



**BOARDWALK PIPELINE, COLUMBIA PIPELINE,
AND VANGUARD NATURAL RESOURCES TO JOIN THE
ALERIAN MLP INDEX AND ALERIAN MLP EQUAL WEIGHT INDEX**

Dallas, Texas – September 11, 2015 – Alerian announced that following the close of business on Friday, September 18, Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP (NYSE: BWP), Columbia Pipeline Partners LP (NYSE: CPPL), and Vanguard Natural Resources LLC (NASDAQ: VNR) will be added to the Alerian MLP Index (NYSE: AMZ) and the Alerian MLP Equal Weight Index (CME: AMZE).

Boardwalk Pipeline Partners provides transportation, storage, gathering and processing of natural gas and liquids. Columbia Pipeline Partners owns, operates, and develops natural gas pipelines, storage, and related midstream assets. Vanguard Natural Resources focuses on the acquisition, production, and development of oil and natural gas properties.

Hi-Crush Partners LP (NYSE: HCLP), Linn Energy LLC (NASDAQ: LINE), and Memorial Production Partners LP (NASDAQ: MEMP) will be removed from the two indices following the close of business on September 18.

The 50 constituents of the Alerian MLP Index will be rebalanced on a float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted basis in accordance with the existing index methodology. The 50 constituents of the Alerian MLP Equal Weight Index will be rebalanced on an equal-weighted basis in accordance with the existing index methodology. Constituent additions to and deletions from the index do not reflect an opinion by Alerian on the investment merits of the respective securities.

About the Alerian MLP Index

The Alerian MLP Index is the leading gauge of energy Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs). The float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted index, whose 50 constituents represent approximately 75% of total market capitalization, is disseminated real-time on a price-return basis (AMZ) and on a total-return basis (AMZX).

Alerian the Alerian MLP Equal Weight Index

The Alerian MLP Equal Weight Index is the equal-weighted version of the widely used Alerian MLP Index (AMZ). The index, which includes the same 50 companies as the float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted AMZ but allocates a 2% weight to each constituent at each rebalancing, is disseminated real-time on a price-return basis (AMZE) and on a total-return basis (AMZEX).

About Alerian

Alerian equips investors to make informed decisions about Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) and energy infrastructure. Its benchmarks, including the flagship Alerian MLP Index (AMZ), are widely used by industry executives, investment professionals, research analysts, and national media to analyze relative performance. Over \$15 billion is directly tied to the Alerian Index Series through exchange-traded products, delta one notes, and separately managed accounts. For more information, including index values, yields, constituents, and announcements regarding rebalancings, please visit www.alerian.com.

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