employee benefit plans and most other organizations exempt from U.S. federal income tax, including individual retirement accounts and other retirement plans, are subject to U.S. federal income tax on unrelated business taxable income. Virtually all of our income less certain allowable deductions allocated to a unitholder that is a tax-exempt organization will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to it.

A regulated investment company or “mutual fund” is required to derive 90% or more of its gross income from certain permitted sources. The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 generally treats net income from the ownership of publicly traded partnerships as derived from such permitted sources. We anticipate that all of our net income will be treated as derived from such permitted sources.

Non-resident aliens and non-U.S. corporations, trusts or estates that own common units will be considered to be engaged in business in the United States because of the ownership of common units. As a consequence, they will

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be required to file U.S. federal tax returns to report their share of our income, gain, loss or deduction and pay U.S. federal income tax at regular rates on their share of our net income or gain. Moreover, under rules applicable to publicly traded partnerships, we will withhold tax at the highest applicable effective tax rate, from cash distributions made to non-U.S. unitholders. Each non-U.S. unitholder must obtain a taxpayer identification number from the IRS and submit that number to our transfer agent on a Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, or applicable substitute form, in order to obtain credit for these withholding taxes. We will also withhold tax on U.S. source income recognized by non-U.S. unitholders that is not effectively connected with our U.S. trade or business, unless non-U.S. unitholders qualify for certain treaty benefits or an exception provided in the Code. Certain exceptions may require non-U.S. unitholders to provide certain information to us and to the IRS. A change in applicable law may require us to change these procedures.

In addition, because a non-U.S. corporation that owns common units will be treated as engaged in a U.S. trade or business, that corporation may be subject to the U.S. branch profits tax at a rate of 30%, in addition to regular U.S. federal income tax, on its share of our income and gain, as adjusted for changes in the non-U.S. corporation's "U.S. net equity" that is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business. That tax may be reduced or eliminated by an income tax treaty between the United States and the country in which the non-U.S. corporate unitholder is a "qualified resident." In addition, this type of unitholder is subject to special information reporting requirements under Section 6038C of the Code.

A non-U.S. unitholder who sells or otherwise disposes of a common unit will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain realized from the sale or disposition of that unit to the extent the gain is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the non-U.S. unitholder. Gain realized by a non-U.S. unitholder from the sale of its interest in a partnership that is engaged in a trade or business in the United States will be considered to be "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business to the extent that gain that would be recognized upon a sale by the partnership of all of its assets would be "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business. Thus, part or all of a non-U.S. unitholder's gain from the sale or other disposition of common units would be treated as effectively connected with a unitholder's indirect U.S. trade or business constituted by its investment in us and would be subject to U.S. federal income tax.

Moreover, under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act, a non-U.S. unitholder (other than certain "qualified foreign pension funds" (or an entity all of the interests of which are held by such a qualified foreign pension fund), which generally are entities or arrangements that are established and regulated by non-U.S. law to provide retirement or other pension benefits to employees, do not have a single participant or beneficiary that is entitled to more than 5% of the assets or income of the entity or arrangement and are subject to certain preferential tax treatment under the laws of the applicable country) generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax upon the sale or disposition of a common unit if (i) the unitholder owned (directly or constructively applying certain attribution rules) more than 5% of our common units at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of such disposition and (ii) 50% or more of the fair market value of all of our assets consisted of U.S. real property interests at any time during the shorter of the period during which such unitholder held the common units or the five-year period ending on the date of disposition. Currently, we believe that more than 50% of our assets consist of U.S. real property interests and we do not expect that to change in the foreseeable future. Therefore, non-U.S. unitholders may be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain from the sale or disposition of their common units.

Moreover, the transferee of an interest in a partnership that is engaged in a U.S. trade or business is generally required to withhold 10% of the amount realized by the transferor unless the transferor certifies that it is not a foreign person, and we are required to deduct and withhold from future distributions to the transferee amounts that should have been withheld by the transferees but were not withheld. Because the "amount realized" includes a partner's share of the partnership's liabilities, 10% of the amount realized could exceed the total cash purchase price for the common units. However, pending the issuance of final regulations, the IRS has suspended the application of this withholding rule to transfers of certain publicly traded partnership interests, including transfers of our common units. If recently promulgated regulations are finalized as proposed, such regulations would

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provide, with respect to transfers of publicly traded interests in publicly traded partnerships effected through a broker, that the obligation to withhold is imposed on the transferor's broker and that a partner's "amount realized" does not include a partner's share of a publicly traded partnership's liabilities for purposes of determining the amount subject to withholding. However, it is not clear when such regulations will be finalized and if they will be finalized in their current form.

### **Administrative Matters**

*Information Returns and Audit Procedures.* We intend to furnish to each unitholder, within 90 days after the close of each taxable year, specific tax information, including a Schedule K-1, which describes each unitholder's share of our income, gains, losses and deductions for our preceding taxable year. In preparing this information, which will not be reviewed by tax counsel, we will take various accounting and reporting positions, some of which have been mentioned earlier, to determine each unitholder's share of income, gains, losses and deductions. We cannot assure you that those positions will yield a result that conforms to the requirements of the Code, Treasury Regulations, administrative interpretations of the IRS, or applicable court decisions. Neither we nor tax counsel can assure prospective unitholders that the IRS will not successfully contend in court that those positions are impermissible. Any challenge by the IRS could negatively affect the cash available for distributions and the value of the common units.

The IRS may audit our U.S. federal income tax information returns. Adjustments resulting from an IRS audit may require each unitholder to adjust a prior year's tax liability, and possibly may result in an audit of its return. Any audit of a unitholder's return could result in adjustments unrelated to our returns as well as those related to our returns.

A unitholder must file a statement with the IRS identifying the treatment of any item on its U.S. federal income tax return that is not consistent with the treatment of the item on our return. Intentional or negligent disregard of this consistency requirement may subject a unitholder to substantial penalties.

Partnerships generally are treated as separate entities for purposes of U.S. federal tax audits, judicial review of administrative adjustments by the IRS and tax settlement proceedings. The tax treatment of partnership items of income, gain, loss and deduction are determined in a partnership proceeding rather than in separate proceedings with the partners. For taxable years beginning before December 31, 2017, the Code requires that one partner be designated as the "Tax Matters Partner" for these purposes. Our partnership agreement names our general partner as our Tax Matters Partner.

Our general partner, as Tax Matters Partner, will make some elections on our behalf and on behalf of unitholders. The Tax Matters Partner can also extend the statute of limitations for assessment of tax deficiencies against unitholders for items in our returns. The Tax Matters Partner may bind a unitholder with less than a 1% profits interest in us to a settlement with the IRS unless that unitholder elects, by filing a statement with the IRS, not to give that authority to the Tax Matters Partner. The Tax Matters Partner may seek judicial review, by which all of the unitholders are bound, of a final partnership administrative adjustment and, if the Tax Matters Partner fails to seek judicial review, judicial review may be sought by any unitholder having at least a 1% interest in profits or by any group of unitholders having in the aggregate at least a 5% interest in profits. However, only one action for judicial review will go forward, and each unitholder with an interest in the outcome may participate in that action.

Pursuant to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, if the IRS makes audit adjustments to our income tax returns, it may assess and collect any taxes (including any applicable penalties and interest) resulting from such audit adjustment directly from us unless we are able to elect to have our general partner and unitholders take any such audit adjustment into account in accordance with their interests in us during the taxable year under audit. Similarly, for such taxable years, if the IRS makes audit adjustments to income tax returns filed by an entity in which we are, or were, a member or partner, it may assess and collect any

taxes (including penalties and interest) resulting from such audit adjustment directly from such entity. Generally, we expect to elect to have our general partner, unitholders and former unitholders take any such audit adjustment into account in accordance with their interests in us during the taxable year under audit, but there can be no assurance that such election will be effective in all circumstances. If we are unable or it is not economical to have our general partner, our unitholders and former unitholders take such audit adjustment into account in accordance with their interests in us during the taxable year under audit, our current unitholders may bear some or all of the tax liability resulting from such audit adjustment, even if such unitholders did not own our common units during the taxable year under audit. If, as a result of any such audit adjustment, we are required to make payments of taxes, penalties, and interest, cash available for distribution to our unitholders might be substantially reduced. Congress has proposed changes to the Bipartisan Budget Act, and we anticipate that amendments may be made. Accordingly, the manner in which these rules may apply to us in the future is uncertain.

Additionally, pursuant to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, the Code will no longer require that we designate a Tax Matters Partner. Instead, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, we will be required to designate a partner, or other person, with a substantial presence in the United States as the partnership representative (“Partnership Representative”). The Partnership Representative will have the sole authority to act on our behalf for purposes of, among other things, U.S. federal income tax audits and judicial review of administrative adjustments by the IRS. If we do not make such a designation, the IRS can select any person as the Partnership Representative. We have designated our general partner as the Partnership Representative. Further, any actions taken by us or by the Partnership Representative on our behalf with respect to, among other things, U.S. federal income tax audits and judicial review of administrative adjustments by the IRS, will be binding on us and all of the unitholders.

*Additional Withholding Requirements.* Under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, the relevant withholding agent may be required to withhold 30% of any interest, dividends and other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gains, profits and income from sources within the United States (“FDAP Income”) or gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of any property of a type which can produce interest or dividends from sources within the United States (“Gross Proceeds”) paid to a “foreign financial institution” (for which purposes includes non-U.S. broker-dealers, clearing organizations, investment companies, hedge funds and certain other investment entities) unless (i) the foreign financial institution undertakes certain diligence and reporting, (ii) the non-financial foreign entity either certifies it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or furnishes identifying information regarding each substantial U.S. owner or (iii) the foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from these rules. While withholdable payments would have originally included payments of Gross Proceeds on or after January 1, 2019, recently proposed Treasury Regulations provide that such payments of Gross Proceeds do not constitute withholdable payments. Taxpayers may rely generally on these proposed Treasury Regulations until they are revoked or final Treasury Regulations are issued.

If the payee is a foreign financial institution and is subject to the diligence and reporting requirements in clause (i) above, it must enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of the Treasury requiring, among other things, that it undertake to identify accounts held by certain U.S. persons or U.S.-owned foreign entities, annually report certain information about such accounts, and withhold 30% on payments to noncompliant foreign financial institutions and certain other account holders. Foreign financial institutions located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States governing these requirements may be subject to different rules.

To the extent we have FDAP Income that is not treated as effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business (please read “—Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors”), unitholders who are foreign financial institutions or certain other non-U.S. entities may be subject to withholding on distributions they receive from us, or their distributive share of our income, pursuant to the rules described above. Prospective unitholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential application of these withholding provisions to their investment in our common units.

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*Nominee Reporting.* Persons who hold an interest in us as a nominee for another person are required to furnish to us:

- (a) the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the beneficial owner and the nominee;
- (b) a statement regarding whether the beneficial owner is:
  - (1) a person that is not a United States person;
  - (2) a government of a non-U.S. jurisdiction, an international organization or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality of either of the foregoing; or
  - (3) a tax-exempt entity;
- (c) the amount and description of common units held, acquired or transferred for the beneficial owner; and
- (d) specific information including the dates of acquisitions and transfers, means of acquisitions and transfers, and acquisition cost for purchases, as well as the amount of net proceeds from dispositions.

Brokers and financial institutions are required to furnish additional information, including whether they are United States persons and specific information on common units they acquire, hold or transfer for their own account. A penalty per failure, with a significant maximum penalty per calendar year, is imposed by the Code for failure to report that information to us. The nominee is required to supply the beneficial owner of the units with the information furnished to us.

*Accuracy-Related Penalties.* The Code imposes an additional tax equal to 20% of the amount of any portion of an underpayment of tax that is attributable to one or more specified causes, including negligence or disregard of rules or regulations, substantial understatements of income tax and substantial valuation misstatements. The Code does not impose a penalty, however, for any portion of an underpayment if it is shown that there was a reasonable cause for that portion and that the taxpayer acted in good faith regarding that portion.

For individuals, a substantial understatement of income tax in any taxable year exists if the amount of the understatement exceeds the greater of 10% of the tax required to be shown on the return for the taxable year (reduced to 5% in the case of any taxpayer who claims the 20% deduction for “qualified business income” as described above under “Tax Rates”) or \$5,000 (\$10,000 for most corporations). The amount of any understatement subject to penalty generally is reduced if any portion is attributable to a position adopted on the return:

- (1) for which there is, or was, “substantial authority”; or
- (2) as to which there is a reasonable basis and the pertinent facts of that position are disclosed on the return.

If any item of income, gain, loss or deduction included in the distributive shares of unitholders might result in that kind of an “understatement” of income tax for which no “substantial authority” exists, we must adequately disclose the pertinent facts on its return. In addition, we will make a reasonable effort to furnish sufficient information for unitholders to make adequate disclosure on their returns and to take other actions as may be appropriate to permit unitholders to avoid liability for this penalty. More stringent rules apply to “tax shelters,” which we do not believe includes us, or any of our investments, plans or arrangements.

A substantial valuation misstatement exists if (a) the value of any property, or the adjusted basis of any property, claimed on a tax return is 150% or more of the amount determined to be the correct amount of the valuation or adjusted basis, (b) the price for any property or services (or for the use of property) claimed on any such return with respect to any transaction between persons described in Section 482 of the Code is 200% or more (or 50%

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or less) of the amount determined under Section 482 to be the correct amount of such price, or (c) the net Code Section 482 transfer price adjustment for the taxable year exceeds the lesser of \$5 million or 10% of the taxpayer's gross receipts. No penalty is imposed unless the portion of the underpayment attributable to a substantial valuation misstatement exceeds \$5,000 (\$10,000 for most corporations). If the valuation claimed on a return is 200% or more than the correct valuation or certain other thresholds are met, the penalty imposed increases to 40%. We do not anticipate making any valuation misstatements.

In addition, the 20% accuracy-related penalty also applies to any portion of an underpayment of tax that is attributable to transactions lacking economic substance. To the extent that such transactions are not adequately disclosed, the penalty imposed is increased to 40%. Additionally, there is no reasonable cause defense to the imposition of this penalty to such transactions.

*Reportable Transactions.* If we were to engage in a "reportable transaction," we (and possibly you and others) would be required to make a detailed disclosure of the transaction to the IRS. A transaction may be a reportable transaction based upon any of several factors, including the fact that it is a type of tax avoidance transaction publicly identified by the IRS as a "listed transaction," a "transaction of interest" or a transaction that produces certain kinds of losses for partnerships, individuals, S corporations, and trusts in excess of \$2 million in any single year or \$4 million in any combination of six successive taxable years (beginning with the taxable year in which the transaction are entered into). Our participation in a reportable transaction could increase the likelihood that our U.S. federal income tax information return (and possibly your tax return) would be audited by the IRS. Please read "—Information Returns and Audit Procedures."

Moreover, if we were to participate in a reportable transaction with a significant purpose to avoid or evade tax, or in any listed transaction, you may be subject to the following additional consequences:

- accuracy-related penalties with a broader scope, significantly narrower exceptions, and potentially greater amounts than described above at "—Accuracy-Related Penalties,"
- for those persons otherwise entitled to deduct interest on U.S. federal tax deficiencies, non-deductibility of interest on any resulting tax liability, and
- in the case of a listed transaction, an extended statute of limitations.

We do not expect to engage in any "reportable transactions."

### **State, Local and Other Tax Considerations**

In addition to U.S. federal income taxes, you likely will be subject to other taxes, such as state and local income taxes, unincorporated business taxes, and estate, inheritance or intangible taxes that may be imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we do business or own property or in which you are a resident. Although an analysis of those various taxes is not presented here, each prospective unitholder should consider their potential impact on its investment in us. We currently do business or own property in several states, most of which impose a personal income tax on individuals. Most of these states also impose an income tax on corporations and other entities. We may also do business or own property in other jurisdictions in the future. Although you may not be required to file a return and pay taxes in some jurisdictions if your income from that jurisdiction falls below the filing and payment requirement, you will be required to file income tax returns and to pay income taxes in many of the jurisdictions in which we do business or own property and may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. In some jurisdictions, tax losses may not produce a tax benefit in the year incurred and may not be available to offset income in subsequent taxable years. Some jurisdictions may require us, or we may elect, to withhold a percentage of income from amounts to be distributed to a unitholder who is not a resident of the jurisdiction. Withholding, the amount of which may be greater or less than a particular unitholder's income tax liability to the jurisdiction, generally does not relieve a nonresident unitholder from the obligation to file an income tax return. Amounts withheld will be treated as if distributed to unitholders for

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purposes of determining the amounts distributed by us. Please read “—Tax Consequences of Common Unit Ownership-Entity-Level Collections”. Based on current law and our estimate of our future operations, our general partner anticipates that any amounts required to be withheld will not be material.

It is the responsibility of each unitholder to investigate the legal and tax consequences, under the laws of pertinent jurisdictions, of its investment in us. Accordingly, each prospective unitholder is urged to consult, and depend on, its own tax counsel or other advisor with regard to those matters. It is the responsibility of each unitholder to file all state and local, as well as U.S. federal tax returns, that may be required of such unitholder. Tax counsel has not rendered an opinion on the state tax, local tax, alternative minimum tax or non-U.S. tax consequences of an investment in us.

## INVESTMENT IN DCP MIDSTREAM, LP BY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

An investment in us by an employee benefit plan is subject to additional considerations because the investments of these plans are usually subject to the fiduciary responsibility and prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA and may also be subject to similar or additional restrictions imposed by the Code. For these purposes the term “employee benefit plan” includes, but is not limited to, qualified pension, profit-sharing and stock bonus plans, so-called “Keogh” plans, simplified employee pension plans, tax deferred annuities or IRAs, and trusts that fund medical and other benefits for employees. Among other things, consideration should be given to:

- whether the investment is consistent with the requirements of Section 404 of ERISA, which include that plan investments must (i) be solely in the interest of participants and beneficiaries, (ii) be prudent, (iii) consider diversification of the plan’s assets, and (iv) be consistent with the plan’s governing documents;
- whether the investment is consistent with the requirements of the Code, or will result in recognition of unrelated business taxable income by the plan and, if so, the potential after-tax investment return. Please read “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences—Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors”.

The person with investment discretion with respect to the assets of an employee benefit plan, often called a fiduciary, should determine whether an investment in us is authorized by the appropriate governing instrument and is a proper investment for the plan.

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit employee benefit plans and IRAs from engaging in specified transactions involving “plan assets” with parties that are “parties in interest” (under ERISA) or “disqualified persons” (under the Code) with respect to the plan. These transactions are called “prohibited transactions,” and could result in fiduciary liability and other monetary penalties.

In addition to considering whether the purchase of common units is a prohibited transaction, a fiduciary of an employee benefit plan should consider whether the plan will, by investing in us, be deemed to own an undivided interest in our assets, with the result that our operations would be subject to the regulatory restrictions of ERISA. For this purpose, the Department of Labor regulations provide guidance with respect to whether the assets of an entity in which employee benefit plans acquire equity interests would be deemed “plan assets” under some circumstances. Under these regulations, an entity’s assets would not be considered to be “plan assets” if, among other things:

- (a) the equity interests acquired by employee benefit plans are publicly offered securities-*i.e.*, the equity interests are widely held by 100 or more investors independent of the issuer and each other, freely transferable and registered under the federal securities laws;
- (b) the entity is an “operating company,”—*i.e.*, it is primarily engaged in the production or sale of a product or service other than the investment of capital either directly or through a majority-owned subsidiary or subsidiaries; or
- (c) there is no significant investment by benefit plan investors, which is defined to mean that less than 25% of the value of each class of equity interest is held by employee benefit plans (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA), any plan to which Section 4975 of the Code applies, and any entity whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of a plan’s investment in such entity.

Our assets should not be considered “plan assets” under these regulations because it is expected that the investment will satisfy the requirements in (a) above.

Plan fiduciaries contemplating a purchase of common units should consult with their own counsel regarding the consequences under ERISA and the Code in light of the serious penalties imposed on persons who engage in prohibited transactions or other violations.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the common units being offered hereby directly to one or more purchasers, through agents, through underwriters, or through dealers.

### By Agents

Agents designated by us may directly solicit, from time to time, offers to purchase the common units. Any such agent may be deemed to be an underwriter as that term is defined in the Securities Act. We will name the agents involved in the offer or sale of the common units and describe any commissions payable by us to these agents in the prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, these agents may act on a best efforts basis for the period of their appointment.

### By Underwriters or Dealers

If we use any underwriters in the sale of the common units in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, the underwriters will acquire such common units for their own account. We will enter into an underwriting agreement with those underwriters at the time of sale to them. We will set forth the names of the underwriters and the terms of the transaction in a prospectus supplement, which will be used by the underwriters to make resales of the common units in respect of which this prospectus is delivered to the public.

If we use a dealer in the sale of the common units in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we will sell those common units to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell those common units to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale.

To the extent that we make sales through one or more underwriters or agents in at-the-market offerings, we will do so pursuant to the terms of a sales agency financing agreement or other at-the-market offering arrangement between us and the underwriters or agents. If we engage in at-the-market sales pursuant to any such agreement, we will issue and sell common units through one or more underwriters or agents, which may act on an agency basis or on a principal basis. During the term of any such agreement, we may sell common units on a daily basis in exchange transactions or otherwise as we agree with the underwriters or agents. The agreement will provide that any common units sold will be sold at prices related to the then prevailing market prices for such securities. Therefore, exact figures regarding proceeds that will be raised or commissions to be paid cannot be determined at this time. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we also may agree to sell, and the relevant underwriters or agents may agree to solicit offers to purchase, blocks of common units. The terms of each such agreement will be set forth in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus. In the event that any underwriter or agent acts as principal, or broker-dealer acts as underwriter, it may engage in certain transactions that stabilize, maintain, or otherwise affect the price of common units. We will describe any such activities in the prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus relating to the transaction.

### Direct Sales

We may also sell common units directly to one or more purchasers. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved. We may use electronic media, including the Internet, to sell offered common units directly.

### General Information

We will set the price or prices of our common units at:

- market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- prices related to market price; or
- a negotiated price.

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We may have agreements with agents, underwriters or dealers to indemnify them against certain specified liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Agents, underwriters or dealers, or their affiliates, may be our customers or may engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time to describe a particular plan of distribution. The place and time of delivery for the common units in respect of which this prospectus is delivered will be set forth in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

In connection with offerings of common units under the registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, and in compliance with applicable law, underwriters, brokers or dealers may engage in transactions that stabilize or maintain the market price of the common units at levels above those that might otherwise prevail in the open market. Specifically, underwriters, brokers or dealers may over-allot in connection with offerings, creating a short position in the common units for their own accounts. For the purpose of covering a syndicate short position or stabilizing the price of the common units, the underwriters, brokers or dealers may place bids for the common units or effect purchases of the common units in the open market. Finally, the underwriters may impose a penalty whereby selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other brokers or dealers for distribution of the common units in offerings may be reclaimed by the syndicate if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed common units in transactions to cover short positions, in stabilization transactions or otherwise. These activities may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the common units, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market, and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

Holland & Hart LLP will pass upon the validity of the common units offered under this registration statement. If certain legal matters in connection with an offering of the common units made pursuant to this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement are passed on by counsel for the underwriters of such offering, that counsel will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement related to that offering.

## EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of DCP Midstream, LP, incorporated in this prospectus by reference from DCP Midstream, LP's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the effectiveness of DCP Midstream, LP's internal control over financial reporting, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference (which reports (1) express an unqualified opinion on the financial statements and include explanatory paragraphs referring to (a) a change in method of accounting for leases during the year ended December 31, 2019, due to adoption of Accounting Standards Codification Topic 842 – *Leases*, and (b) a change in method of accounting for revenue from contracts with customers during the year ended December 31, 2018, due to adoption of Accounting Standards Codification Topic 606 – *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, and (2) express an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting). Such consolidated financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of DCP Sand Hills Pipeline, LLC as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017, incorporated in this prospectus by reference from DCP Midstream, LP's Amendment No. 1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference (which report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements and includes emphasis of matter paragraphs referring to (1) the adoption in 2018 of new accounting guidance related to recognition of revenue from contracts with customers, and (2) significant transactions with related parties). Such consolidated financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of DCP Southern Hills Pipeline, LLC as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017, incorporated in this prospectus by reference from DCP Midstream, LP's Amendment No. 1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference (which report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements and includes emphasis of matter paragraphs referring to (1) the adoption in 2018 of new accounting guidance related to recognition of revenue from contracts with customers, and (2) significant transactions with related parties). Such consolidated financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of Front Range Pipeline, LLC as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 and for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017, incorporated in this prospectus by reference from DCP Midstream, LP's Amendment No. 2 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Discovery Producer Services LLC appearing in DCP Midstream, LP's Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2019, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are, and audited financial statements to be included in subsequently filed documents will be, incorporated herein in reliance upon the report of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements (to the extent covered by consents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission) given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of Gulf Coast Express Pipeline LLC as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019 incorporated by reference in this prospectus from DCP Midstream, LP's Amendment No. 2 to the Annual

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Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of BDO USA, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated herein by reference, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

**PART II****INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

The following table sets forth the estimated fees and expenses payable by us in connection with the offering of the common units being registered, other than discounts and commissions.

Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee	\$ 81,825
Printing expenses	*
Legal fees and expenses	*
Accounting fees and expenses	*
Transfer agent fees and expenses	*
Miscellaneous	*
Total	\$ *

\* These fees are calculated based on the number of issuances and amount of securities offered and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

**Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Section 17-108 of the Delaware Act empowers a Delaware limited partnership to indemnify and hold harmless any partner or other person from and against all claims and demands whatsoever. The partnership agreement of DCP Midstream, LP provides that, in most circumstances, we will indemnify the following persons, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all losses, claims, damages or similar events:

- each entity's general partner;
- any departing general partner;
- any person who is or was an affiliate of its general partner or any departing general partner;
- any person who is or was a member, partner, officer, director employee, agent or trustee of the general partner or any departing general partner or any affiliate of the general partner or any departing general partner; or
- any person who is or was serving at the request of the general partner or any departing general partners or any affiliate of a general partner or any departing general partner as an officer, director, employee, member, partner, agent or trustee of another person.

Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of our assets. Our general partners will not be personally liable for, or have any obligation to contribute or loan funds or assets to us to enable us to effectuate, indemnification. We have purchased insurance against liabilities asserted against, and expenses incurred by, our and our subsidiaries' directors and officers for our activities, and the activities of our subsidiaries, and may continue to do so regardless of whether we would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under the partnership agreement.

Any underwriting or similar agreement entered into in connection with the sale of the common units offered pursuant to this registration statement will provide for indemnification of officers and directors of the general partner from and against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

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### **Item 16. Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement.
5.1†	<a href="#">Opinion of Holland &amp; Hart LLP as to the legality of the common units being registered.</a>
8.1†	<a href="#">Opinion of Holland &amp; Hart LLP relating to tax matters.</a>
23.1†	<a href="#">Consent of Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP on Consolidated Financial Statements of DCP Midstream, LP and the effectiveness of DCP Midstream, LP's internal control over financial reporting.</a>
23.2†	<a href="#">Consent of Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP on Consolidated Financial Statements of DCP Sand Hills Pipeline, LLC and DCP Southern Hills Pipeline, LLC.</a>
23.3†	<a href="#">Consent of Ernst &amp; Young LLP on Consolidated Financial Statements of Discovery Producer Services LLC.</a>
23.4†	<a href="#">Consent of Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP on Financial Statements of Front Range Pipeline LLC.</a>
23.5†	<a href="#">Consent of BDO USA, LLP on Financial Statements of Gulf Coast Express LLC.</a>
23.6†	<a href="#">Consent of Holland &amp; Hart LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).</a>
23.7†	<a href="#">Consent of Holland &amp; Hart LLP (contained in Exhibit 8.1 hereto).</a>
24.1†	<a href="#">Power of Attorney (contained on the signature page hereto).</a>

\* To be filed as an exhibit to a report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or in a post-effective amendment to this registration statement.

† Filed herewith.

### **Item 17. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*Provided, however,* that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

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(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i)(A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(i)(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(6) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of DCP Midstream, LP's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

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(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Denver, State of Colorado, on October 2, 2020.

DCP MIDSTREAM, LP

By: DCP MIDSTREAM GP, LP, its general partner

By: DCP MIDSTREAM GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Wouter T. van Kempen  
**Wouter T. van Kempen**  
Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief  
Executive Officer

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each of the undersigned directors and officers of DCP Midstream GP, LLC hereby constitutes and appoints each of Wouter T. van Kempen, Sean P. O'Brien, Brent L. Backes, and Kamal K. Gala as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement and to file the same with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto each attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>/s/ Wouter T. van Kempen</u> <b>Wouter T. van Kempen</b>	Chief Executive Officer, President, Chairman of the Board and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	October 2, 2020
<u>/s/ Sean P. O'Brien</u> <b>Sean P. O'Brien</b>	Group Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	October 2, 2020
<u>/s/ Richard A. Loving</u> <b>Richard A. Loving</b>	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	October 2, 2020
<u>/s/ Allen C. Capps</u> <b>Allen C. Capps</b>	Director	August 11, 2020
<u>/s/ Fred J. Fowler</u> <b>Fred J. Fowler</b>	Director	October 2, 2020
<u>/s/ William F. Kimble</u> <b>William F. Kimble</b>	Director	August 11, 2020
<u>/s/ Brian Mandell</u> <b>Brian Mandell</b>	Director	October 2, 2020
<u>/s/ Stephen J. Neyland</u> <b>Stephen J. Neyland</b>	Director	August 13, 2020
<u>/s/ Bill W. Waycaster</u> <b>Bill W. Waycaster</b>	Director	August 11, 2020
<u>/s/ John Zuklic</u> <b>John Zuklic</b>	Director	October 2, 2020



October 2, 2020

DCP Midstream, LP  
370 17th Street, Suite 2500  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 for DCP Midstream, LP

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to DCP Midstream, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Partnership on the date hereof with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the offer and sale from time to time, pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, of up to an aggregate of \$750,000,000 of common units representing limited partnership interests in the Partnership (the "Common Units"). This opinion letter is furnished to you at your request to enable you to fulfill the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K, 17 C.F.R. § 229.601(b)(5), in connection with the Registration Statement. The Common Units will be offered in amounts, at prices, and on terms to be determined in light of market conditions at the time of sale and to be set forth in supplements (each, a "Prospectus Supplement") to the prospectus contained in the Registration Statement (the "Prospectus").

As the basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed, we have examined such statutes, including the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (the "Delaware Act"), records and documents of the Partnership, certificates of officers of the Partnership and public officials, and other instruments and documents as we deemed relevant or necessary for the purposes of the opinions set forth below, including, but not limited to, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, the Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership, dated as of November 6, 2019 (the "Partnership Agreement"), and the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on August 5, 2005, as amended by the Certificate of Amendment thereto filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on January 11, 2017 (the "Certificate of Limited Partnership").

In making our examination, we have assumed: (i) that all signatures on documents examined by us are genuine; (ii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals; (iii) the conformity with the original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed, electronic, or photostatic copies; (iv) that each person signing in a representative capacity (other than on behalf of the Partnership) any document reviewed by us had authority to sign in such capacity; (v) the truth, accuracy, and completeness of the information, representations, and warranties contained in the records, documents, instruments, and certificates we have reviewed; (vi) that the Registration Statement and the organizational documents of the Partnership, each as amended to the date hereof, will not have been amended from the date

hereof in a manner that would affect the validity of the opinions rendered herein; (vii) that each individual signing any document on such individual's own behalf or on behalf of any entity, had the legal capacity to do so, and (viii) the accuracy, completeness and authenticity of certificates of public officials.

We have also assumed that any execution, delivery, and performance of a Definitive Purchase Agreement (as defined below) will not: (i) violate, conflict with, result in a breach of, or require any consent under, the Partnership Agreement, the Certificate of Limited Partnership or other organizational documents of the Partnership or applicable laws with respect to the Partnership; (ii) violate any requirement or restriction imposed by any order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree, determination, or award of any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Partnership or any of its assets; or (iii) constitute a breach or violation of any agreement or instrument that is binding upon the Partnership, and we have assumed that each Definitive Purchase Agreement will constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of the Partnership, enforceable against it in accordance with the terms of such Definitive Purchase Agreement. We have also assumed the accuracy of all other information provided to us by the Partnership during the course of our investigations, on which we have relied in issuing the opinions expressed below. We have relied upon a certificate and other assurances of officers of the general partner of the Partnership (the "General Partner"), and others as to factual matters without having independently verified such factual matters. In connection with the opinions hereinafter expressed, we have assumed that: (i) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), will have become effective and comply with applicable law; (ii) at the time that any Common Units are offered pursuant to the Registration Statement, a Prospectus Supplement with respect to such Common Units will have been prepared and filed with the Commission describing such Common Units; (iii) any certificates issued for the Common Units will conform to the specimens thereof examined by us and will have been duly countersigned as required and duly registered by a registrar of the Common Units; (iv) the Common Units will be offered, issued, and sold in compliance with federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and any appropriate Prospectus Supplement; and (v) a definitive underwriting, purchase, or other similar agreement (a "Definitive Purchase Agreement") with respect to any Common Units offered pursuant to the Registration Statement will have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Partnership.

Based on the foregoing and on such legal considerations as we deem relevant, and subject to the limitations, qualifications, exceptions, and assumptions set forth herein, and in reliance on the statements of fact contained in the documents we have examined, we are of the opinion that with respect to the Common Units, upon (a) the taking by the Board of Directors of the General Partner (the "Board"), or a duly constituted and acting pricing committee of the Board (the "Pricing Committee"), of all necessary partnership action to authorize and approve the issuance of the Common Units and the terms of the offering thereof, and related matters, and (b) the issuance and delivery of the Common Units on behalf of the Partnership against payment therefor in accordance with a Definitive Purchase Agreement approved by the Board or the Pricing Committee, the Common Units will be validly issued and, under the Delaware Act,

purchasers of the Common Units will have (i) no obligation to make further payments for their purchase of the Common Units or contributions to the Partnership solely by reason of their ownership of the Common Units or their status as limited partners of the Partnership, and (ii) no personal liability for the debts, obligations or liabilities of the Partnership solely by reason of being limited partners of the Partnership.

The opinions expressed herein are qualified in the following respects:

(A) We have not considered, and we express no opinion as to, any laws other than the Delaware Act (which with respect to such act includes the statutory provisions contained therein, all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting these laws), as in effect on the date hereof; and

(B) We express no opinions concerning the enforceability of indemnification provisions to the extent they purport to relate to liabilities resulting from or based upon negligence or any violation of federal or state securities or blue sky laws.

We hereby consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus and to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are included in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Holland & Hart LLP

October 2, 2020

DCP Midstream, LP  
370 17th Street, Suite 2500  
Denver, Colorado 80202

**RE: DCP MIDSTREAM, LP  
OCTOBER 2, 2020 REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to DCP Midstream, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), in connection with the preparation of and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") of a registration statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), and the prospectus contained therein (the "Prospectus"), filed with the Commission on October 2, 2020 (together, the "Filing") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In connection therewith, we have participated in the preparation of the discussion (the "Discussion") set forth under the caption "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" in the Prospectus.

In rendering the Opinions (as defined below), we have examined, and relied upon, the following records, certificates, representations, and other documents (the "Documents"):

1. The Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership dated as of November 6, 2019.
2. The Filing.
3. The Management Representation Letter dated October 2, 2020, from the Partnership to Holland & Hart LLP, and the attachments thereto (the "Management Representation Letter").
4. Financial information provided to us by the Partnership.

For purposes of rendering the Opinions, as to all factual representations and assumptions, we have relied solely on the Documents and have not made any independent investigation or audit of the facts set forth therein. We also have relied upon certain representations made to us by the Partnership, such as that the factual information presented in the Documents and the Discussion or otherwise furnished to us is true, accurate and complete. In connection with the Opinions, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the Documents and such records, certificates, instruments and other documents as we have deemed relevant and necessary as a basis for the Opinions. We have assumed that the information presented in the Documents or otherwise furnished to us is true, accurate and complete in all material respects. We are not aware of any material facts or circumstances contrary to, or inconsistent with, the representations upon which we have relied as described herein or the assumptions set forth herein.

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The opinions expressed in this letter are strictly limited to the Opinions and no other opinions may be inferred. No inference should be drawn on any matter for which we have not specifically given an opinion. The Opinions are provided as legal opinions only, effective as of the date of this letter, and not as a guaranty or warranty of the matters discussed or referenced herein or as representations of fact.

In connection with the Opinions, we have assumed, with your consent:

1. That all of the factual representations and statements set forth in the documents that we reviewed (including, without limitation, the Management Representation Letter) are true, accurate and complete, and all of the obligations imposed by any such documents on the parties thereto have been and will be performed or satisfied in accordance with their terms;
2. The genuineness of all signatures, the proper execution of all documents, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to originals of documents submitted to us as copies, the authenticity of the originals from which any copies were made, that all documents provided to us are in full force and effect in the form provided, and that any documents as to which we have reviewed only a form were or will be duly executed without material changes from the form reviewed by us; and
3. That the Partnership and each of its subsidiaries (including DCP Midstream Operating, LP), and DCP Midstream GP, LP, its general partner (the "General Partner"), have been and will continue to be operated in the manner described in the relevant partnership agreement or other organizational documents, the Filing and the Management Representation Letter.

In connection with the preparation of the Discussion, we hereby express the following opinions (the "Opinions"):

- All statements of legal conclusions contained in the Discussion, unless otherwise noted, are our opinion with respect to the matters set forth therein as of the date that the Filing was filed with the Commission, qualified by the limitations contained herein and in the Discussion.
- Those matters in the Discussion as to which no legal conclusions are provided are accurate discussions of such U.S. federal income tax matters as of the date that the Filing was filed with the Commission (except for any representations and statements of fact by the Partnership and the General Partner, as to which we express no opinion).

The Opinions are based on relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Treasury regulations thereunder (including proposed and temporary Treasury regulations), and interpretations of the foregoing as expressed in court decisions, legislative history, and administrative determinations by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") (including its practices and policies in issuing private letter rulings which are not binding on the IRS, except with respect to the taxpayer that receives such a ruling), all as in effect on the date hereof (collectively, the "Federal Tax Law"). The Federal Tax Law is subject to change. Any such changes could apply retroactively. A change in Federal Tax Law could result in our inability to give the Opinions under the changed Federal Tax Law.

The Opinions do not foreclose the possibility of a contrary determination by the IRS or a court of competent jurisdiction, or of a contrary position by the IRS or the U.S. Department of the Treasury in regulations or rulings issued in the future. In this regard, although we believe that the Opinions will be sustained if challenged, an opinion of counsel with respect to an issue is not binding on the IRS or the courts, and is not a guarantee that the IRS will not assert a contrary position with respect to such issue or that a court will not sustain such a position asserted by the IRS.

We assume no obligation to advise you of any changes in the Opinions or of any new developments in the application or interpretation of the Federal Tax Law subsequent to the date of this letter. The Partnership's qualification and taxation as a publicly traded partnership that is not taxable as a corporation depends on the Partnership's ability to meet, on a continuing basis, the various requirements under the Federal Tax Law with regard to, among other things, the sources of its income. We will not review the Partnership's compliance with these requirements on a continuing basis. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the actual results of the operations of the Partnership or the sources of its income, for any given taxable year, will satisfy the requirements under the Federal Tax Law for qualification and taxation as a publicly traded partnership that is not taxable as a corporation.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion of counsel as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm in the Prospectus. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are included in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission issued thereunder.

References in this letter to "we" or "us" and in the Filing to "tax counsel" shall mean only the attorneys of Holland & Hart LLP who have materially participated in the preparation of the Discussion and this letter. If any statement in the Filing or this letter states, or implies, that we have, or have not, taken any particular action, such statement shall be interpreted as referring only to the actions of such attorneys.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Holland & Hart LLP

Holland & Hart LLP

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our reports dated February 21, 2020, relating to the financial statements of DCP Midstream, LP (the "Partnership") and the effectiveness the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Partnership for the year ended December 31, 2019. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Denver, Colorado

October 2, 2020

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of DCP Midstream, LP of our reports dated February 7, 2020, relating to the financial statements of DCP Sand Hills Pipeline, LLC as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2019, and the financial statements of DCP Southern Hills Pipeline, LLC as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2019, each appearing in Amendment No. 1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of DCP Midstream, LP for the year ended December 31, 2019. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Denver, Colorado  
October 2, 2020

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption “Experts” in the Registration Statement (Form S-3) and related Prospectus of DCP Midstream, LP for the registration of up to \$750,000,000 of its common units representing limited partner interests and to the incorporation by reference therein of our report dated February 14, 2020, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Discovery Producer Services LLC included in DCP Midstream, LP’s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2019, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Tulsa, Oklahoma  
October 2, 2020

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated March 25, 2020, relating to the financial statements of Front Range Pipeline, LLC, appearing in Amendment No. 2 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of DCP Midstream, LP for the year ended December 31, 2019. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Houston, Texas  
October 2, 2020

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Gulf Coast Express Pipeline LLC  
Houston, Texas

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Prospectus constituting a part of this Registration Statement of DCP Midstream, LP of our report dated March 16, 2020, relating to the financial statements of Gulf Coast Express Pipeline LLC, which appears in Amendment No. 2 to the 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K of DCP Midstream, LP.

We also consent to the reference to us under the caption “Experts” in the Prospectus.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP

Houston, Texas  
October 2, 2020