

GRANITE FALLS ENERGY, LLC
MEMBERSHIP UNIT TRANSFER AND TRADING SYSTEM

All transfers of membership units of Granite Falls Energy, LLC must be completed in accordance with the guidelines set forth herein, as it may be amended from time to time by Granite Falls' Board of Governors (the "Board of Governors" or the "Board"). This Transfer and Trading System (the "System") is adopted pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by the Operating Agreement adopted and agreed to by the members of Granite Falls.

It sets forth certain rights and obligations of the members and the Board, but is not intended to, and does not, impose any requirements upon any third party, including, without limitation, any alternative trading service.

I. General Requirements

A. No Default. A person desiring to transfer membership units must be current and not in default of any obligation owed Granite Falls.

B. IRS Rules. This System shall be operated so as to prevent Granite Falls from being classified as a publicly traded partnership under Section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the corresponding regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively "the Code"). Any interpretation of the provisions of this Trading Service shall be conducted in accordance with this requirement.

C. Operating Agreement. Any transfers of membership units must comply with Granite Falls' operating agreement (the "Operating Agreement"), in addition to the requirements set forth in this Trading Service.

D. Minimum Ownership Requirements. Each member must own at least one membership unit.

E. Minimum Transfer Requirement. All transfers must be completed in whole unit increments.

F. Board Approval. At the end of each quarter, the Board of Governors will review all private transfer request forms, contracts for sale and other requisite documents provided by transferors and transferees. The Board has the right to approve or reject any proposed transfers or sales in its discretion; provided, however, that the Board is not authorized to approve any transfer or sale that would result in either the transferor or transferee owning less than one membership unit or that would result in Granite Falls being treated as a publicly traded partnership under the Code.

G. Effective Date. All sales and transfers shall be made effective upon the first day of the quarter following the date the transaction is approved by the Board. Granite Falls'

trading quarters shall begin on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each calendar year.

H. Transfer Agent. The Board of Governors may designate a transfer agent (the “Transfer Agent”) to keep Granite Falls’ records of membership units ownership and to complete the transfer of membership unit certificates and other necessary membership documents. All relevant information required to complete the transfer of membership units on Granite Falls’ books and records must be provided to the Transfer Agent. The Transfer Agent shall be responsible for verifying that all information and authorizations necessary under the Operating Agreement to complete a sale or transfer has been received and that the membership units are eligible for sale or transfer. If no transfer agent is designated by the Board, then Granite Falls shall serve as its own transfer agent and the Board shall carry out or delegate the duties of the Transfer Agent set forth herein.

II. Transfers of Membership Units

A. Permitted Transfers. A person may transfer the person’s membership units only if the transfer is a private transfer described under Section B below or if the transfer is completed through the Trading Service described under Section C below.

B. Private Transfers.

1. A private transfer shall mean one of the following:
 - a. A transfer by gift in which the transferee’s tax basis in the units transferred is determined by reference to the transferor’s tax basis in the interests transferred;
 - b. Transfers at death, including transfers from an estate or testamentary trust;
 - c. Transfers between members of a family (as defined by Section 267(c)(4) of the Code, which provides that “family” means only a person’s brothers and sisters (whether by whole or half blood), spouse, ancestors and lineal descendants);
 - d. Transfers involving the issuance of interests by or on behalf of the limited liability company in exchange for cash, property or services;
 - e. Transfers involving distributions from a retirement plan qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code or an individual retirement account; or
 - f. “Block” transfers, meaning the transfer of membership units representing in the aggregate more than 2% of the total issued and outstanding membership units in one or more transactions during any 30 calendar day period by a person and any related persons (within the meaning of Section 267(b) or 707(b)(1) of the Code, which provides generally that “related persons”

2. Trading will be conducted through a third-party trading service which will be owned, operated, and maintained as an alternative trading service under Regulation ATS by a registered broker-dealer (the "Trading Service Operator"). The Trading Service will be accessible through and by telephone, the internet, email or in person that will permit buyers and sellers to trade membership units of Granite Falls on a periodic basis pursuant to specific rules and procedures mutually agreed upon between Granite Falls and the Trading Service Operator. The specific rules and procedures relating to posting or listing membership units for sale or purchase on the Trading Service, matching offers to buy and sell membership units, timing, payment and delivery shall be set forth under a separate Trading Service Agreement and Operational Manual to be adopted by Granite Falls and the Trading Service Operator.
3. The responsibilities of the Trading Service Operator are set forth solely in the Trading Service Agreement, the Operational Manual and Regulation ATS. The Trading Service Operator is not responsible in any way for enforcing the provisions of this Trading Service. In addition, nothing in the Trading Service Agreement or Operational Manual shall be construed to prevent a subscriber (as that term is defined in SEC Regulation ATS) from trading outside the trading service.
4. Operating Agreement requirements and IRS restrictions that do not relate to procedures set forth in the Operational Manual shall be governed and enforced by the Board pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by the members in the Operating Agreement.