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FORM S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

MYR Group Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation)

1623

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

36-3158643 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after this registration statement becomes effective.

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, check the following box. ý

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered | Amount to | Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share(1) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---|---------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value | 19,690,777(2) | \$13.00 | \$255,980,101 | \$10,061 |

- Represents a bona fide estimate of the maximum aggregate offering price solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee under Rule 457(a) under the Securities Act. No exchange or over-the-counter-market exists for the registrant's common stock; however, shares of the registrant's common stock issued to qualified institution buyers, non-U.S. persons pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act and accredited investors in connection with its December 2007 private placement are eligible for the PORTAL Market®. Since no sales of shares have been reported on PORTAL as of the date hereof, the estimated price per share is based upon the price per share in the December 2007 private placement.
- (2) Includes 1,373,673 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options.

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 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), shall determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to completion, dated January 25, 2008

PROSPECTUS

MYR Group Inc.

19,690,777 Shares Common Stock

MYR Group Inc. is a leading specialty contractor serving the electrical infrastructure market in the United States. We are one of the largest national contractors servicing the transmission and distribution sector of the United States electric utility industry. We also provide commercial and industrial electrical contracting services in the western United States.

This prospectus relates to the offer and sale of up to 19,690,777 shares of our common stock, including 1,373,673 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options, which may be offered for sale by the selling stockholders named in this prospectus. The selling stockholders acquired the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus in private placements. We are registering the offer and sale of the shares of common stock to satisfy registration rights we have granted.

We are not selling any shares of common stock pursuant to this prospectus and will not receive any proceeds from sales of common stock by the selling stockholders. The shares of common stock to which this prospectus relates may be offered and sold from time to time directly by the selling stockholders or through underwriters, broker dealers or agents. For more information regarding the sales of common stock by the selling stockholders pursuant to this prospectus, please read "Plan of Distribution."

There is no current market for our common stock. We intend to apply to list our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol . Based on the range of prices at which our shares have traded on the PORTAL Market, prior to the time our common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq Global Market, purchases and sales of our common stock will occur at prices between \$ and \$ per share, if any shares are sold. Following the date of this prospectus, we intend for our shares to be listed on Nasdaq and that the selling stockholders may sell all or a portion of their shares from time to time in market transactions, in negotiated transactions or otherwise, and at prices and on terms that will be determined by the prevailing market price or at negotiated prices.

See "Risk Factors" on page 14 to read about factors you should consider before investing in our common stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other state or federal regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

| Prospectus dated | , 2008. | |
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MARKET DATA

Market data used in this prospectus has been obtained from independent industry sources and publications as well as from research reports prepared for other purposes. We have not independently verified the data obtained from these sources, and we cannot assure you of the accuracy or completeness of the data. Forward-looking information obtained from these sources is subject to the same qualifications and the additional uncertainties regarding the other forward-looking statements in this prospectus.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should read this entire prospectus carefully, especially the risks of investing in our common stock discussed under "Risk Factors" beginning on page 14, and the consolidated financial statements and notes to those consolidated financial statements, before making an investment decision. As used in this prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires or indicates, "MYR," "the company," "we," "our," and "us" refer to MYR Group Inc. and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Our Business

We are a leading specialty contractor serving the electrical infrastructure market in the United States. We are one of the largest national contractors servicing the transmission and distribution, or T&D, sector of the United States electric utility industry. Our T&D customers include more than 125 electric utilities, cooperatives and municipalities nationwide. Our broad range of services includes design, engineering, procurement, construction, upgrade, maintenance and repair services with a particular focus on construction, maintenance and repair throughout the continental United States. We also provide commercial and industrial, or C&I, electrical contracting services to facility owners and general contractors in the western United States. We derive our revenues from two reportable segments which we refer to as our T&D segment and our C&I segment.

The following chart illustrates our revenue mix for the twelve months ended December 31, 2006:

Transmission and Distribution. Our T&D services include the construction and maintenance of high voltage transmission lines, substations and lower voltage underground and overhead distribution systems. We also provide emergency restoration services in response to hurricane, ice or other storm related damage which typically accounts for less than \$25.0 million, or 4.5% revenue on a combined basis, per year. As a result of several key industry trends, including increased attention to the inadequacy of the existing electric utility infrastructure as well as the impact of the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, or the Energy Act, the demand for transmission construction and maintenance services has increased and is projected to continue to grow significantly in the future. We believe that the anticipated increased capital spending on transmission infrastructure presents us with a significant revenue opportunity as transmission construction, maintenance and repair has long been a core competency for us. We have completed several large transmission turn key engineering, procurement and construction, or EPC, projects including a \$125.0 million T&D project in Iowa, or the Iowa T&D Contract, one of the largest EPC projects ever completed in the T&D market. For the year ended December 31, 2006, our T&D revenues were approximately \$398.6 million or 74.5% of revenue on a combined basis. Revenue from transmission projects represented 55.5% of T&D revenue for the year ended December 31, 2006.

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Commercial and Industrial. Our C&I segment provides electrical contracting services for commercial and industrial construction in the western United States. We are focused on the Arizona and Colorado regional markets where we have achieved sufficient scale and believe we enjoy leading market shares. We concentrate our efforts on projects where our technical and project management expertise are critical to successful and timely execution. Typical C&I contracts cover electrical contracting services for airports, hospitals, data centers, hotels, casinos, arenas, convention centers, manufacturing plants, processing facilities and transportation control and management systems. For the year ended December 31, 2006, and on a combined basis, our C&I revenues were approximately \$136.7 million or 25.5% of revenue on a combined basis.

On a consolidated basis our overall revenues from continuing operations grew from \$322.1 million in 2004 to \$535.3 million in 2006 on a combined basis, representing a compound annual growth rate of 28.9%, all of which was organic. During that same period, our EBITDA from continuing operations improved from negative \$1.1 million in 2004 to \$23.3 million in 2006. During that same period, net income from continuing operations improved from negative \$3.5 million in 2004 to \$11.0 million in 2006. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 our revenues, net income from continuing operations and EBITDA from continuing operations were \$453.9 million, \$8.6 million and \$22.6 million, respectively, compared to \$407.2 million, \$7.4 million and \$15.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Our growth has been driven by successful bids for, and execution of, several large projects, our ability to continue to capitalize on increased infrastructure spending in our markets and the breadth of our customer base. We expect to continue to grow our business organically, as well as selectively consider strategic acquisitions that improve our competitive position within our existing markets, expand our geographic footprint or strengthen our fleet.

As of September 30, 2007, we employed a highly skilled workforce of over 3,000 people. Our workforce is supported by a large modern fleet of specialty vehicles, equipment and tooling. Our fleet consists of over 4,300 vehicles and pieces of equipment, including approximately 2,000 pieces of specialized equipment, and is highly mobile, allowing us to easily relocate our equipment across all of the regions we serve.

Key Industry Trends

We believe that our business will benefit from the following industry trends:

Inadequacy of Existing Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Networks. According to a recent North American Electric Reliability Corporation, or NERC, survey of industry professionals, the largest challenge to reliability is the combined risk caused by the aging infrastructure and limited new construction of infrastructure. Recent de-regulation in the utility sector has converted a portion of the existing electric transmission grid to a competitive marketplace for the delivery of electricity across regional transmission systems, a development which was not contemplated when the grid was designed. These factors, along with the age of the existing infrastructure have led to congested power lines and power disruptions. Such disruptions have included rolling blackouts in California during 2001 and the August 2003 blackout which briefly left 50 million people in the Midwest and Northeast without electricity. According to the Edison Electric Institute's, or EEI's, preliminary 2007 survey, investor-owned electric utilities are expected to spend in excess of \$10 billion annually on transmission projects by 2010, up from approximately \$5 billion in 2004.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005. Since being signed into law in August 2005, several segments of the Energy Act have come into effect and, as a result, have better positioned utilities to finance and implement system enhancements. Two of the objectives of the Energy Act are to improve the nation's electric transmission capacity and reliability and to promote investment in the nation's energy infrastructure. These new policies include granting NERC the legal authority to enforce reliability standards with all United States owners, operators, and users of bulk power system, and made

compliance with those standards mandatory as opposed to voluntary; providing lucrative incentives to promote transmission grid investment such as allowing more favorable returns on equity, ranging from 11% to 14%; the creation of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors, or NIETC, in order to aid the siting and construction of transmission systems; and, the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, or PUHCA, which restricted ownership of transmission infrastructure by non-utility entities.

Increased Outsourcing of Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance. We believe that electric utility and other transmission network operators are increasingly focusing on their core competencies, resulting in an increase in the outsourcing of construction and maintenance services. We believe that by outsourcing construction and maintenance services to third-party service providers like us, our customers can reduce costs, provide greater flexibility in their budgets and improve service and performance. We believe utilities will increasingly rely on outsourced service suppliers to supplement or completely outsource such utilities' T&D construction, maintenance and repair workforce. With more than 3,000 employees across the nation as of September 30, 2007, we believe that we are well positioned to meet this increased demand from our utility customers.

Emergence of Energy Companies Focused on Electrical Transmission Infrastructure. Over the past 19 years several companies that focus solely on owning electrical transmission assets, such as American Transmission Company, International Transmission Company and Trans-Elect, Inc. have emerged in the T&D sector. We expect these and other new companies to invest considerably in construction of new and the upgrading of existing electrical transmission infrastructure. We believe these companies also will be a source of additional transmission work and ongoing maintenance opportunities.

Increased Demand Calls for New Generation Sources. Based on data from NERC, peak demand for electricity in the U.S. occurs in the summer and is forecasted to increase by over 135,000 megawatts or 17.7% over the next ten years, while committed new generation resources are projected to increase by only 77,000 megawatts or 8.4% over the same period. Additional power generation sources beyond currently committed resources will be necessary to accommodate the large growth in demand. As new power plants are built, they will require transmission and substation infrastructure to connect to the existing electric transmission grid. We expect this new plant construction will also significantly contribute to growth in the T&D industry over the next several years.

Shift Toward Renewable Energy Sources. According to NERC's 2007 Reliability Assessment, transmission infrastructure must be developed to reliably integrate renewable energy sources like wind, solar, geothermal, hydrogen and biomass. According to Clean Edge Energy Trends, spending on renewables projects is expected to increase from approximately \$55 billion in 2006 to an expected \$226 billion by 2016. State renewable energy requirements and increasingly likely action on federal carbon dioxide reduction legislation are also contributing to increased renewable spending. This increased demand for renewable power sources will drive related transmission infrastructure spending since each new unit will require a connection to the transmission grid.

Competitive Strengths

We believe our significant competitive strengths are as follows:

Broad National Presence. We are one of the largest national providers of T&D services to electric utilities, cooperatives and municipalities. In contrast with many of our local and regional competitors, our broad geographic reach enables us to serve electric utility customers whose facilities and infrastructure span multiple states and regions throughout the continental United States. We believe our ability to accommodate the national scale of our larger customers better positions us for work on large transmission projects. In addition, we believe that our national presence better positions us to win

not only the larger T&D projects, but also the potentially higher profit margin mid-size to smaller T&D projects that may not attract regional or national competition in our local markets.

Strong, Long-Standing Relationships Across a High Quality Customer Base. We have established a strong base of long-standing customer relationships, particularly in our T&D segment, by providing high quality service in a cost-efficient and timely manner. Our diverse base of customers is comprised of over 125 utilities, cooperatives and municipalities throughout the continental United States that we believe are generally of high credit quality. We have served many of our customers for over 40 years and have worked diligently to maintain these strong relationships throughout our organization, including through our senior management, safety, legal and finance professionals, our on-site field crews and supervisors and our subcontractor and supplier base. We believe this focus on relationships has allowed us to better meet our customers' unique needs and become a valuable partner to our broad base of customers.

Established EPC Track Record. We have an established track record for successful completion of EPC contracts and other large projects. We have successfully performed several large turn key projects including one of the largest EPC projects ever completed in the T&D market. We have recently entered into several EPC contracts for other large scale projects. We believe that we are well positioned to capitalize on the shift in the utility industry to EPC or similar contract structures as the framework for large scale transmission construction.

Specialized Equipment and Centralized Fleet Management. The services we provide, particularly transmission construction and maintenance, require specialized equipment, tooling and expertise. The scarcity and high cost of this equipment serves as a considerable barrier to entry for contractors seeking to enter the transmission side of the T&D market. Since our fleet is highly mobile, we have the ability to shift resources from region-to-region quickly, which allows us to effectively respond to customer needs, including major weather events. Our centralized fleet management group enables us to optimize and maintain our equipment to achieve the highest equipment utilization which helps to maintain a competitive position.

High Quality Workforce and Industry Leading Safety Record. We are committed to providing the highest level of customer service through the development of a highly-trained workforce. Despite a tight labor market, we have been able to retain and build a strong base of employees who are highly motivated and we provide incentives to achieve superior levels of performance. We have committed a significant amount of resources to the process of recruiting new employees who can learn from the more seasoned, experienced members of our team. We have also developed strong safety programs with stringent safety standards. This helps us to maintain our customer base, which is increasingly focused on the safety performance records of contractors when making bid award decisions. Safer working conditions also reduce costs associated with loss of man hours, liability, and insurance premiums. We continually work to maintain safe working conditions and we believe that our safety record is one of the best in the industry.

Financial Resources to Capitalize on Industry Growth. We believe we have the financial resources to compete effectively for projects across the United States. Financial resources, including bonding capacity, are important considerations to customers when choosing a contractor. We believe our strong balance sheet, coupled with capacity under our credit facility, allows us to undertake large scale projects that we expect to be constructed over the next several years.

Experienced Management Team. Our management team, which includes our chief executive officer, chief operating officer and our regional vice presidents, plays a significant role in establishing and maintaining long-term relationships with our customers, thereby supporting the growth of our business and managing the financial aspects of our operations. Our chief executive officer, William A. Koertner, has over 28 years of experience in the electric utility industry and has served with us for almost ten years, first as our chief financial officer until December 2003 and as our president and chief executive officer since that time. The average tenure of our management team is over 14 years with us and over 20 years in our industry.

Growth Strategy

We intend to continue to grow revenues and strengthen our competitive position by using the following strategies:

Capitalize on Favorable Trends in Certain Key End Markets. We believe that we are well positioned to capitalize on the projected capital spending by customers in the T&D market. We believe our strong and diverse customer relationships, track record and geographic reach should allow us to continue to benefit from the growing investment by electric power customers and third-party investors in T&D infrastructure. In particular, we expect that the Energy Act will facilitate investment in large scale electric transmission projects, which are among our core competencies.

Focus on Operating Efficiencies and Expanding Margins. We intend to continue to focus on operating efficiencies and improving our margins in order to maximize earnings for our stockholders. This includes focusing our growth on more profitable services like T&D, continuing to be selective on the projects for which we decide to bid, managing projects efficiently throughout their estimation, negotiation and execution, including actively monitoring change orders, billing and cost overruns. In addition, we intend to use a significant amount of capital to expand our fleet and purchase rather than lease or rent equipment. As a result of implementing these initiatives, we believe our business has the potential to experience significant margin improvement over the next several years.

Expanding Our Fleet to Meet Customer Demands. In 2008, we plan to spend approximately \$30.0 million on property, plant and equipment, with the majority of such expenditures used to purchase additional equipment to enhance our fleet and to reduce our reliance on operating leases and short term equipment rentals. The cost of owning core equipment assets is typically lower than leasing or renting. We believe purchasing equipment that would otherwise be leased or rented will reduce our costs and improve our margins over the long term. Because the equipment and tooling required for our business, particularly with respect to transmission, is extensive and in limited supply, we believe investing in our fleet will give us a competitive advantage that smaller firms will not be able to match and will allow us to win more contracts at higher profit margins.

Increase Market Share within T&D Markets. We intend to continue to increase our penetration and market share for T&D projects by expanding our existing customer relationships, attracting new customers and pursuing selective acquisitions. Electric utilities currently outsource a significant portion of their T&D infrastructure construction, maintenance and repair requirements, and we believe the portion that is outsourced will continue to grow. We believe our quality service, national presence, T&D expertise, ability to mobilize people and equipment quickly, and strong safety record will enable us to develop our business with both existing and prospective customers as they continue to further outsource their T&D servicing needs.

Attract and Maintain High Quality Employees. Competitive strength in the electrical services industry depends on the expertise, talent and commitment of a firm's employees. For us to continue to succeed, we must be able to attract, develop and retain highly qualified people. Our employees should be able to benefit from our strong core businesses, our open and entrepreneurial culture, and the breadth of opportunity for individual success. We intend to continue to invest in our personnel, which we believe is essential to ensure we are always prepared to execute our business initiatives and capitalize on new opportunities.

Pursue Strategic Acquisitions. Although acquisitions are not essential to achieving our objectives, we will evaluate acquisition opportunities to bolster our presence in select regional markets or to broaden and enhance our service offerings. Future acquisitions may, among other things, focus on expanding our geographic presence and provide incremental equipment and workforce.

Organization

Our predecessors have served the utility infrastructure markets since 1891 and have been recognized as innovators in the industry. MYR Group Inc. was created in 1995 through the merger of three longstanding specialty contractor franchises. We were a public company with our stock traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, until 2000 when we were acquired by GPU, Inc., which was subsequently acquired by FirstEnergy Corp. In 2006, ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC, or ArcLight, acquired substantially all of our capital stock from FirstEnergy Corp. We repurchased 14,515,284 shares held by ArcLight and its non-manager stockholders with the proceeds of a private placement of our common stock completed on December 20, 2007 and December 26, 2007, together the 2007 Private Placement. As of December 31, 2007, ArcLight continued to own approximately 7.1% of our outstanding common stock. Members of our senior management acquired shares of capital stock in 2006 and 2007, and are also selling stockholders pursuant to this prospectus.

From 1999 to 2005, we acquired and exited numerous businesses as we shifted our strategic focus to better serving the utility infrastructure needs of our customers. In 2003, we made several changes in our management team, including the appointment of Mr. Koertner as our chief executive officer. Since that time, management has worked to position our business to focus on high growth electrical utility infrastructure projects and increased emphasis on safety, leading to a more stable workforce and higher operating margins. Our various stockholders have provided the incremental financial and strategic resources necessary for us to build upon our established foundation, improve our overall performance, invest in our asset base, and position ourselves for substantial growth.

Additional Information

Our principal executive offices are located at Three Continental Towers, 1701 West Golf Road, Suite 1012, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008-4007. The telephone number of our principal executive offices is (847) 290-1891, and we maintain a website at *www.myrgroup.com*. Information contained on our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

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THE OFFERING

The following summary is provided solely for your convenience. This summary is not intended to be complete. You should read the full text and more specific details contained elsewhere in this prospectus. For a more detailed description of the common stock, see "Description of Capital Stock."

| Common stock offered by selling stockholders(1) | 19,690,777 shares |
|---|---|
| Dividend policy | We do not anticipate paying cash dividends on shares of our common stock for the foreseeable future. |
| Use of proceeds | We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock by the selling stockholders. |
| Listing and trading | We intend to apply to list our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol . |
| Risk factors | Please read the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 14 for a discussion of some of the factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our common stock. |

(1) See "Selling Stockholders" for more information on the selling stockholders. The shares being sold pursuant to this prospectus include all of the outstanding shares of common stock and shares issuable pursuant to options granted prior to December 20, 2007, other than 1,395,707 shares owned by affiliates of ArcLight.

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SUMMARY HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED AND UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL AND OPERATING INFORMATION

Summary Historical Consolidated Financial Information

The following table sets forth certain summary consolidated financial information on a historical basis.

The summary statement of operations and balance sheet data set forth below as of December 31, 2005 and 2006 and for each of the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and for the period from January 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006 and from December 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 has been derived from our restated audited annual consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto, included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary statement of operations and balance sheet data set forth below as of September 30, 2007 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2007 has been derived from our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, included elsewhere in this prospectus and which have been prepared on a basis consistent with our audited consolidated financial statements and include all adjustments, which consist of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations for the unaudited periods presented. As discussed in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements, our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 reflect the effects of restatements on our historical consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2005 and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005. The summary consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2004 has been derived from our consolidated financial statements not included in this prospectus. Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or GAAP. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results we expect in the future and quarterly results are not necessarily indicative of the results of any future quarter or any full-year period. The information below should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results from Operations" and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in this prospectus.

| Statement of operations data: | | Predecessor(1) | | Successor(1) | Combined(2) | Predecessor(1) | Successor(1) | |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | For the | ne year cember 31, | For the period from January 1, 2006 to | For the period from December 1, 2006 to | For the year ended | For the nine | For the nine | |
| (in thousands, except share and per share | 2004 | 2005 | November 30, 2006 | December 31, 2006 | December 31, 2006 | September 30, 2006 | September 30, 2007 | |
| data) | | | | | | | | |
| | (restated)(9) | (restated)(9) | | | (unaudited) | (unaudited) | (unaudited) | |
| Contract revenues | \$ 322,096 | | , | \$ 46,202 | | | \$ 453,915 | |
| Contract costs | 293,812 | 457,287 | 435,520 | 41,381 | 476,901 | 365,111 | 403,714 | |
| Gross profit | 28,284 | 51,413 | 53,535 | 4,821 | 58,356 | 42,117 | 50,201 | |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 34,575 | 37,438 | 37,754 | 3,126 | 40,880 | 30,848 | 35,401 | |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 306 | 306 | 281 | 115 | 396 | 230 | 685 | |
| Gain on sale of property | | | | | | | | |
| and equipment | (475) | | (434) | (10) | (444) | (416) | (514) | |
| Goodwill impairment(10) | | 16,618 | | | | | | |
| Income (loss) from | | | | | | | | |
| operations | (6,122) | (2,094) | 15,934 | 1,590 | 17,524 | 11,455 | 14,629 | |
| Other income: | | | | | | | | |
| Interest income | 194 | 469 | 1,382 | 145 | 1,527 | 1,056 | 953 | |
| Interest expense | (23) | | | (41) | | | (696) | |
| Other, net | (119) | . , | | (20) | · / | \ / | (167) | |
| Income (loss) before provision | | | | | | | | |
| for income taxes | (6,070) | (1,986) | 16,825 | 1,674 | 18,499 | 12,195 | 14,719 | |

| Income tax expense (benefit) | (2,595) | 6,624 | 6,807 | 741 | 7,548 | 4,822 | 6,161 |
|------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
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| Net income (loss) from continuing | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|
| operations | (3,475) | (8,610) | 10,018 | | 933 | 10,951 | | 7,373 | | 8,558 |
| Discontinued operations: Discontinued | | | | | | | | | | |
| operations, net of | | | | | | | | | | |
| income tax expense | | | | | | | | | | |
| (benefit) of | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$(789) and \$328 in 2004 and 2005 | (1,183) | 492 | | | | | | | | |
| Loss on sale of | (1,163) | 492 | | | | | | | | |
| discontinued, | | | | | | | | | | |
| operations net of | | | | | | | | | | |
| income tax (benefit) of \$(601) and | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$(450) in 2004 and | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | (901) | (1,356) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net loss from | | | | | | | | | | |
| discontinued operations | (2,084) | (864) | | | | | | | | |
| operations | (2,084) | (804) | _ | | | | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (5,559) \$ | (9,474) \$ | 10,018 | \$ | 933 \$ | 10,951 | \$ | 7,373 | \$ | 8,558 |
| ree meome (1035) | ψ (3,337) ψ | (2,171) | 10,010 | Ψ |)33 | 10,551 | Ψ | 7,575 | Ψ | 0,550 |
| Basic and diluted income | | | | | | | | | | |
| (loss) per common | | | | | | | | | | |
| share(8) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing | | | | | | | | | | |
| operations | \$ (.21) \$ | (.52) \$ | .61 | \$ | .06 \$ | .67 | \$ | .45 | \$ | .52 |
| Income (loss) from | ` ' | , , | | | | | | | | |
| discontinued | (07) | .03 | | | | | | | | |
| operations (Loss) on sale of | (.07) | .03 | | | | | | | | |
| discontinued | | | | | | | | | | |
| operations | (.05) | (.08) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (.33) \$ | (.57) \$ | .61 | \$ | .06 \$ | .67 | \$ | .45 | \$ | .52 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weighted average number of common | | | | | | | | | | |
| shares and potential | | | | | | | | | | |
| common shares | | | | | | | | | | |
| outstanding(8): | 16 446 949 | 16 446 949 | 16 446 949 | | 16 446 949 | 16 446 042 | 16.4 | 46.040 | | 16 446 040 |
| Basic and diluted | 16,446,842 | 16,446,842 | 16,446,842 | | 16,446,842 | 16,446,842 | 10,4 | 46,842 | | 16,446,842 |
| Balance sheet data: | | | | | | | | | | |
| (in thousands) | | | Prede | ecessor(| 1) | | _ | | | |
| | | _ | 4 CD | 1 | . 21 | | Succe | ssor(1) | | |
| | | _ | As of Do | ecembe | r 31, | As | of | | As | of |
| | | | | | | Decem | | : | Septem | ber 30, |
| | | | 2004 | | 2005 | 200 | 06 | | 20 | 07 |
| | | | (restated)(9) | (| restated)(9) | | | | (unau | dited) |
| | | | | (| | | | | (| / |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | \$ | | | 28,937 | \$ | 26,223 | \$ | | 10,447 |
| Working capital(3) Total assets | | | 55,990 203,370 | | 54,664 243,631 | | 41,636 256,544 | | | 34,183 269,658 |
| Long term debt(4) | | | 203,370 | , | 243,031 | | 230,344 | | | 50,000 |
| Total liabilities | | | 82,967 | | 138,612 | | 128,753 | | | 183,323 |
| Stockholders' equity | | \$ | 120,403 | \$ | 105,019 | \$ | 127,791 | \$ | | 86,335 |
| | | 1 | | C | (1) | | D | <i>(</i> 1) | c | /4\\ |
| | Pred | decessor(1) | | Succes | ssor(1) Co | ombined(2) | Predecesso | r(1) | Su | ccessor(1) |

| Other | |
|------------------|--|
| Data:(Unaudited) | |
| (in thousands) | |

| | For the year ended December 31, | | For the period from January 1, 2006 to | | For the period from December 1, 2006 to | | For the year ended | | For the nine months ended | | For the nine nonths ended | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | 2004 | 2005 | November 30, 2006 | | December 31, 2006 | | December 31, 2006 | | September 30, 2006 | | September 30, 2007 | |
| | (re | stated)(9) | (restated)(9) | | | | | | | | | | |
| EBITDA(5) | \$ | (1,148) | \$ 2,450 | \$ 20,654 | \$ | 2,690 | \$ | 23,344 | \$ | 15,216 | \$ | 22,585 | |
| Backlog(6) | | 267,072 | 224,006 | N/A | | N/A | | 276,072 | | 224,158 | | 235,424 | |
| Capital expenditures | | 4,127 | 5,302 | 12,482 | | 1,331 | | 13,813 | | 6,146 | | 21,926 | |
| Depreciation and amortization(7) | | 5,093 | 4,887 | 4,912 | | 1,120 | | 6,032 | | 3,894 | | 8,123 | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | | 5,660 | 21,408 | 15,600 | | 6,331 | | 21,931 | | 17,206 | | 5,845 | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | (2,245) | (780) | (11,984) | , | (1,319) |) | (13,303) | | (5,665) | | (21,292) | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | | (4,387) | (6,342) | ı | (5,000) |) | (11,342) | | (6,352) | | (329) | |
| | | | | | | 9 | | | | | | | |

- On March 10, 2006 and November 30, 2006, ArcLight, through its affiliates MYR Group Holdings LLC and MYR Group Holdings II LLC, purchased approximately 98% of the outstanding shares of our common stock from FirstEnergy Corp. The transaction was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting, which required our net assets to be recognized at fair value upon acquisition. The effect of this acquisition was reflected in our financial statements on November 30, 2006. Our financial statements for periods prior to December 1, 2006 (our Predecessor periods) were prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting, which existed prior to the transaction. Our financial statements for periods subsequent to November 30, 2006 (our Successor periods) were prepared on a new basis of accounting, that is, fair value. As a result, our results for the Successor periods are not necessarily comparable to the Predecessor periods.
- The presentation of the 2006 results on this combined basis does not comply with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; however management believes that this provides useful information to assess the relative performance of the businesses in all periods presented in the financial statements.

 The captions included within our statements of operations that are materially impacted by the change in basis of accounting include depreciation and amortization.
- (3) Working capital represents total current assets less total current liabilities.
- (4)
 Long term debt represents the \$50.0 million draw under our term loan facility on August 31, 2007, including current maturities.
- EBITDA, a performance measure used by management, is defined as income (loss) from continuing operations plus: interest expense, provision for income taxes and depreciation and amortization, as shown in the table below. EBITDA, as presented for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, for the period from January 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006 and for the period from December 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, on a combined basis for the year ended December 31, 2006 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2007, is not defined under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and does not purport to be an alternative to net income as a measure of operating performance or to cash flows from operating activities as a measure of liquidity. Because not all companies use identical calculations, this presentation of EBITDA may not be comparable to other similarly-titled measures of other companies. We use, and we believe investors benefit from the presentation of, EBITDA in evaluating our operating performance because it provides us and our investors with an additional tool to compare our operating performance on a consistent basis by removing the impact of certain items that management believes do not directly reflect our core operations. We believe that EBITDA is useful to investors and other external users of our financial statements in evaluating our operating performance and cash flow because EBITDA is widely used by investors to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items such as interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization, which can vary substantially from company to company depending upon accounting methods and book value of assets, capital structure and the method by which assets were acquired. The following table provides a reconciliation of net income to EBITDA:

| | P | Predecessor(1) | | Successor(1) | Combined(2) | Predecessor(1) | For the nine months ended | |
|---|---------------------|----------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| (in thousands) | For th ended Dec | ember 31, | For the period from January 1, 2006 to November 30. | For the period from December 1, 2006 to December 31, | For the year ended December 31. | For the nine months ended September 30, | | |
| | 2004 2005 | | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | |
| | (restated)(9) | (restated)(9) | | | (unaudited) | (unaudited) | (unaudited) | |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ (3,475) | \$ (8,610) | \$ 10.018 | \$ 933 | \$ 10.951 | \$ 7.373 | \$ 8,558 | |
| Interest (income) | (,,,,,,, | | , | | | ,,,,,, | | |
| expense, net Income tax expense | (171) | (451) | (1,083) | (104) | (1,187) | (873) |) (257) | |
| (benefit) | (2,595) | 6,624 | 6,807 | 741 | 7,548 | 4,822 | 6,161 | |
| Depreciation and | 5,093 | 4,887 | 4,912 | 1,120 | 6,032 | 3,894 | 8,123 | |

| amortization(7) |) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|-----------|----------|--------|----|-------|--------|----|-----------|--------|
| | _ | | | | _ | | | _ | | |
| EBITDA | \$ | (1,148)\$ | 2,450 \$ | 20,654 | \$ | 2,690 | 23,344 | \$ | 15,216 \$ | 22,585 |
| | | | | | _ | | | | | |

Backlog represents our estimated revenue on uncompleted contracts, including the amount of revenue on contracts on which work has not begun, minus the revenue we have recognized under such contracts. We calculate backlog differently for different types of contracts. For our fixed-price contracts, we include the full remaining portion of the contract in our calculation of backlog. For our unit-price, time-and-equipment, time-and-materials and cost-plus contracts, our projected revenue for a three-month period is included in the calculation of backlog, regardless of the duration of the contract, which typically exceeds such three-month period. These types of contracts are generally awarded as part of MSAs which typically have a one to three-year duration from execution. Given the duration of our contracts and MSAs and our method of calculating backlog, our backlog at any point in time therefore may not accurately represent the revenue that we expect to realize during any period and our backlog as of the end of a fiscal year may not be indicative of the revenue we expect to earn in the following fiscal year.

(7) Depreciation and amortization includes depreciation on capital assets and amortization of finite lived intangible assets.

- Basic and diluted income (loss) per common share data and our basic diluted weighted average number of common shares and potential common shares outstanding reflects the effect of the approximately 164.47 common shares for one common share stock split of our common stock completed on December 13, 2007.
- During the preparation of our financial statements to reflect the "push down" of the purchase accounting for the acquisition of our common stock by affiliates of ArcLight, we determined that adjustments were necessary to restate our previously issued 2004 and 2005 financial statements for the following errors: (1) an adjustment to allocate the purchase price to identified tangible and intangible assets in our accounting for FirstEnergy's acquisition of us on November 7, 2001 (originally, the entire excess purchase price over net assets acquired was allocated only to goodwill); (2) an adjustment to increase the goodwill impairment previously recorded in 2005, based upon the identification of two reporting units versus the one previously utilized and the proper application of the impairment test as it relates to implied fair value, and based upon the revised goodwill amounts from the adjustment discussed above; (3) to reflect additional tax benefits on the excess of tax over book basis deductions related to previous owners' stock award plans as additional paid in capital rather than an income tax benefit; (4) other adjustments related to out of period items, revision of non-operating income and expenses to income (loss) from operations, and recording of the goodwill allocated to discontinued operations as a component of income (loss) on sale of discontinued operations rather than as a component of discontinued operations. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements beginning on page F-20.

The following is a summary of the effects of the restatement on the consolidated balance sheet data, as previously reported, as of December 31, 2004:

| | 20 | 04 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | As reported | As restated |
| Working capital | 56,284 | 55,990 |
| Total assets | 198,888 | 203,370 |
| Total liabilities | 71,931 | 82,967 |
| Stockholders' equity | 126,957 | 120,403 |

As part of the business valuation associated with the acquisition of our common stock by affiliates of ArcLight, subsequent to the December 31, 2005 balance sheet date but before the consolidated financial statements were issued for the year ended December 31, 2005, it was determined that an impairment had occurred at December 31, 2005. Based on the second step comparison of the fair value to the restated carrying value, the impairment loss of \$16.6 million was recorded by the T&D and C&I reporting units of \$12.4 million and \$4.2 million, respectively.

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Summary Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information

The following table sets forth our summary unaudited pro forma financial information as of September 30, 2007, for the year ended December 31, 2006, and the nine months ended September 30, 2007, which has been derived from our unaudited pro forma financial information included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The summary unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations information for the year ended December 31, 2006 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 are presented:

on an actual and combined basis summing the results for the 2006 Predecessor and Successor periods; and

on a pro forma basis as adjusted to give effect to the acquisition by affiliates of ArcLight on March 10, 2006 and November 30, 2006; our entrance into our \$125.0 million senior secured credit facility consisting of a \$75.0 million revolving credit facility and a \$50.0 million term loan facility (the "Credit Facility"), including the draw of \$50.0 million under the term loan facility on August 31, 2007; the issuance of 17,780,099 shares of common stock pursuant to the 2007 Private Placement and the repurchase of 14,516,765 shares of common stock and 49,675 shares of common stock underlying options, from our stockholders and option holders with the proceeds thereof; the payment of a dividend to our stockholders of \$3.04 per share of common stock on August 31, 2007; the dilutive effect of the acceleration of outstanding options under our stock option plan; and the repayment of \$20.0 million outstanding under our term loan facility with the proceeds of the 2007 Private Placement, as if all such transactions occurred on January 1, 2006.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated condensed balance sheet information as at September 30, 2007, is presented:

on an actual basis; and

on a pro forma as adjusted basis to give effect to the 2007 Private Placement, including the issuance of 17,780,099 shares of common stock; the repurchase of 14,516,765 shares of common stock and 49,675 shares of our common stock underlying options, from our stockholders and option holders with the proceeds thereof; the compensation charge, net of tax effect, for the acceleration of stock options due to the 2007 Private Placement; the compensation charge, net of tax effect, for the beneficial purchase price on certain management shares; the compensation charge, net of tax, for the new employment agreements; the payment of a transaction bonus, net of tax, to management; and the repayment of \$20.0 million under our term loan facility with the proceeds of the 2007 Private Placement, as if all such transactions occurred on September 30, 2007.

The pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and assumptions that we believe are reasonable. The summary unaudited pro forma financial information is presented for illustrative and informational purposes only, and is not necessarily indicative of what our actual financial position or results of operations would have been had the described transactions occurred on the dates or during the periods presented, nor does it purport to represent the results of any future periods.

The information below should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results from Operations" and the pro forma financial information and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Statement of operations data: (in thousands except share and per share data)

| | For the ye December | | | | For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 | | | |
|--|----------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|---|----|--------------------------|--|
| Pro forma as adjusted | Combined | | Pro forma as adjusted | | Actual | | Pro forma as adjusted | |
| Contract revenues | \$ 535,257 | \$ | 535,257 | \$ | 453,915 | \$ | 453,915 | |
| Contract costs | 476,901 | | 480,771 | | 403,714 | | 402,268 | |
| Gross profit | 58,356 | | 54,486 | | 50,201 | | 51,647 | |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 40,880 | | 40,928 | | 35,401 | | 35,400 | |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 396 | | 857 | | 685 | | 251 | |
| Gain on sale of property and equipment | (444) | | (444) | | (514) | | (514) | |
| Income from operations | 17,524 | | 13,145 | | 14,629 | | 16,510 | |
| Other income: | | | | | | | | |
| Interest income | 1,527 | | 1,527 | | 953 | | 953 | |
| Interest expense | (340) | | (2,337) | | (696) | | (1,995) | |
| Other, net | (212) | | (212) | | (167) | | (167) | |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 18,499 | | 12,123 | | 14,719 | | 15,301 | |
| Income tax expense | 7,548 | | 4,997 | | 6,161 | | 6,395 | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 10,951 | \$ | 7,126 | \$ | 8,558 | \$ | 8,906 | |
| Basic and diluted income per common share | \$ 0.67 | | | \$ | 0.52 | | | |
| Pro forma income per common share | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | | \$ | 0.39 | | | \$ | 0.48 | |
| Diluted | | \$ | 0.37 | | | \$ | 0.47 | |
| Weighted average number of common shares and potential common shares outstanding | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | 16,446,842 | | 18,438,100 | | 16,446,842 | | 18,438,100 | |
| Diluted | 16,446,842 | | 19,047,768 | | 16,446,842 | | 19,036,553 | |
| | | | | | | | | |

Balance sheet data:

(in thousands)

As of September 30, 2007

| | | Actual | | Pro Forma as adjusted | |
|---------------------------|----|---------|----|--------------------------|--|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 10,447 | \$ | 23,983 | |
| Working capital(1) | | 34,183 | | 57,971 | |
| Total assets | | 269,658 | | 289,794 | |
| Long term debt(2) | | 50,000 | | 30,000 | |
| Total liabilities | | 183,323 | | 161,133 | |
| Stockholders' equity | \$ | 86,335 | \$ | 128,661 | |

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(2)

Working capital represents total current assets less total current liabilities.

Long term debt represents the \$50.0 million draw under our term loan facility on August 31, 2007, including current maturities and \$20.0 million for the repayment from private placement proceeds on a pro forma as adjusted basis.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risks as well as other information contained in this prospectus, including our consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements before investing in our common stock. The occurrence of any of the following risks could materially and adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flow, in which case, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flow.

Risks Related to Our Business and Our Industry

Our operating results may vary significantly from quarter-to-quarter.

| Our quarterly results also may be materially and adversely affected by: |
|---|
| the timing and volume of work under contract; |
| regional and general economic conditions; |
| the budgetary spending patterns of customers; |
| variations in the margins of projects performed during any particular quarter; |
| a change in the demand for our services and increased costs of performance of our services caused by severe weather conditions; |
| increases in design and construction costs that we are unable to pass through to our customers; |
| the termination of existing agreements; |
| losses experienced in our operations not otherwise covered by insurance; |
| a change in the mix of our customers, contracts and business; |
| payment risk associated with the financial condition of our customers; |
| cost overruns on fixed-price contracts; |
| availability of qualified labor hired for specific projects; |
| |

changes in bonding requirements applicable to existing and new agreements; and

costs we incur to support growth internally or through acquisitions or otherwise.

Accordingly, our operating results in any particular quarter may not be indicative of the results that you can expect for any other quarter or for the entire year.

Demand for our services is cyclical and vulnerable to downturns in the industries we serve as well as regional and general economic downturns, which may result in extended periods of low demand for our services.

The demand for infrastructure construction and maintenance services from our customers has been, and will likely continue to be, cyclical in nature and vulnerable to downturns in the industries we serve as well as the United States economy in general. If the general level of economic activity slows, or if the economic activity in the regions that we serve slows, financing conditions for our industry could be adversely affected and our customers may delay commencement of work on or cancel new projects or maintenance activity on existing projects or may undertake to outsource less work to contractors such as us. A number of other factors, including financing conditions for the industry and

customer financial conditions, could adversely affect our customers' ability or willingness to fund capital expenditures. As a result, demand for our services could decline substantially for extended periods, particularly during economic downturns, which could decrease revenues, margins, profits and cash flows and have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our industry is highly competitive.

Our industry is served by numerous small, owner-operated private companies, a few public companies and several large national and regional companies. In addition, relatively few barriers prevent entry into the C&I market and the distribution market. As a result, any organization that has adequate financial resources and access to technical expertise may become one of our competitors in those areas. Competition in the industry depends on a number of factors, including price. Certain of our competitors, including our competitors in the transmission market, may have lower overhead cost structures and, therefore, may be able to provide their services at lower rates than ours. In addition, some of our competitors may have greater resources than we do. Furthermore, two of our largest competitors have recently merged. We cannot be certain that our competitors will not develop the expertise, experience and resources to provide services that are superior in both price and quality to our services. Similarly, we cannot be certain that we will be able to maintain or enhance our competitive position within the markets we serve or maintain our customer base at current levels. We also may face competition from the in-house service organizations of our existing or prospective customers. Electric power providers often employ personnel to internally perform some of the same types of services we do. We cannot be certain that our existing or prospective customers will continue to outsource services in the future which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We may be unsuccessful at generating internal growth.

| Our ability to generate internal | growth will be affected by. | among other factors. | our ability to: |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | | | |

attract new customers;
increase the number of projects performed for existing customers;
hire and retain qualified personnel;
successfully bid for new projects; and
adapt the range of services we offer to customers to address their evolving construction needs.

In addition, our customers may reduce the number or size of projects available to us due to their inability to obtain capital. Many of the factors affecting our ability to generate internal growth may be beyond our control, and we cannot be certain that our strategies will be successful or that we will be able to generate cash flow sufficient to fund our operations and to support internal growth. If we are unsuccessful, we may not be able to achieve internal growth, expand our operations or grow our business and the failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flow.

Backlog may not be realized or may not result in profits.

Backlog is difficult to determine accurately and different companies within our industry may define backlog differently. We refer to our estimated revenue on uncompleted contracts, including the amount of revenue on contracts on which work has not begun, minus the revenue we have recognized under such contracts as "backlog." We calculate backlog differently for different types of contracts. For our fixed-price contracts, we include the full remaining portion of the contract in our calculation of backlog. For our unit-price, time-and-equipment, time-and-materials and cost-plus contracts, our

projected revenue for a three-month period is included in the calculation of backlog, regardless of the duration of the contract, which typically exceeds such three-month period. In addition, we work with some of our customers under master service agreements ("MSAs"). Although the terms of most MSAs do not require our customers to assign work to us, we include an estimate based upon our historical experience of expected revenues under MSAs for the upcoming three months in our backlog.

Most contracts, including MSAs, may be terminated by our customers on short notice, typically 30 to 90 days, but sometimes less. Reductions in backlog due to cancellation by a customer or for other reasons could significantly reduce the revenue and profit we actually receive from contracts in backlog. In the event of a project cancellation, we may be reimbursed for certain costs but we typically have no contractual right to the total revenues reflected in our backlog. Projects may remain in backlog for extended periods of time. Given these factors and our method of calculating backlog, our backlog at any point in time may not accurately represent the revenue that we expect to realize during any period and our backlog as of the end of a fiscal year may not be indicative of the revenue we expect to earn in the following fiscal year. Consequently, we cannot assure you as to our customers' requirements or our estimates. Inability to realize revenue from our backlog could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

The Energy Act may fail to result in increased spending on electric power transmission infrastructure.

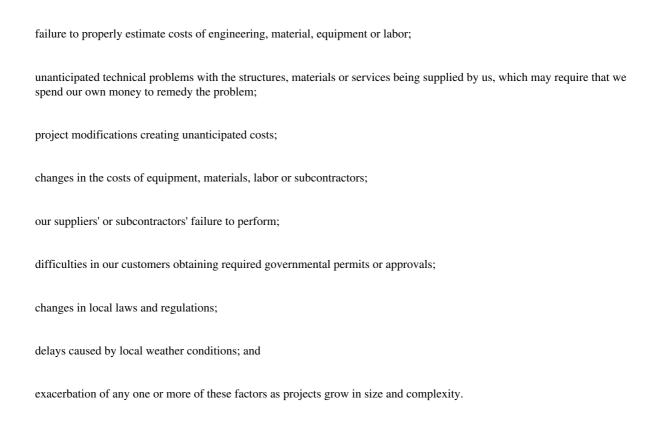
Implementation of the Energy Act is still subject to considerable fiscal and regulatory uncertainty. Many of the regulations implementing the components of the Energy Act have not been promulgated and many others have only recently been finalized at the agency level, and the effect of these regulations, once implemented and after any judicial review or challenge is uncertain. The Energy Act may not streamline the process for siting and permitting new transmission projects or eliminate the barriers to new transmission investments. As a result, the Energy Act may not result in the anticipated increased spending on the electric power transmission infrastructure. Continued uncertainty regarding the new infrastructure investments and the implementation and impact of the Energy Act may result in slower growth in demand for our services.

Our use of percentage-of-completion accounting could result in a reduction or elimination of previously reported profits.

As discussed in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results from Operations Critical Accounting Policies" and in the notes to our consolidated financial statements, a significant portion of our revenues is recognized on a percentage-of-completion method of accounting, using the cost-to-cost method. This method is used because management considers expended costs to be the best available measure of progress on these contracts. This accounting method is standard for fixed-price contracts. The percentage-of-completion accounting practice we use results in our recognizing contract revenues and earnings ratably over the contract term in proportion to our incurrence of contract costs. The earnings or losses recognized on individual contracts are based on estimates of contract revenues, costs and profitability. Contract losses are recognized in full when determined, and contract profit estimates are adjusted based on ongoing reviews of contract profitability. Penalties are recorded when known or finalized, which generally is during the latter stages of the contract. In addition, we record adjustments to estimated costs of contracts when we believe the change in estimate is probable and the amounts can be reasonably estimated. These adjustments could result in both increases and decreases in profit margins. Actual results could differ from estimated amounts and could result in a reduction or elimination of previously recognized earnings. In certain circumstances, it is possible that such adjustments could be significant and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our actual costs may be greater than expected in performing our fixed-price and unit-price contracts.

We currently generate, and expect to continue to generate, a portion of our revenues and profits under fixed-price and unit-price contracts. We must estimate the costs of completing a particular project to bid for these types of contracts. The actual cost of labor and materials, however, may vary from the costs we originally estimated and we may not be successful in recouping additional costs from our customers. These variations, along with other risks inherent in performing fixed-price and unit-price contracts, may cause actual revenue and gross profits for a project to differ from those we originally estimated and could result in reduced profitability or losses on projects due to changes in a variety of factors such as:



Depending upon the size of a particular project, variations from the estimated contract costs could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our financial results are based upon estimates and assumptions that may differ from actual results.

In preparing our consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP, several estimates and assumptions are used by management in determining the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses recognized during the periods presented and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities known to exist as of the date of the financial statements. These estimates and assumptions must be made because certain information that is used in the preparation of our financial statements is dependent on future events, cannot be calculated with a high degree of precision from data available or is not capable of being readily calculated based on generally accepted methodologies. In some cases, these estimates are particularly difficult to determine and we must exercise significant judgment. Estimates may be used in our assessment of the allowance for doubtful accounts, valuation of inventory, useful lives of property and equipment, fair value assumptions in analyzing goodwill and long-lived asset impairments, self-insured claims liabilities, forfeiture estimates relating to stock-based compensation, revenue recognition under percentage-of-completion accounting and provision for income taxes. From time-to-time we may publicly provide earnings or other forms of guidance, which reflect our predictions about future revenue, operating costs and capital structure, among other factors. These predictions may be impacted by estimates, as well as other factors that are beyond our control and may not turn out to be correct. Actual results for all estimates could differ materially from the estimates and assumptions that we use, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We self-insure against many potential liabilities and our reserves for estimated losses may be less than our actual losses.

Although we maintain insurance policies with respect to automobile liability, general liability, workers' compensation and employers' liability, those policies do not cover all possible claims and are subject to deductibles of \$1.0 million per occurrence. Accordingly, we are self-insured for all claims that do not exceed \$1.0 million. We also have an employee health care benefit plan for employees not subject to collective bargaining agreements, which is subject to a deductible of \$0.1 million per covered individual per year. Losses up to the deductible amounts are accrued based upon our estimates of the ultimate liability for claims reported and an estimate of claims incurred but not yet reported. However, insurance liabilities are difficult to assess and estimate due to unknown factors, including the severity of an injury, the determination of our liability in proportion to other parties, the number of incidents not reported and the effectiveness of our safety program. If we were to experience insurance claims or costs significantly above our estimates, such claims or costs could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We may incur liabilities or suffer negative financial impact relating to occupational health and safety matters.

Our operations are subject to extensive laws and regulations relating to the maintenance of safe conditions in the workplace. While we have invested, and will continue to invest, substantial resources in our occupational health and safety programs, our industry involves a high degree of operational risk and there can be no assurance that we will avoid significant liability exposure. Our business is subject to numerous safety risks, including electrocutions, fires, natural gas explosions, mechanical failures, weather-related incidents, transportation accidents and damage to equipment on which we work. These hazards can cause personal injury and loss of life, severe damage to or destruction of property and equipment and other consequential damages and could lead to suspension of operations, large damage claims and, in extreme cases, criminal liability. Although we have taken what we believe are appropriate precautions, we have suffered serious injuries and fatalities in the past and may suffer additional serious injuries and fatalities in the future. Claims for damages to persons, including claims for bodily injury or loss of life, could result in substantial costs and liabilities. In addition, we have in the past and we may in the future be subject to criminal penalties relating to occupational health and safety violations, which have resulted in and could in the future result in substantial costs and liabilities.

Our customers seek to minimize safety risks on their sites and they frequently review the safety records of outside contractors during the bidding process. If our safety record were to substantially deteriorate over time, we might become ineligible to bid on certain work and our customers could cancel our contracts and not award us future business.

We may pay our suppliers and subcontractors before receiving payment from our customers for the related services.

We use suppliers to obtain the necessary materials and subcontractors to perform portions of our services and to manage work flow. In some cases, we pay our suppliers and subcontractors before our customers pay us for the related services. If we pay our suppliers and subcontractors for materials purchased and work performed for customers who fail to pay, or delay paying, us for the related work, we could experience a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We extend credit to customers for purchases of our services, and in the past we have had, and in the future we may have, difficulty collecting receivables from major customers that are subject to protection under bankruptcy or insolvency laws or are otherwise experiencing financial difficulties.

We grant credit, generally without collateral, to our customers in our T&D segment, which include investor-owned utilities, independent power producers, municipalities and cooperatives across the United States and in our C&I segment, which include general contractors, commercial and industrial facility owners, local governments and developers located primarily in the western United States. Consequently, we are subject to potential credit risk related to changes in business and economic factors throughout the continental United States. Our customers also include special purpose entities that own T&D projects which do not have the financial resources of traditional transmission utility operators. If any of our major customers file for bankruptcy or experience financial difficulties, we could experience reduced cash flows and losses in excess of current allowances provided. In addition, material changes in any of our customer's revenues or cash flows could affect our ability to collect amounts due from them.

We derive a significant portion of our revenues from a few customers, and the loss of one or more of these customers could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our customer base is highly concentrated, with our top ten customers accounting for 42.2% of our revenue in 2006 and 45.9% of our revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Our largest customer in 2006 accounted for 11.2% of our revenue and our largest customer for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 accounted for 10.3% of our total revenue for the period. Our revenue could significantly decline if we lose one or more of our significant customers. In addition, revenues under our contracts with significant customers may vary from period-to-period depending on the timing and volume of work which such customers order in a given period and as a result of competition from the in-house service organizations of our customers. Reduced demand for our services or a loss of a significant customer could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Many of our contracts may be canceled on short notice, and we may be unsuccessful in replacing our contracts if they are canceled or as they are completed or expire.

We could experience a decrease in our revenue, net income and liquidity if any of the following occur:

our customers cancel a significant number of contracts;

we fail to win a significant number of our existing contracts upon re-bid;

we complete a significant number of non-recurring projects and cannot replace them with similar projects; or

we fail to reduce operating and overhead expenses consistent with any decrease in our revenue.

Many of our customers may cancel our contracts on short notice, typically 30-90 days, even if we are not in default under the contract. Certain of our customers assign work to us on a project-by-project basis under MSAs. Under these agreements, our customers often have no obligation to assign a specific amount of work to us. Our operations could decline significantly if the anticipated volume of work is not assigned to us. Many of our contracts, including our MSAs, are opened to public bid at the expiration of their terms. There can be no assurance that we will be the successful bidder on our existing contracts that come up for re-bid.

A significant portion of our business depends on our ability to provide surety bonds and we may be unable to compete for or work on certain projects if we are not able to obtain the necessary surety bonds.

Our contracts frequently require that we provide to our customers payment and performance bonds. Further, under standard terms in the surety market, sureties issue or continue bonds on a project-by-project basis and can decline to issue bonds at any time or require the posting of additional collateral as a condition to issuing or renewing any bonds.

Current or future market conditions, as well as changes in our surety's assessment of our operating and financial risk, could cause our surety providers to decline to issue or renew, or substantially reduce the amount of, bonds for our work and could increase our bonding costs. These actions could be taken on short notice. If our surety providers were to limit or eliminate our access to bonding, our alternatives would include seeking bonding capacity from other sureties, finding more business that does not require bonds and posting other forms of collateral for project performance, such as letters of credit or cash. We may be unable to secure these alternatives in a timely manner, on acceptable terms, or at all. Accordingly, if we were to experience an interruption or reduction in the availability of bonding capacity, we may be unable to compete for or work on certain projects and such interruption or reduction could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our bonding requirements may limit our ability to incur indebtedness.

Our ability to obtain surety bonds depends upon various factors including our capitalization, working capital and amount of our indebtedness. In order to help ensure that we can obtain required bonds, we may be limited in our ability to incur additional indebtedness that may be needed to refinance our existing credit facilities upon maturity and to execute our business plan. Our inability to incur additional indebtedness could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

Inability to hire or retain key personnel could disrupt business.

We depend on the continued efforts of our executive officers and senior management, including management at each operating subsidiary. Other than with respect to our named executive officers and one additional member of our senior management team, we do not have employment or non-competition agreements with any of our employees. The relationships between our executive officers and senior management and our customers are important to our being retained. We are also dependent upon our project managers and field supervisors who are responsible for managing and drawing employees to our projects. There can be no assurance that any individual will continue in his or her capacity for any particular period of time. Industry-wide competition for managerial talent has increased and the loss of one or more of our key employees could have an adverse effect on our business. The loss of key personnel, or the inability to hire and retain qualified employees, could negatively impact our ability to manage our business and relationships with our customers. We do not carry key person life insurance on employees.

Our unionized workforce could adversely affect our operations.

As of September 30, 2007, approximately 89.2% of our field labor employees were covered by collective bargaining agreements. Although the majority of these agreements prohibit strikes and work stoppages, we cannot be certain that strikes or work stoppages will not occur in the future. Strikes or work stoppages would adversely impact our relationships with our customers and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our business is labor intensive, and we may be unable to attract and retain qualified employees.

Our ability to maintain our productivity and profitability will be limited by our ability to employ, train and retain skilled personnel necessary to meet our requirements. We may not be able to maintain an adequate skilled labor force necessary to operate efficiently and to support our growth strategy. We have from time-to-time experienced shortages of certain types of qualified personnel. For example, there is a shortage of engineers, project managers, field supervisors, linemen and other skilled workers capable of working on and supervising the construction of high-voltage electric lines and substations. During periods with volumes of storm restoration services work, linemen are frequently recruited across geographic regions to satisfy demand. Many linemen are willing to travel in order to earn premium wages for such work, which from time-to-time makes it difficult for us to retain these workers for ongoing projects when storm conditions persist. The supply of experienced engineers, project managers, field supervisors, linemen and other skilled workers may not be sufficient to meet current or expected demand. The commencement of new, large-scale infrastructure projects or increased demand for infrastructure improvements as well as the aging utility workforce further depletes the pool of skilled workers available to us, even if we are not awarded such projects. Labor shortages or increased labor costs could impair our ability to maintain our business or grow our revenues. If we are unable to hire employees with the requisite skills, we may also be forced to incur significant training expenses.

Inability to perform our obligations under EPC contracts may adversely affect our business.

EPC contracts require us to perform a range of services for our customers, some of which we routinely subcontract to other parties. We believe that these types of contracts will become increasingly prevalent in the T&D industry. In most instances, these contracts require completion of a project by a specific date, achievement of certain performance standards or performance of our services at a certain standard of quality. If we subsequently fail to meet such dates or standards, we may be held responsible for costs resulting from such failure. Our inability to obtain the necessary material and equipment to meet a project schedule or the installation of defective material or equipment could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We require subcontractors to assist us in providing certain services and we may be unable to retain the necessary subcontractors to complete certain projects.

We use subcontractors to perform portions of our contracts and to manage workflow, particularly for design, engineering, procurement and some foundation work. We are not dependent on any single subcontractor. However, general market conditions may limit the availability of subcontractors on which we rely to perform portions of our contracts and this could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our business growth could outpace the capability of our internal infrastructure.

Our internal infrastructure may not be adequate to support our operations as they expand. To the extent that we are unable to buy or build equipment necessary for a project, either due to a lack of available funding or equipment shortages in the marketplace, we may be forced to rent equipment on a short-term basis or to find alternative ways to perform the work without the benefit of equipment ideally suited for the job, which could increase the costs of completing the project. Furthermore, we may be unable to buy or rent the specialty equipment and tooling we require due to the limited number of manufacturers and distributors in the marketplace. We often bid for work knowing that we will have to rent equipment on a short-term basis and we include our assumptions of market equipment rental rates into our bid. If market rates for rental equipment increase between the time of bid submission and project execution, our margins for the project may be reduced. In addition, our equipment requires continuous maintenance, which we generally provide through our own repair

facilities. If we are unable to continue to maintain the equipment in our fleet, we may be forced to obtain additional third-party repair services at a higher cost or be unable to bid on contracts.

Future growth also could impose additional responsibilities on members of our senior management. To the extent that we are unable to manage our growth effectively, we may not be able to expand our operations or execute our business plan.

Seasonal and other variations, including severe weather conditions, may cause significant fluctuations in our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Although our revenues are primarily driven by spending patterns in our customers' industries, our revenues, particularly those derived from our T&D segment, and results of operations can be subject to seasonal variations. These variations are influenced by weather, hours of daylight, customer spending patterns, available system outages from utilities, bidding seasons and holidays, and can have a significant impact on our gross margins. Our profitability may decrease during the winter months and during severe weather conditions because work performed during these periods may be restricted and more costly to complete. Additionally, our T&D customers often cannot remove their T&D lines from service during the summer months, when consumer demand for electricity is at its peak, delaying the demand for our maintenance and repair services. Working capital needs are also influenced by the seasonality of our business. We generally experience a need for additional working capital during the spring when we increase outdoor construction in weather-affected regions of the country, and we convert working capital assets to cash during the winter months. Significant disruptions in our ability to perform services due to these seasonal variations could have a material adverse effect on our financial conditions, results of operation and cash flows.

Increases in the costs of certain materials and fuel could reduce our operating margins.

Because we generally buy materials for our C&I projects, we are exposed to market risk of fluctuations in commodity prices of materials such as copper. Additionally, the price of fuel needed to run our vehicles and equipment is unpredictable and fluctuates based on events outside our control, including geopolitical developments, supply and demand for oil and gas, actions by OPEC, and other oil and gas producers, war and unrest in oil producing countries, regional production patterns and environmental concerns. Most of our contracts do not allow us to adjust our pricing. Accordingly, any increase in material or fuel costs could reduce our profitability and liquidity.

We could incur liquidated damages or other damages if we do not complete our projects in the time allotted under the applicable contract or we may be required to perform additional work if our services do not meet certain standards of quality.

In many instances, our contracts require completion of a project by a specific date and/or the achievement of certain performance or quality standards. If we fail to meet such completion dates or standards, we may be responsible for payment in the form of contractually agreed upon liquidated or other damages or we may be required to perform additional services without payment. To the extent that any of these events occur, the total costs of a project could exceed the original estimated costs, and we would experience reduced profits or, in some cases, a loss. Failure to comply with the completion dates and quality standards contained in our contracts could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

The timing of new contracts may result in unpredictable fluctuations in our cash flow and profitability.

A substantial portion of our revenues are derived from project-based work that is awarded through a competitive bid process. It is generally very difficult to predict the timing and geographic distribution of the projects that we will be awarded. The selection of, timing of or failure to obtain projects, delays

in awards of projects, the re-bidding or termination of projects due to budget overruns, cancellations of projects or delays in completion of contracts could result in the under-utilization of our assets and reduce our cash flows. Even if we are awarded contracts, we face additional risks that could affect whether, or when, work will begin. For example, some of our contracts are subject to financing and other contingencies that may delay or result in termination of projects. This can present difficulty in matching workforce size and equipment location with contract needs. In some cases, we may be required to bear the cost of a ready workforce and equipment that is larger than necessary, resulting in unpredictability in our cash flow, expenses and profitability. If an expected contract award or the related work release is delayed or not received, we could incur substantial costs without receipt of any corresponding revenues. Moreover, construction projects for which our services are contracted may require significant expenditures by us prior to receipt of relevant payments by a customer and may expose us to potential credit risk if such customer should encounter financial difficulties. Finally, the winding down or completion of work on significant projects that were active in previous periods will reduce our revenue and earnings if such significant projects have not been replaced in the current period.

Our failure to comply with environmental laws could result in significant liabilities.

We are subject to numerous federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations governing our operations, including the occasional handling, transportation and disposal of non-hazardous and hazardous substances and wastes, as well as emissions and discharges into the environment, including discharges to air, surface water, groundwater and soil. We also are subject to laws and regulations that impose liability and cleanup responsibility for releases of hazardous substances into the environment. The presence of contamination from or wastes on our properties or at a job site could interfere with ongoing operations. In addition, a part of our business is done in the southwestern United States, where we run a greater risk of fines, work stoppages or other sanctions for disturbing Native American artifacts and archeological sites.

New laws and regulations, stricter enforcement of existing laws and regulations, the discovery of previously unknown contamination or leaks, or the imposition of new clean-up requirements could require us to incur significant costs or become the basis for new or increased liabilities that could harm our financial condition and results of operations. In certain instances, we have obtained indemnification or covenants from third parties (including predecessors or lessors) for some or all of such cleanup and other obligations and liabilities. However, such third-party indemnities or covenants may not cover all of our costs, and such unanticipated obligations or liabilities, or future obligations and liabilities, may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Opportunities within the government arena could lead to increased governmental regulation applicable to us.

Most government contracts are awarded through a regulated competitive bidding process. If we were to be successful in being awarded government contracts, significant costs could be incurred by us before any revenues were realized from these contracts. Government agencies may review a contractor's performance, cost structure and compliance with applicable laws, regulations and standards. If government agencies determine through these reviews that costs were improperly allocated to specific contracts, they will not reimburse the contractor for those costs or may require the contractor to refund previously reimbursed costs. If government agencies determine that we engaged in improper activity, we may be subject to civil and criminal penalties. Government contracts are also subject to renegotiation of profit and termination by the government prior to the expiration of the term which could lead to reduced revenues and have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

If we fail to integrate future acquisitions successfully, this could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

As part of our growth strategy, we may acquire companies that expand, complement, or diversify our business. Future acquisitions may expose us to operational challenges and risks, including the diversion of management's attention from our existing business, the failure to retain key personnel or customers of an acquired business, the assumption of unknown liabilities of the acquired business for which there are inadequate reserves and the potential impairment of acquired intangible assets. Our ability to sustain our growth and maintain our competitive position may be affected by our ability to successfully integrate any businesses acquired.

Our business may be affected by difficult work environments.

We perform our work under a variety of conditions, including, but not limited to, difficult terrain, difficult site conditions and busy urban centers where delivery of materials and availability of labor may be impacted. Performing work under these conditions can slow our progress, potentially causing us to incur contractual liability to our customers. These difficult conditions may also cause us to incur additional, unanticipated costs that we might not be able to pass on to our customers.

Risks Related To Our Common Stock

There has been no public market for our common stock, and we do not know if one will develop that will provide you with adequate liquidity. Following the completion of this offering, the trading price for our common stock may be volatile and could be subject to wide fluctuations.

Although our common stock has been traded on The PORTAL Market (which is operated by The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.) since

December 20, 2007, we believe that less than shares have been traded as of the date of this prospectus (or less than % of the

17,780,099 shares eligible to be traded). As a result, the trading price of our common stock on The PORTAL Market is probably not an accurate indicator of the trading price of our common stock after this offering.

Although we intend to apply to list the shares of our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market, we cannot assure you that we will meet their listing requirements or that even if we are successful in obtaining a listing that an active trading market for the shares will develop. The liquidity of any market for the shares of our common stock will depend on a number of factors, including:

the number of stockholders;
our operating performance and financial condition;
the market for similar securities;
the extent of coverage of us by securities or industry analysts; and
the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the shares of our common stock.

Historically, the market for equity securities has been subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices of these securities, which may not have corresponded to the business or financial success of the particular company. We cannot assure you that the market for the shares of our common stock will be free from similar disruptions. Any such disruptions could have an adverse effect on stockholders. In addition, the price of the shares of our common stock could decline significantly if our future operating results fail to meet or exceed the expectations of market analysts and investors.

Even if an active trading market develops, the market price for our common stock may be highly volatile and could be subject to wide fluctuations. Some of the facts that could negatively affect our share price include:

actual or anticipated variations in our quarterly operating results;

changes in our funds from operations or earnings estimates;

publication of misleading or unfavorable research reports about us or the industry in which we operate;

increases in market interest rates, which may increase our cost of capital;

changes in applicable laws or regulations, court rulings and enforcement and legal actions;

changes in market valuations of similar companies;

adverse market reaction to any increased indebtedness we incur in the future;

additions or departures of key personnel;

actions by our stockholders;

speculation in the press or investment community; and

general market and economic conditions.

You may experience dilution of your ownership interests if we issue additional shares of our common stock in the future.

We may in the future issue additional shares resulting in the dilution of the ownership interests of our present stockholders and purchasers of our common stock offered hereby. We are currently authorized to issue 100,000,000 shares of common stock and 4,000,000 shares of preferred stock with such designations, preferences and rights as determined by our board of directors. As of the date of this prospectus, there were 19,712,811 shares of our common stock outstanding, which does not include shares reserved for issuance pursuant to our stock incentive plan, including outstanding options to purchase 1,913,673 shares and options to purchase an additional 1,460,000 shares available for future grants. The potential issuance of such additional shares of common stock may create downward pressure on the trading price of our common stock, if a market for our stock were to develop. Also, we have issued, and we may issue additional, shares of our common stock or other securities that are convertible into or exercisable for common stock in connection with additional equity-based compensation to existing employees, the hiring of personnel, future acquisitions, future private placements of our securities for capital raising purposes, or for other business purposes.

Future offerings of debt securities, which would rank senior to our common stock upon our liquidation, and future offerings of equity securities, which would dilute our existing stockholders and may be senior to our common stock for the purposes of dividend and liquidating distributions, may adversely affect the market value of common stock.

In the future, we may attempt to increase our capital resources by making offerings of debt or additional offerings of equity securities, including commercial paper, medium-term notes, senior or subordinated notes and classes of preferred stock. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities and preferred stock and lenders with respect to other borrowings will receive a distribution of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock. Additional equity offerings may dilute the holdings of our existing stockholders or reduce the market value of our common stock, or both. Our preferred stock, if issued, could have a preference on liquidating distributions or a preference on dividend payments that could limit our ability to make a dividend distribution to the holders of our common

stock. Because our decision to issue securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Thus, holders of our common stock bear the risk of our future offerings reducing the market value of our common stock and diluting their share holdings in us.

Future sales of our common stock could have an adverse effect on our share price.

In general, under Rule 144, a person (or persons whose shares are aggregated) who is not an affiliate of ours and has not been one of our affiliates at any time during the three months preceding a sale, and who has beneficially owned the shares proposed to be sold for at least one year, including the holding period of any prior owner other than an affiliate, is entitled to sell his or her shares without registration and without complying with the manner of sale, public information, volume limitation, or notice provisions of Rule 144. In addition, under Rule 144, once we have been subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act for at least 90 days, a person (or persons whose shares are aggregated) who is not an affiliate of ours and has not been one of our affiliates at any time during the three months preceding a sale, may sell his or her shares without registration, subject to the continued availability of current public information about us after only a six-month holding period. Any sales by affiliates under Rule 144, even after the applicable holding periods, are subject to requirements and/or limitations with respect to volume, manner of sale, notice, and the availability of current public information about us. As shares of common stock become eligible for sale under Rule 144, the volume of sales of common stock on applicable securities markets may increase, which could reduce the market value of common stock.

As of the date of this prospectus, there were 19,712,811 shares of our common stock outstanding. The market price of the shares of our common stock could decline as a result of sales by our stockholders or the perception that such sales might occur after the termination of the lock-up restrictions to which our directors and certain members of management are subject. If any of our existing stockholders sell a significant number of shares, the market price of our common stock could be adversely affected and our ability to raise capital may be impaired.

We do not anticipate paying any dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

We do not expect to declare or pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future on our common stock, as we intend to use cash flow generated by operations to expand our business. Our current and future debt instruments also may restrict our ability to declare or pay cash dividends on our common stock.

We will incur increased costs as a result of being public company.

As a privately held company, we have not been responsible for the corporate governance and financial reporting practices and policies required of a public company. Following the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, we will be a public company. Once we become a public company, we will incur significant legal, accounting, investor relations and other expenses that we do not currently incur. In addition, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as new rules implemented by the SEC, and to the extent applicable to us, the NYSE, Nasdaq or other stock exchanges, require changes in corporate governance practices of public companies. We expect these rules and regulations to increase our legal and financial compliance costs and to make some activities more time-consuming and costly.

Failure to establish and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and value of our capital stock.

Maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting is necessary for us to produce reliable financial reports and is important in helping to prevent financial fraud. If we are unable to achieve and maintain adequate internal controls, our business, operating results and financial condition could be harmed. After we become a public company upon the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, we will furnish an assessment by our management on the design and operating effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting with our annual report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 and our independent registered public accounting firm will issue a report on that assessment. During the course of this documentation and testing, we may identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses that we may be unable to remediate before the requisite deadline for those reports. If our management or our independent registered public accounting firm were to conclude in their reports that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective, this could have a material adverse effect on our ability to process and report financial information and the value of our common stock could significantly decline.

We have identified material weaknesses in our internal controls over financial reporting that, if not properly corrected, could result in material misstatements in our financial reporting.

During the preparation of our financial statements to reflect purchase accounting for the 2006 acquisition of our common stock by affiliates of ArcLight, we discovered errors in the accounting for certain items in our previously issued consolidated financial statements in 2004 and 2005. These items included (a) an adjustment to our purchase price allocation for FirstEnergy Corp.'s acquisition of us on November 7, 2001, (b) an adjustment to the amount recorded to reflect the impairment of goodwill in 2005, based upon the revised goodwill amounts and the Company's identification of two reporting units as opposed to the one unit previously utilized, (c) an adjustment to reflect additional tax benefits on the excess of tax over book basis deductions related to our previous owners' stock award plans as additional paid in capital rather than income tax benefit, and (d) other adjustments related to out of period items, reclassifications of non-operating income and expenses to income (loss) from operations, and recording of the goodwill allocated to discontinued operations as a component of income (loss) on sale of discontinued operations rather than as a component of discontinued operations. We corrected these errors through a restatement of our consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2001 through 2005.

We are not currently required to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and are therefore not required to make an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting for that purpose. As disclosed elsewhere in this prospectus and in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus, we have restated our consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005. We have considered the internal control over financial reporting implications of the error which resulted in the restatement of our consolidated financial statements and determined that we did not maintain a sufficient complement of personnel with an appropriate level of accounting knowledge, experience and training in the application of generally accepted accounting principles to nonstandard and unusual transactions commensurate with our financial reporting requirements and the complexity of our operations and transactions. These deficiencies constitute material weaknesses, which have resulted in material misstatements of our accounts and disclosures and material adjustments to our financial statements. These material weaknesses could result in further material misstatements in our interim or annual consolidated financial statements, which would not be prevented or detected.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide

reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management has taken steps to improve and continues to improve our internal control over financial reporting, including the hiring of experienced financial reporting professional consultants, redefining and realigning responsibilities and defining additional controls, reporting processes and procedures to address the accounting requirements for non-recurring and complex transactions. A detailed summary of our restatements is included in Note 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Statements beginning on page F-20 of this prospectus.

As of the date of this prospectus, we have had only limited operating experience with the remedial measures that have been made to date and cannot provide assurance that these measures or any future measures will adequately remediate the material weakness. In addition, other material weaknesses in our internal controls over financial reporting may be identified in the future. Any failure to remediate the material weakness, to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could harm our operating results, cause failure to meet reporting obligations on a timely basis or result in material misstatements in the annual or interim financial statements. Inadequate internal controls over financial reporting could also cause investors to lose confidence in the reported financial information, which could cause the stock price to decline.

Provisions in our organizational documents and under Delaware law could delay or prevent a change in control of our company, which could adversely affect the price of our common stock.

The existence of some provisions in our organizational documents and under Delaware law could delay or prevent a change in control of our company, which could adversely affect the price of our common stock. The provisions in our certificate of incorporation and by-laws that could delay or prevent an unsolicited change in control of our company include a staggered board of directors, board authority to issue preferred stock, and advance notice provisions for director nominations or business to be considered at a stockholder meeting. In addition, Delaware law imposes restrictions on mergers and other business combinations between us and any holder of 15% or more of our outstanding common stock.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We are including the following discussion to inform you of some of the risks and uncertainties that can affect our company and to take advantage of the protections for forward-looking statements that applicable federal securities law affords.

Various statements this prospectus contains, including those that express a belief, expectation, or intention, as well as those that are not statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements may include projections and estimates concerning the timing and success of specific projects and our future production, revenue, income and capital spending. Our forward-looking statements are generally accompanied by words such as "estimate," "project," "predict," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "potential," "plan," "goal" or other words that convey the uncertainty of future events or outcomes. The forward-looking statements in this prospectus speak only as of the date of this prospectus; we disclaim any obligation to update these statements (unless required by securities laws), and we caution you not to rely on them unduly. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and assumptions about future events. While our management considers these expectations and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks, contingencies and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. These and other important factors, including those discussed under "Risk Factors," may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks, contingencies and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following:

our operating results may vary significantly from quarter-to-quarter; demand for our services is cyclical and we are vulnerable to industry downturns and regional and national downturns; our industry is highly competitive; we may be unsuccessful in generating internal growth; backlog may not be realized or may not result in profits; the Energy Policy Act of 2005 may fail to result in increased spending on electric power transmission infrastructure; our use of percentage-of-completion accounting could result in a reduction or elimination of previously recognized profits; our actual costs may be greater than expected in performing our fixed-price and unit-price contracts; our financial results are based upon estimates and assumptions that may differ from actual results; we self-insure against many potential liabilities and our reserves for estimated losses may be less than our actual costs; we may incur liabilities or suffer negative financial impact relating to occupational health and safety matters; we may pay our suppliers and subcontractors before receiving payment from our customers for the related services; we extend credit to customers for purchases of our services, and in the past we have had, and in the future we may have, difficulty collecting receivables from major customers that are subject to

protection under bankruptcy or insolvency laws or are otherwise experiencing financial difficulties;

we derive a significant portion of our revenues from a few customers, and the loss of one or more of these customers could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows;

many of our contracts may be cancelled upon short notice and we may be unsuccessful in replacing our contracts if they are canceled or as they are completed or expire;

a significant portion of our business depends on our ability to provide surety bonds and we may be unable to compete for or work on certain projects if we are not able to obtain the necessary surety bonds;

our bonding requirements may limit our ability to incur indebtedness;

inability to hire or retain key personnel could disrupt business;

our unionized workforce could adversely affect our operations;

our business is labor intensive, and we may be unable to attract and retain qualified employees;

inability to perform our obligations under engineering, procurement and construction contracts may adversely affect our business;

we require subcontractors to assist us in providing certain services and we may be unable to retain the necessary subcontractors to complete certain projects;

our business growth could outpace the capability of our internal infrastructure;

seasonal and other variations, including severe weather conditions, may cause significant fluctuations in our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows;

increases in the costs of certain materials and fuel could reduce our operating margins;

we could incur liquidated damages or other damages if we do not complete our projects in the time allotted under the applicable contract or we may be required to perform additional work if our services do not meet certain standards of quality;

the timing of new contracts may result in unpredictable fluctuations in our cash flow and profitability;

our failure to comply with environmental laws could result in significant liabilities;

opportunities within the government arena could lead to increased governmental regulation applicable to us;

if we fail to integrate future acquisitions successfully, this could adversely affect our business and results of operations;

our business may be affected by difficult work environments;

there has been no public market for our common stock, we do not know if one will develop that will provide you with adequate liquidity, and the trading price for our common stock may be volatile and could be subject to wide fluctuations;

we have identified material weaknesses in our internal controls over financial reporting that, if not properly corrected, could result in material misstatements in our financial reporting; and

we will incur increased costs due to the rules and regulations applicable to us as a public company.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus. Any proceeds from the sale of the shares offered by this prospectus will be received by the selling stockholders.

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DIVIDEND POLICY

In 2006 and 2007 we paid aggregate dividends of \$55.0 million to our stockholders. These dividends were paid as a \$0.30 per share dividend on December 31, 2006 and a \$3.04 per share dividend on August 31, 2007. We do not currently anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the future. Instead, we currently intend to retain our earnings to finance the operation and expansion of our business. The timing and amount of future cash dividends, if any, would be determined by our board of directors and would depend on our earnings, financial condition and cash requirements at the time. Our Credit Facility restricts our ability to pay cash dividends on our common stock, and we may also enter into credit agreements or other borrowing arrangements in the future that will restrict our ability to declare or pay cash dividends on our common stock.

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of September 30, 2007:

on an actual basis; and

on a pro forma as adjusted basis to give effect to the 2007 Private Placement (after deducting Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co., Inc.'s initial purchaser's discount and placement fee and deducting offering expenses related to the 2007 Private Placement), the use of the net proceeds therefrom, including the repayment of \$20.0 million under our term loan facility and \$175.9 million to repurchase a portion of the shares of common stock and shares of common stock underlying options owned by our current and prior stockholders.

You should read the following table in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results from Operations" appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. The presentation in this table does not reflect: (a) the results of operations for any periods subsequent to September 30, 2007, (b) the financial statement impact related to the vesting of certain options and other rights to acquire capital stock under our previous stock incentive plan or (c) the financial statement impact related to our new stock incentive plan that went into effect in connection with the 2007 Private Placement.

| | As of September 30, 2007 | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------|---------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| (in thousands except share data) | | Actual | Pro for | ma as adjusted | | | | |
| Term loan | \$ | 50,000 | \$ | 30,000 | | | | |
| Long term debt(1) | | 50,000 | | 30,000 | | | | |
| Stockholders' equity | | | | | | | | |
| Preferred stock \$0.01 par value per share; 4,000,000 authorized shares; none issued and outstanding on an actual and pro forma as adjusted basis | | | | | | | | |
| Common stock \$0.01 par value per share; 100,000,000 authorized shares; 15,910,991 and 19,710,176 shares | | | | | | | | |
| issued and outstanding on an actual and pro forma as adjusted basis, respectively(2) | | 159 | | 197 | | | | |
| Additional paid-in capital | | 84,046 | | 139,981 | | | | |
| Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) | | 2,130 | | (11,517) | | | | |
| Total stockholders' equity | | 86,335 | | 128,661 | | | | |
| Total capitalization | \$ | 136,335 | \$ | 158,661 | | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Long term debt represents the \$50.0 million draw under our term loan facility on August 31, 2007, including current maturities.

Common stock excludes 535,851 management shares subject to redemption on an actual basis. Total shares issued and outstanding, including these management shares, is 16,446,842 on an actual basis. (See Note 10 to our consolidated financial statements on page F-10). Prior to the date of the 2007 Private Placement, our existing management stockholders agreement was amended to eliminate certain redemption rights previously available to our management stockholders effective upon the completion of the 2007 Private Placement. Therefore, the remaining amount of approximately \$2.5 million of the corresponding management shares outstanding have been reclassified from a current liability to the stockholders' equity section on a pro forma as adjusted basis.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following unaudited pro forma consolidated condensed financial information has been derived by applying pro forma adjustments to our historical consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The accompanying unaudited pro forma consolidated condensed statements of income for the year ended December 31, 2006 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 are presented:

on an actual basis for the Predecessor and Successor periods;

on a combined basis summing the results for the 2006 Predecessor and Successor periods;

on a pro forma basis to give effect to the acquisition by affiliates of ArcLight on March 10, 2006 and November 30, 2006, and to give effect to our entrance into our Credit Facility, including the draw of \$50.0 million under the term loan facility on August 31, 2007, as if the acquisition occurred on, and we entered into the facility on, January 1, 2006;

on a pro forma as adjusted basis to give effect to the issuance of 17,780,099 shares of common stock pursuant to the 2007 Private Placement and the repurchase of 14,516,765 shares of common stock and 49,675 shares of common stock underlying options, from our current and prior stockholders and option holders with the proceeds thereof; the payment of a dividend to our stockholders of \$3.04 per share of common stock on August 31, 2007; and the repayment of \$20.0 million under our term loan facility with the proceeds of the 2007 Private Placement, as if all such transactions occurred on January 1, 2006.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated condensed balance sheet as at September 30, 2007, is presented:

on an actual basis;

on a pro forma as adjusted basis to give effect to the issuance of 17,780,099 shares of common stock pursuant to the 2007 Private Placement and the repurchase of 14,516,765 shares of common stock and 49,675 shares of common stock underlying options, from our current and prior stockholders and option holders with the proceeds thereof; the compensation charge, net of tax effect, for the acceleration of stock options due to the 2007 Private Placement; the compensation charge, net of tax effect, for the beneficial purchase price on certain management shares; the compensation charge, net of tax, for the new employment agreements; the payment of a transaction bonus, net of tax, to management; and the repayment of \$20.0 million under our term loan facility with the proceeds of the 2007 Private Placement, as if all such transactions occurred on September 30, 2007.

The common stock options outstanding at September 30, 2007 are deemed anti-dilutive in the actual financial information as the contingency for vesting is based on performance conditions that were not met at September 30, 2007. However, these options are considered dilutive in the pro forma financial information as the options became fully vested as a result of the change in control from the 2007 Private Placement.

The unaudited pro forma adjustments and the 2007 Private Placement offering adjustments are based on available information and certain assumptions that we believe are reasonable and are described below in the accompanying notes. The unaudited information was prepared on a basis consistent with that used in preparing our audited consolidated financial statements and includes all adjustments, consisting of normal and recurring items, that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations for the unaudited periods.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated condensed statement of operations and balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the sections of this prospectus entitled "Selected Consolidated

Financial and Operating Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results from Operations," and our historical consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. The unaudited pro forma consolidated condensed statement of operations is for informational purposes only and should not be considered indicative of actual results that would have been achieved had the transactions been consummated on the date indicated. Also, the unaudited pro forma consolidated condensed financial statements should not be viewed as indicative of our financial condition results of operations as of any future dates or for any future period.

The following table summarizes the allocation of the aggregate purchase price based on the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition push down, November 30, 2006:

(in thousands)

| Current assets | \$ 157,591 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Property and equipment | 39,195 |
| Goodwill | 46,599 |
| Intangible assets | 13,092 |
| Other non-current assets | 2,130 |
| Current liabilities | (109,417) |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | (14,603) |
| Other non-current liabilities | (819) |
| | |
| | \$ 133,768 |
| | |

Upon completion of the 2007 Private Placement, we received net proceeds of approximately \$212.5 million from the sale of 17,780,099 shares of common stock, after deducting Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co., Inc's initial purchaser's discount and placement fee and our estimated offering expenses of approximately \$2.5 million. We used the net proceeds from the 2007 Private Placement to redeem 14,515,284 million shares of our common stock from our non-management stockholders for approximately \$175.5 million; 1,481 shares of our common stock from certain of our management stockholders for approximately \$0.02 million; and 49,675 shares of our common stock underlying options held by certain members of management for approximately \$0.4 million, in each case, at a purchase price equal to \$12.09 per share. We used the remaining proceeds for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of \$20.0 million of the outstanding balance under our term loan facility.

Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Condensed Statement of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2006

| | Predecessor | | Succe | Successor | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|---|--|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------|-----|-----------|----|---|--------------------------|---------|
| | fro | or the period m January 1, 2006 to ovember 30, | nuary 1, December 1, 2006 to December 30, 2006 | | For the year ended December 31, 2006 | | | | | | | | | |
| | _ | 2006 Actual | | | Combined | | Pro forma Adjustments | | | Pro forma | | Adjustments for the 2007 Private Placement | Pro forma as adjusted | |
| Contract revenues | \$ | 489,055 | \$ | 46,202 | \$ | 535,257 | \$ | | 5 | 5 535,257 | \$ | | \$ | 535,257 |
| Contract costs | | 435,520 | | 41,381 | | 476,901 | | 3,870 | (a) | 480,771 | | | | 480,771 |
| Gross profit | | 53,535 | | 4,821 | | 58,356 | | (3,870) |) | 54,486 | | | | 54,486 |
| Selling, general and | | | | ,- | | / | | (= ,= = = , | | - , | | | | , , , , |
| administrative expenses | | 37,754 | | 3,126 | | 40,880 | | 48 | (a) | 40,928 | | | | 40,928 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | | 281 | | 115 | | 396 | | 461 | (a) | 857 | | | | 857 |
| Gain on sale of property and equipment | _ | (434) |) | (10) | | (444) | _ | | - | (444) | _ | | | (444) |
| Income (loss) from | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| operations | | 15,934 | | 1,590 | | 17,524 | | (4,379) |) | 13,145 | | | | 13,145 |
| Other income | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest income | | 1,382 | | 145 | | 1,527 | | | | 1,527 | | | | 1,527 |
| Interest expense | | (299) | | (41) | | (340) | | (3,284) | (b) | (3,624) | | 1,287 (c) | | (2,337) |
| Other, net | | (192) |) | (20) | | (212) | 1 | | | (212) | | | | (212) |
| Income (loss) before provision for income taxes | | 16,825 | | 1,674 | | | | | • | | | | | |