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In the opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. (“Bond Counsel”), under present law, interest on the Bonds is not excludible from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present State of Illinois income taxes. See “TAX MATTERS”.

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In the opinion of the Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is **not** excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present State of Illinois income taxes. Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding any other federal or state tax consequences relating to the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

The following is a summary of certain of the United States federal income tax consequences of the ownership of the Bonds as of the date hereof. Each prospective investor should consult with its own tax advisor regarding the application of United States federal income tax laws, as well as any state, local, foreign or other tax laws, to its particular situation.

This summary is based on the Code, as well as the Treasury Regulations and administrative and judicial rulings and practice. Legislative, judicial and administrative changes may occur, possibly with retroactive effect, that could alter or modify the continued validity of the statements and conclusions set forth herein. This summary is intended as a general explanatory discussion of the consequences of holding the Bonds generally and does not purport to furnish information in the level of detail or with the investor’s specific tax circumstances that would be provided by an investor’s own tax advisor. For example, it generally is addressed only to original purchasers of the Bonds that are “U.S. holders” (as defined below), deals only with those Bonds held as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code and does not address tax consequences to holders that may be relevant to investors subject to special rules, such as individuals, trusts, estates, tax-exempt investors, foreign investors, cash method taxpayers, dealers in securities, currencies or commodities, banks, thrifts, insurance companies, electing large partnerships, mutual funds, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, FASITs, S corporations, persons that hold the Bonds as part of a straddle, hedge, integrated or conversion transaction, and persons whose “functional currency” is not the U.S. dollar. In addition, this summary does not address alternative minimum tax issues or the indirect consequences to a holder of an equity interest in a holder of the Bonds.

As used herein, a “U.S. holder” is a “U.S. person” that is a beneficial owner of a Bond. A “non U.S. holder” is a holder (or beneficial owner) of a Bond that is not a U.S. person. For

these purposes, a “U.S. person” is a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation or partnership created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof (except, in the case of a partnership, to the extent otherwise provided in the Treasury Regulations), an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source or a trust if (i) a United States court is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust’s administration and (ii) one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of the trust’s substantial decisions.

The Bonds will be treated, for federal income tax purposes as a debt instrument. Accordingly, interest will be included in the income of a holder as it is paid (or, if the holder is an accrual method taxpayer, as it is accrued) as interest.

Bondholders that have a basis in the Bonds that is greater than the principal amount of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to whether or not they should elect to amortize such premium under Section 171 of the Code.

If a Bondholder purchases the Bonds for an amount that is less than the adjusted issue price of the Bonds, and such difference is not considered to be de minimis, then such discount will represent market discount. Absent an election to accrue market discount currently, upon a sale or exchange of a Bond, a portion of any gain will be ordinary income to the extent it represents the amount of any such market discount that was accrued through the date of sale. In addition, absent an election to accrue market discount currently, the portion of any interest expense incurred or continued to carry a market discount bond that does not exceed the accrued market discount for any taxable year, will be deferred.

Although the Bonds are expected to trade “flat,” that is, without a specific allocation to accrued interest, for federal income tax purposes, a portion of the amount realized on sale attributed to the Bonds will be treated as accrued interest and thus will be taxed as ordinary income to the seller (and will not be subject to tax in the hands of the buyer).

The Bonds may be issued with original issue discount (“OID”). Accordingly, Bondholders will be required to include OID in gross income as it accrues under a constant yield method, based on the original yield to maturity of the Bond. Thus, Bondholders will be required to include OID in income as it accrues, prior to the receipt of cash attributable to such income. U.S. holders, however, would be entitled to claim a loss upon maturity or other disposition of such notes with respect to interest amounts accrued and included in gross income for which cash is not received. Such a loss generally would be a capital loss. Bondholders that purchase a Bond for less than its adjusted issue price (generally its accreted value) will have purchased such Bond with market discount unless such difference is considered to be de minimis. Absent an election to accrue market discount currently, upon sale or exchange of a Bond, a portion of any gain will be ordinary income to the extent it represents the amount of any such market discount that was accrued through the date of sale. In addition, absent an election to accrue market discount currently, the portion of any interest expense incurred or continued to carry a market discount bond that does not exceed the accrued market discount for any taxable year will be deferred. A Bondholder that has a basis in the Bond that is greater than its adjusted issue price (generally its accreted value), but that is

less than or equal to its principal amount, will be considered to have purchased the Bond with “acquisition premium.” The amount of OID that such Bondholder must include in gross income with respect to such Bonds will be reduced in proportion that such excess bears to the OID remaining to be accrued as of the acquisition of the Bond. A Bondholder may have a basis in its pro rata share of the Bonds that is greater than the principal amount of such Bonds. Bondholders should consult their own tax advisors with respect to whether or not they should elect to amortize such premium, if any, with respect to such Bonds under Section 171 of the Code.

Upon a sale, exchange or retirement of a Bond, a holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss on such Bond equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange or retirement (less any accrued qualified stated interest which will be taxable as such) and the Bondholder’s adjusted tax basis in such Bond. Defeasance of the Bonds may result in a reissuance thereof, in which event an owner will also recognize taxable gain or loss as described in the preceding sentence. Such gain or loss generally will be capital gain (although any gain attributable to accrued market discount of the Bond not yet taken into income will be ordinary). The adjusted basis of the holder in a Bond will (in general) equal its original purchase price and decreased by any principal payments received on the Bond. In general, if the Bond is held for longer than one year, any gain or loss would be long term capital gain or loss, and capital losses are subject to certain limitations.

In addition to regular income tax, certain non-corporate U.S. holders will owe a 3.8 percent tax on the lesser of (i) “net investment income” or (ii) the excess of “modified adjusted gross income” of the Bondholder over \$200,000 for unmarried individuals (\$250,000 for married couples filing jointly and a surviving spouse). Bondholders should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the application of such net investment income tax.

In general, information reporting requirements will apply to non-corporate holders of the Bonds with respect to payments of principal, payments of interest, and the accrual of original issue discount on a Bond and the proceeds of the sale of a Bond before maturity within the United States. Backup withholding may apply to holders of Bonds under Section 3406 of the Code. Any amounts withheld under backup withholding rules from a payment to a beneficial owner, and which constitutes over-withholding, would be allowed as a refund or a credit against such beneficial owner’s United States federal income tax provided the requested information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.