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## REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 HOLLY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware291175-1056913(State or other jurisdiction of<br/>Incorporation or organization)(Primary Standard Industrial<br/>Classification Code Number)(I.R.S. Employer<br/>Identification No.)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public:** As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective and upon completion of the merger described in the enclosed joint proxy statement/prospectus.

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- o Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

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 dates as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Information contained herein is subject to completion or amendment. A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This joint proxy statement/prospectus shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of such securities, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to appropriate registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction.

## PRELIMINARY SUBJECT TO COMPLETION DATED MAY 19, 2011

### MERGER PROPOSED YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT

Holly Corporation (Holly) and Frontier Oil Corporation (Frontier) have agreed to a merger of equals business combination (the merger) and have entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 21, 2011 (the merger agreement). Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly will merge with and into Frontier, with Frontier surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly. Upon completion of the merger, Holly will be the parent company of Frontier and Holly's name will be changed to HollyFrontier Corporation.

Upon completion of the merger, Frontier shareholders will receive 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock for each share of Frontier common stock that they own (the exchange ratio ). The exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted to reflect stock price changes prior to the closing of the merger. Based on the closing price of Holly common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE ) on February 18, 2011, the last trading day before public announcement of the merger, the 0.4811 exchange ratio represented approximately \$26.99 in value for each share of Frontier common stock. Based on the closing price of Holly common stock on the NYSE on May [ ], 2011, the last trading day before the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, the 0.4811 exchange ratio represented approximately \$[ ] in value for each share of Frontier common stock. Holly stockholders will continue to own their existing Holly shares. Holly common stock and Frontier common stock are currently traded on the NYSE under the symbols HOC and FTO, respectively. We urge you to obtain current market quotations of Holly and Frontier common stock.

We intend for the merger to qualify as a reorganization for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, Frontier shareholders are not expected to recognize any gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the exchange of shares of Frontier common stock for shares of Holly common stock pursuant to the merger, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional shares of Holly common stock.

Based on the estimated number of shares of Holly and Frontier common stock that will be outstanding immediately prior to the closing of the merger, we estimate that, upon such closing, former Holly stockholders will own approximately 51.0% of the combined company following the merger and former Frontier shareholders will own approximately 49.0% of the combined company following the merger.

Holly and Frontier will each hold special meetings of their respective stockholders in connection with the proposed merger. At the Holly special meeting, Holly stockholders will be asked to vote on the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger and on the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation to, among other things, increase the number of authorized shares of Holly capital stock and change the name of Holly to HollyFrontier Corporation. At the Frontier special meeting, Frontier shareholders will be asked to vote on the proposal to approve the merger agreement.

We cannot complete the merger unless the Holly stockholders approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger and the Frontier shareholders approve the merger agreement, in each case as described above. Your vote is very important, regardless of the number of shares that you own. Whether or not you expect to attend your special meeting in person, please submit a proxy to vote your shares as promptly as possible so that your shares may be represented and voted at the Holly or Frontier special meeting, as applicable.

The Holly board of directors unanimously recommends that the Holly stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, FOR the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and FOR the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies. The Frontier board of directors unanimously recommends that the Frontier shareholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

The obligations of Holly and Frontier to complete the merger are subject to the satisfaction or waiver of several conditions. The accompanying joint proxy statement/prospectus contains detailed information about Holly, Frontier, the special meetings, the merger agreement and the merger. You should read this joint proxy statement/prospectus carefully and in its entirety before voting, including the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 18.

We look forward to the successful combination of Holly and Frontier.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Clifton
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Holly Corporation

Michael C. Jennings Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Frontier Oil Corporation

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities to be issued under this joint proxy statement/prospectus or determined if this joint proxy statement/prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This joint proxy statement/prospectus is dated May [ ], 2011 and is first being mailed to Holly stockholders and Frontier shareholders on or about May [ ], 2011.

Holly Corporation 2828 North Harwood, Suite 1300 Dallas, Texas 75201 (214) 871-3555

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held On June 28, 2011

To the Stockholders of Holly Corporation:

We are pleased to invite you to attend the special meeting of stockholders of Holly Corporation, a Delaware corporation (Holly), which will be held at the offices of Vinson & Elkins LLP, 2001 Ross Avenue, 39th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201, on June 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., local time, for the following purposes:

to vote on a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated February 21, 2011, by and among Holly, Frontier Oil Corporation (Frontier) and North Acquisition, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly, as it may be amended from time to time (the merger agreement), a copy of which is included as Annex A to the joint proxy statement/prospectus of which this notice is a part;

to vote on a proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation, a copy of which is included as Annex F to the joint proxy statement/prospectus of which this notice is a part, to, among other things, (i) increase the number of authorized shares of Holly capital stock from 161 million to 325 million shares and (ii) change the name of Holly to HollyFrontier Corporation; and

to vote on a proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the first proposal listed above.

Holly will transact no other business at the special meeting except such business as may properly be brought before the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Please refer to the joint proxy statement/prospectus of which this notice is a part for further information with respect to the business to be transacted at the Holly special meeting.

The Holly board of directors has fixed the close of business on May 20, 2011 as the record date for the Holly special meeting. Only Holly stockholders of record at that time are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Holly special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. A complete list of such stockholders will be available for inspection by any Holly stockholder for any purpose germane to the special meeting during ordinary business hours for the ten days preceding the Holly special meeting at Holly s offices at the address on this notice. The eligible Holly stockholder list will also be available at the Holly special meeting for examination by any stockholder present at such meeting.

Completion of the merger is conditioned on approval of the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, but it is not conditioned on approval and adoption of Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation. Approval of the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Holly special meeting, assuming a quorum. Approval of the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Holly common stock

outstanding and entitled to vote at the special meeting. Approval of the adjournment of the Holly special

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meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Holly special meeting.

The Holly board of directors has unanimously approved the merger and the merger agreement and unanimously recommends that Holly stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, FOR the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and FOR the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you expect to attend the Holly special meeting in person, to ensure your representation at the Holly special meeting, we urge you to submit a proxy to vote your shares as promptly as possible by (i) accessing the internet site listed on the Holly proxy card, (ii) calling the toll-free number listed on the Holly proxy card or (iii) submitting your Holly proxy card by mail by using the provided self-addressed, stamped envelope. Submitting a proxy will not prevent you from voting in person, but it will help to secure a quorum and avoid added solicitation costs. Any eligible holder of Holly stock who is present at the Holly special meeting may vote in person, thereby canceling any previous proxy. In any event, a proxy may be revoked in writing at any time before the Holly special meeting in the manner described in the accompanying document. If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other nominee, please follow the instructions on the voting instruction card furnished by the bank, broker or other nominee.

The enclosed joint proxy statement/prospectus provides a detailed description of the merger and the merger agreement and the other matters to be considered at the Holly special meeting. We urge you to carefully read this joint proxy statement/prospectus, including any documents incorporated by reference, and the Annexes in their entirety. If you have any questions concerning the merger or this joint proxy statement/prospectus, would like additional copies or need help voting your shares of Holly common stock, please contact Holly s proxy solicitor:

Georgeson, Inc. 199 Water Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10038 (866) 482-4943

By Order of the Holly Board of Directors,

Denise C. McWatters Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dallas, Texas May [ ], 2011

## Frontier Oil Corporation 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 600 Houston, TX 77024-3411 (713) 688-9600

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS To Be Held On June 28, 2011

To the Shareholders of Frontier Oil Corporation:

We are pleased to invite you to attend the special meeting of shareholders of Frontier Oil Corporation, a Wyoming corporation (Frontier), which will be held at the offices of Andrews Kurth LLP, 600 Travis, Suite 4200, Houston, Texas 77002, on June 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., local time, for the following purposes:

to vote on a proposal to approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated February 21, 2011, by and among Holly Corporation (Holly), Frontier and North Acquisition, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly, as it may be amended from time to time (the merger agreement), a copy of which is included as Annex A to the joint proxy statement/prospectus of which this notice is a part; and

to vote on a proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the foregoing proposal.

Frontier will transact no other business at the special meeting except such business as may properly be brought before the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Please refer to the joint proxy statement/prospectus of which this notice is a part for further information with respect to the business to be transacted at the Frontier special meeting.

The Frontier board of directors has fixed the close of business on May 20, 2011 as the record date for the Frontier special meeting. Only Frontier shareholders of record at that time are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Frontier special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. A complete list of such shareholders will be available for inspection by any Frontier shareholder for any purpose germane to the special meeting during ordinary business hours for the ten days preceding the Frontier special meeting at Frontier s headquarters, 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77024. The eligible Frontier shareholder list will also be available at the Frontier special meeting for examination by any shareholder present at such meeting.

Approval of the merger agreement requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Frontier special meeting, assuming a quorum. Approval of the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Frontier special meeting.

The Frontier board of directors has unanimously adopted the merger agreement and unanimously recommends that Frontier shareholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you expect to attend the Frontier special meeting in person, to ensure your representation at the Frontier special meeting, we urge you to submit a proxy to vote your shares

as promptly as possible by (i) accessing the internet site listed on the Frontier proxy card, (ii) calling

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the toll-free number listed on the Frontier proxy card or (iii) submitting your Frontier proxy card by mail by using the provided self-addressed, stamped envelope. Submitting a proxy will not prevent you from voting in person, but it will help to secure a quorum and avoid added solicitation costs. Any eligible holder of Frontier stock who is present at the Frontier special meeting may vote in person, thereby canceling any previous proxy. In any event, a proxy may be revoked in writing at any time before the Frontier special meeting in the manner described in the accompanying document. If your shares are held in a Frontier plan or in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, please follow the instructions on the voting instruction card furnished by the plan trustee or administrator, or record holder, as appropriate.

The enclosed joint proxy statement/prospectus provides a detailed description of the merger and the merger agreement. We urge you to carefully read this joint proxy statement/prospectus, including any documents incorporated by reference, and the Annexes in their entirety. If you have any questions concerning the merger or this joint proxy statement/prospectus, would like additional copies or need help voting your shares of Frontier common stock, please contact Frontier s proxy solicitor:

Innisfree M&A Incorporated 501 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor New York, New York 10022 (212) 750-5833

By Order of the Frontier Board of Directors,

J. Currie Bechtol Vice President-General Counsel & Secretary

Houston, Texas May [ ], 2011

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This joint proxy statement/prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about Holly and Frontier from other documents that are not included in or delivered with this joint proxy statement/prospectus. This information is available to you without charge upon your request. You can obtain the documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus free of charge by requesting them in writing or by telephone from the appropriate company at the following addresses and telephone numbers:

## Georgeson, Inc.

## **Innisfree M&A Incorporated**

199 Water Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10038 Stockholders May Call Toll-Free: (866) 482-4943 Banks and Brokers May Call Collect: (212) 440-9800 501 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor New York, New York 10022 Stockholders May Call Toll-Free: (888) 750-5834 Banks and Brokers May Call Collect: (212) 750-5833

Investors may also consult Holly s or Frontier s website for more information about Holly or Frontier, respectively. Holly s website is www.hollycorp.com. Frontier s website is www.frontieroil.com. Information included on these websites is <u>not</u> incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

If you would like to request any documents, please do so by June 24, 2011 in order to receive them before the special meetings.

For a more detailed description of the information incorporated by reference in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and how you may obtain it, see Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 133.

### ABOUT THIS JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS

This joint proxy statement/prospectus, which forms part of a registration statement on Form S-4 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) by Holly, constitutes a prospectus of Holly under Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), with respect to the shares of Holly common stock to be issued to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger. This joint proxy statement/prospectus also constitutes a joint proxy statement for both Holly and Frontier under Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). It also constitutes a notice of meeting with respect to the special meeting of Holly stockholders and a notice of meeting with respect to the special meeting of Frontier shareholders.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. No one has been authorized to provide you with information that is different from that contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this joint proxy statement/prospectus. This joint proxy statement/prospectus is dated May [ ], 2011. You should not assume that the information contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is accurate as of any date other than that date. You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of the incorporated document. Neither our mailing of this joint proxy statement/prospectus to Holly stockholders or Frontier shareholders nor the issuance by Holly of shares of common stock pursuant to the merger will create any implication to the contrary.

This joint proxy statement/prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities, or the solicitation of a proxy, in any jurisdiction to or from any person to whom it is unlawful to make any such offer or solicitation. Information contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding Holly has been provided by Holly and information contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding Frontier has been provided by Frontier.

All references in this joint proxy statement/prospectus to Holly refer to Holly Corporation, a Delaware corporation; all references in this joint proxy statement/prospectus to Merger Sub refer to North Acquisition, Inc., a Wyoming corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Holly formed for the sole purpose of effecting the merger; all references in this joint proxy statement/prospectus to Frontier refer to Frontier Oil Corporation, a Wyoming corporation; unless otherwise indicated or as the context requires, all references in this joint proxy statement/prospectus to we, our and refer to Holly and Frontier collectively; and, unless otherwise indicated or as the context requires, all references to the merger agreement refer to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 21, 2011, by and among Holly Corporation, North Acquisition, Inc. and Frontier Oil Corporation, a copy of which is included as Annex A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Holly and Frontier, subject to and following completion of the merger, are sometimes referred to in this joint proxy statement/prospectus as the combined company.

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## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following are some questions that you, as a Holly stockholder or a Frontier shareholder, may have regarding the merger and the other matters being considered at the special meetings and the answers to those questions. Holly and Frontier urge you to carefully read the remainder of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, including any documents incorporated by reference, and the Annexes in their entirety because the information in this section does not provide all of the information that might be important to you with respect to the merger and the other matters being considered at the special meetings.

## Q: Why am I receiving this joint proxy statement/prospectus?

A: Holly and Frontier have agreed to a business combination pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement that is described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. A copy of the merger agreement is included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex A.

In order to complete the merger, among other things:

Holly stockholders must approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger; and

Frontier shareholders must approve the merger agreement.

In addition, while not conditions to the closing of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, Holly stockholders will vote on a proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation to, among other things, increase the number of authorized of shares of capital stock and change the name of Holly to HollyFrontier Corporation.

Holly and Frontier will hold separate special meetings of their stockholders to obtain these approvals. This joint proxy statement/prospectus, including its Annexes, contains and incorporates by reference important information about Holly and Frontier, the merger and the stockholder meetings of Holly and Frontier. You should read all of the available information carefully and in its entirety.

## Q: What will I receive in the merger?

A: *Holly Stockholders*: Whether or not the merger is completed, Holly stockholders will retain the Holly common stock that they currently own. They will not receive any merger consideration, and they will not receive any additional shares of Holly common stock in the merger.

Frontier Shareholders: If the merger is completed, Frontier shareholders will receive 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock for each share of Frontier common stock that they hold at the effective time of the merger. Frontier shareholders will not receive any fractional shares of Holly common stock in the merger. Instead, Holly will pay cash in lieu of any fractional shares of Holly common stock that a Frontier shareholder would otherwise have been entitled to receive. Frontier shareholders will also be entitled to any dividends declared and paid by Holly with a record date after the effective time of the merger after they have surrendered their certificates representing Frontier common stock.

## Q: What is the value of the merger consideration?

A: Because Holly will issue 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock in exchange for each share of Frontier common stock, the value of the merger consideration that Frontier shareholders receive will depend on the price per share of Holly common stock at the effective time of the merger. That price will not be known at the time of the special meetings and may be less than the current price or the price at the time of the special meetings. We urge you to obtain current market quotations of Holly common stock and Frontier common stock. See Risk Factors.

## Q: When and where will the special shareholders meetings be held?

A: *Holly Stockholders*: The special meeting of Holly stockholders will be held at the offices of Vinson & Elkins LLP, 2001 Ross Avenue, 39th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201, on June 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., local time.

*Frontier Shareholders*: The special meeting of Frontier shareholders will be held at the offices of Andrews Kurth LLP, 600 Travis, Suite 4200, Houston, Texas 77002, on June 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., local time.

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## Q: Who is entitled to vote at the special stockholders meetings?

A: *Holly Stockholders*: The record date for the Holly special meeting is May 20, 2011. Only record holders of shares of Holly common stock at the close of business on such date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Holly special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

*Frontier Shareholders*: The record date for the Frontier special meeting is May 20, 2011. Only record holders of shares of Frontier common stock at the close of business on such date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Frontier special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

## Q: What constitutes a quorum at the special stockholders meetings?

A: *Holly Stockholders*: Stockholders who hold shares representing at least a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the Holly special meeting must be present in person or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum. All shares of Holly common stock represented at the Holly special meeting, including shares that are represented but that vote to abstain, will be treated as present for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum. Broker non-votes will not be treated as present for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum.

No business may be transacted at the Holly special meeting unless a quorum is present. If a quorum is not present, or if fewer shares are voted in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger than is required, if necessary or appropriate to allow additional time for obtaining additional proxies, the special meeting may be adjourned if the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the special meeting is obtained. No notice of an adjourned meeting need be given unless the adjournment is for more than 30 days or, if after the adjournment, a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, in which case a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting. At any adjourned meeting, all proxies will be voted in the same manner as they would have been voted at the original convening of the special meeting, except for any proxies that have been effectively revoked or withdrawn prior to the adjourned meeting.

Frontier Shareholders: Shareholders who hold shares representing at least a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the Frontier special meeting must be present in person or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum. All shares of Frontier common stock represented at the Frontier special meeting, including shares that are represented but that vote to abstain, will be treated as present for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum. Broker non-votes will not be treated as present for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum.

No business may be transacted at the Frontier special meeting unless a quorum is present. If a quorum is not present, or if fewer shares are voted in favor of the proposal to approve the merger agreement than is required, if necessary or appropriate to allow additional time for obtaining additional proxies, the special meeting may be adjourned if the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the special meeting is obtained. No notice of an adjourned meeting need be given unless the adjournment is for more than 30 days or, if after the adjournment, a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, in which case a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each shareholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting. At any adjourned meeting, all proxies will be voted in the same manner as they would have been voted at the original convening of the special meeting, except for any proxies that have been effectively revoked or withdrawn prior to the adjourned meeting.

## Q: How do I vote if I am a stockholder of record?

A: *Holly Stockholders*: If you were a record holder of Holly stock at the close of business on the record date for the Holly special meeting, you may vote in person by attending the Holly special meeting or, to ensure that your shares are represented at the Holly special meeting, you may authorize a proxy to vote by:

accessing the internet site listed on the Holly proxy card and following the instructions provided on that site anytime up to 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on June 27, 2011;

calling the toll-free number listed on the Holly proxy card and following the instructions provided in the recorded message anytime up to 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on June 27, 2011; or

submitting your Holly proxy card by mail by using the provided self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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If you hold shares of Holly common stock in street name through a stock brokerage account or through a bank or other nominee, please follow the voting instructions provided by your broker, bank or other nominee to ensure that your shares are represented at the Holly special meeting.

*Frontier Shareholders*. If you were a record holder of Frontier stock at the close of business on the record date for the Frontier special meeting, you may vote in person by attending the Frontier special meeting or, to ensure that your shares are represented at the Frontier special meeting, you may authorize a proxy to vote by:

accessing the internet site listed on the Frontier proxy card and following the instructions provided on that site anytime up to 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on June 27, 2011;

calling the toll-free number listed on the Frontier proxy card and following the instructions provided in the recorded message anytime up to 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on June 27, 2011; or

submitting your Frontier proxy card by mail by using the provided self-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you hold Frontier shares in street name through a stock brokerage account or through a bank or other nominee, please follow the voting instructions provided by your broker, bank or other nominee to ensure that your shares are represented at the Frontier special meeting.

## Q: How many votes do I have?

A: *Holly Stockholders*: With respect to each proposal to be presented at the Holly special meeting, holders of Holly common stock are entitled to one vote for each share of Holly common stock owned at the close of business on the Holly record date. At the close of business on the Holly record date, there were [ ] shares of Holly common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Holly special meeting.

Frontier Shareholders: With respect to each proposal to be presented at the Frontier special meeting, holders of Frontier common stock are entitled to one vote for each share of Frontier common stock owned at the close of business on the Frontier record date. At the close of business on the Frontier record date, there were [ ] shares of Frontier common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Frontier special meeting.

## Q: What vote is required to approve each proposal?

A: *Holly Stockholders*: The approval of the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Holly special meeting, assuming a quorum. Failures to vote, broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the vote for this proposal.

The approval and adoption of Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation requires the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of Holly common stock entitled to vote at the Holly special meeting. Failures to vote, broker non-votes and abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal.

The adjournment of the Holly special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Holly special meeting, regardless of whether there is a quorum. Failures to vote, broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the vote.

Frontier Shareholders: The approval of the merger agreement requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Frontier special meeting, assuming a quorum. Failures to vote, broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the vote for this proposal.

The adjournment of the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Frontier special meeting, regardless of whether there is a quorum. Failures to vote, broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the vote for this proposal.

## Q: How does the Holly board of directors recommend that Holly stockholders vote?

A: The Holly board of directors has unanimously determined that the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement (including the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger and the approval and adoption of Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation) are in the best interests of Holly and its stockholders. Accordingly, the Holly board

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of directors unanimously recommends that Holly stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, FOR the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and FOR the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

#### O: How does the Frontier board of directors recommend that Frontier shareholders vote?

A: The Frontier board of directors has unanimously adopted the merger agreement and determined that the merger agreement is in the best interests of Frontier and its shareholders. Accordingly, the Frontier board of directors unanimously recommends that Frontier shareholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

# Q: My shares are held in street name by my broker, bank or other nominee. Will my broker, bank or other nominee automatically vote my shares for me?

A: No. If your shares are held through a stock brokerage account or a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial holder of the shares held for you in what is known as street name. The record holder of such shares is your broker, bank or other nominee, and not you. If this is the case, this joint proxy statement/prospectus has been forwarded to you by your broker, bank or other nominee. You must provide the record holder of your shares with instructions on how to vote your shares. Otherwise, your broker, bank or other nominee may not vote your shares on any of the proposals to be considered at the Holly special meeting or the Frontier special meeting, as applicable, and a broker non-vote will result. In connection with the Holly special meeting, broker non-votes will have (i) no effect on the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger (assuming a quorum is present), (ii) the same effect as a vote AGAINST the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and (iii) no effect on the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies. In connection with the Frontier special meeting, broker non-votes will have no effect on the proposal to approve the merger agreement or the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

Please follow the voting instructions provided by your broker, bank or other nominee so that it may vote your shares on your behalf. Please note that you may not vote shares held in street name by returning a proxy card directly to Holly or Frontier or by voting in person at the special meeting unless you first obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or other nominee.

## Q: What will happen if I fail to vote or I abstain from voting?

A: *Holly Stockholders*: If you fail to vote or mark your proxy or voting instructions to abstain, it will have (i) no effect on the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, (ii) the same effect as a vote AGAINST the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and (iii) no effect on the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

*Frontier Shareholders*: If you fail to vote or mark your proxy or voting instructions to abstain, it will have no effect on the proposal to approve the merger agreement or the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

## Q: What will happen if I return my proxy card without indicating how to vote?

A: *Holly Stockholders*: If you properly complete and sign your proxy card but do not indicate how your shares of Holly common stock should be voted on a proposal, the shares of Holly common stock represented by your proxy will be voted as the Holly board of directors recommends and, therefore, FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, FOR the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and FOR the

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proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

Frontier Shareholders: If you fail to vote, it will have no effect on the proposal to approve the merger agreement or the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies. If you properly complete and sign your proxy card but do not indicate how your shares of Frontier common stock should be voted on a proposal, the shares of Frontier common stock represented by your proxy will be voted as the Frontier board of directors recommends and, therefore, FOR the proposal to approve the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

## Q: Can I change my vote or revoke my proxy after I have returned a proxy or voting instruction card?

#### A: Yes.

If you are the record holder of either Holly or Frontier stock: You can change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before your proxy is voted at the applicable special meeting. You can do this by:

timely delivering a signed written notice of revocation;

timely delivering a new, valid proxy bearing a later date (including by telephone or through the internet); or

attending the special meeting and voting in person, which will automatically cancel any proxy previously given, or revoking your proxy in person. Simply attending the Holly special meeting or the Frontier special meeting without voting will not revoke any proxy that you have previously given or change your vote.

If you choose either of the first two methods, your notice of revocation or your new proxy must be received by the Secretary of Holly or Frontier, as applicable, no later than the beginning of the applicable special meeting.

Regardless of the method used to deliver your previous proxy, you may revoke your proxy by any of the above methods.

If you hold shares of either Holly or Frontier in street name: If your shares are held in street name, you must contact your broker, bank or other nominee to change your vote.

# Q: What are the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to U.S. holders of Frontier common stock?

A: The merger is intended to be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ). Assuming the merger qualifies as a reorganization, a holder of Frontier common stock generally will not recognize any gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the exchange of the holder s shares of Frontier common stock for shares of Holly common stock in connection with the merger, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional shares.

### **Q:** When do you expect the merger to be completed?

A: Holly and Frontier hope to complete the merger as soon as reasonably possible and expect the closing of the merger to occur early in the third quarter of 2011, with a target closing date of July 1, 2011. However, the merger

is subject to various regulatory clearances and the satisfaction or waiver of other conditions, and it is possible that factors outside the control of Holly and Frontier could result in the merger being completed at an earlier time, a later time or not at all. There may be a substantial amount of time between the Holly and Frontier special meetings and the completion of the merger.

# Q: Do I need to do anything with my shares of common stock other than voting for the proposals at the special meeting?

A: *Holly Stockholders*: If you are a Holly stockholder, after the merger is completed, you are not required to take any action with respect to your shares of Holly common stock.

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*Frontier Shareholders*: If you are a Frontier shareholder, after the merger is completed, each share of Frontier common stock that you hold will be converted automatically into the right to receive 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock together with cash in lieu of any fractional shares, as applicable. You will receive instructions at that time regarding exchanging your shares for shares of Holly common stock. You do not need to take any action at this time. Please do <u>not</u> send your Frontier stock certificates with your proxy card.

## Q: Are stockholders entitled to appraisal rights?

A: No. Neither the stockholders of Holly nor the shareholders of Frontier are entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the merger under Delaware law or Wyoming law or under the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of either company.

## Q: What happens if I sell my shares of Frontier common stock before the Frontier special meeting?

A: The record date for the Frontier special meeting is earlier than the date of the Frontier special meeting and the date that the merger is expected to be completed. If you transfer your Frontier shares after the Frontier record date but before the Frontier special meeting, you will retain your right to vote at the Frontier special meeting, but will have transferred the right to receive the merger consideration in the merger. In order to receive the merger consideration, you must hold your shares through the effective date of the merger.

## Q: What if I hold shares in both Holly and Frontier?

A: If you are both a stockholder of Holly and a shareholder of Frontier, you will receive two separate packages of proxy materials. A vote cast as a Holly stockholder will not count as a vote cast as a Frontier shareholder, and a vote cast as a Frontier shareholder will not count as a vote cast as a Holly stockholder. Therefore, please separately submit a proxy for each of your Holly and Frontier shares.

### Q: Who can help answer my questions?

A: Holly stockholders or Frontier shareholders who have questions about the merger, the other matters to be voted on at the special meetings, or how to submit a proxy or desire additional copies of this joint proxy statement/prospectus or additional proxy cards should contact:

#### If you are a Holly stockholder:

## Georgeson, Inc.

199 Water Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10038 Stockholders May Call Toll-Free: (866) 482-4943 Banks and Brokers May Call Collect: (212) 440-9800

#### If you are a Frontier shareholder:

## **Innisfree M&A Incorporated**

501 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor New York, New York 10022 Shareholders May Call Toll-Free: (888) 750-5834 Banks and Brokers May Call Collect: (212) 750-5833

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#### **SUMMARY**

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and may not contain all the information that is important to you with respect to the merger and the other matters being considered at the Holly and Frontier special meetings. Holly and Frontier urge you to read the remainder of this joint proxy statement/prospectus carefully, including the attached Annexes, and the other documents to which we have referred you. See also the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 133. We have included page references in this summary to direct you to a more complete description of the topics presented below.

## The Companies

## **Holly Corporation**

Holly Corporation, a Delaware corporation, together with its subsidiaries, is an independent petroleum refiner in the United States that produces high value light products such as gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, specialty lubricant products, and specialty and modified asphalt. Holly owns and operates through its subsidiaries a 100,000 barrels per stream day (bpsd) refinery located in Artesia, New Mexico, a 125,000 bpsd refinery in Tulsa, Oklahoma and a 31,000 bpsd refinery in Woods Cross, Utah. Holly also owns and operates an asphalt company, which manufactures and markets asphalt products from various terminals in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. In addition, Holly owns a 75% interest in a 12-inch refined products pipeline project from Salt Lake City, Utah to Las Vegas, Nevada, together with terminal facilities in the Cedar City, Utah, and North Las Vegas areas. Furthermore, a subsidiary of Holly owns a 34% interest (including the general partner interest) in Holly Energy Partners, L.P. (HEP), which owns and operates logistical assets, including approximately 2,500 miles of petroleum product and crude oil pipelines located principally in west Texas and New Mexico; ten refined product terminals; a jet fuel terminal; eight refinery loading rack facilities; a refined products tank farm facility; on-site crude oil tankage at Holly s refineries; on-site refined product tankage at Holly s Tulsa refinery, and a 25% interest in a 95-mile crude oil pipeline joint venture. Holly offers its products primarily in the Southwestern, Rocky Mountain, and Mid-Continent regions of the United States. Holly was founded in 1947 and is based in Dallas, Texas.

Holly s common stock is traded on the NYSE under the symbol HOC.

The principal executive offices of Holly are located at 2828 North Harwood, Suite 1300, Dallas, Texas 75201, and Holly s telephone number is (214) 871-3555. Additional information about Holly and its subsidiaries is included in documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information on page 133.

#### **Frontier Oil Corporation**

Frontier Oil Corporation, a Wyoming corporation, together with its subsidiaries, engages in crude oil refining and the wholesale marketing of refined petroleum products. Frontier operates refineries in Cheyenne, Wyoming and El Dorado, Kansas with a total annual average crude oil capacity of approximately 187,000 barrels per day. The Cheyenne refinery markets its refined products primarily in the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountain region, which encompasses eastern Colorado (including the Denver metropolitan area), eastern Wyoming and western Nebraska. The El Dorado refinery markets its products in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, Utah, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota. The company was formerly known as Wainoco Oil Corporation and changed its name to Frontier Oil Corporation in April 1998. Frontier Oil Corporation was founded in 1949 and is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

Frontier s common stock is traded on the NYSE under the symbol FTO.

The principal executive offices of Frontier are located at 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77024, and Frontier s telephone number is (713) 688-9600. Additional information about Frontier and its subsidiaries is included in documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information on page 133.

## North Acquisition, Inc.

North Acquisition, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly Corporation, is a Wyoming corporation that was formed on February 17, 2011 for the sole purpose of effecting the merger. In the merger, North Acquisition, Inc. will be merged with and into Frontier, with Frontier surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly.

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## The Merger

A copy of the merger agreement is attached as Annex A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Holly and Frontier encourage you to read the entire merger agreement carefully because it is the principal document governing the merger. For more information on the merger agreement, see the section entitled The Merger Agreement beginning on page 93.

## Form of the Merger (see page 35)

Subject to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, at the effective time of the merger, Merger Sub, a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly formed for the sole purpose of effecting the merger, will be merged with and into Frontier. Frontier will survive the merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly. Upon completion of the merger, Holly s name will be changed to HollyFrontier Corporation, subject to obtaining approval from Holly s stockholders of Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation. In addition, the combined company may pursue an internal restructuring of certain legal entities after completing the merger, which may include an internal merger of Frontier into HollyFrontier Corporation, as described under The Merger Structure of the Combined Company Following the Merger. The internal restructuring of the combined company would be subject to, among other things, the continuing evaluation of such restructuring and the approval of the board of directors of the combined company after the merger.

## **Merger Consideration (see page 35)**

Frontier shareholders will have the right to receive 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock for each share of Frontier common stock they hold at the effective time of the merger (the exchange ratio ). The exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted for changes in the market value of the common stock of Frontier or Holly. As a result, the implied value of the consideration to Frontier shareholders will fluctuate between the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus and the effective date of the merger. Based on the closing price of Holly common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) on February 18, 2011, the last trading day before public announcement of the merger, the exchange ratio represented approximately \$26.99 in value for each share of Frontier common stock. Based on the closing price of Holly common stock on the NYSE on May [1], 2011, the latest practicable trading day before the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, the exchange ratio represented approximately \$[1] in value for each share of Frontier common stock.

## Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger (see page 108)

As a condition to the completion of the merger, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., counsel to Holly, will have delivered an opinion, dated as of the closing date of the merger, that the merger will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code and that each of Holly, Frontier and Merger Sub will be a party to the reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(b) of the Code.

Completion of the merger is also conditioned upon the receipt by Frontier of an opinion of Andrews Kurth LLP, counsel to Frontier, dated as of the closing date of the merger, that the merger will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code and that no gain or loss will be recognized by Frontier or the shareholders of Frontier to the extent that they receive Holly common stock in exchange for Frontier common stock pursuant to the merger.

The merger is intended to be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Assuming the merger qualifies as a reorganization, a holder of Frontier common stock

will not recognize any gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the exchange of the holder s shares of Frontier common stock for shares of Holly common stock pursuant to the merger, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional shares of Holly common stock.

The tax opinions regarding the merger will not address any state, local or foreign tax consequences of the merger. The opinions will be based on certain assumptions and representations as to factual matters from Holly and Frontier, as well as certain covenants and undertakings by Holly and Frontier. If any of the assumptions, representations, covenants or undertakings is incorrect, incomplete, inaccurate or is violated in any material

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respect, the validity of the conclusions reached by counsel in their opinions would be jeopardized and the tax consequences of the merger could differ from those described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Neither Holly nor Frontier is currently aware of any facts or circumstances that would cause the assumptions, representations covenants and undertakings to be incorrect, incomplete, inaccurate or violated in any material respect.

An opinion of counsel represents such counsel s best legal judgment but is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) or any court, so there can be no certainty that the IRS will not challenge the conclusions reflected in the opinion or that a court would not sustain such a challenge.

You are urged to consult your own tax advisor regarding the particular consequences to you of the merger.

## **Recommendation of the Board of Directors of Holly (see page 42)**

After careful consideration, the Holly board of directors unanimously determined that the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are in the best interests of Holly and its stockholders, approved the merger and the merger agreement and recommended to the holders of Holly common stock the approval of the issuance of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger. The Holly board of directors approved and declared advisable Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation which, among other things, increases the number of authorized shares of capital stock under its certificate of incorporation and changes its corporate name at the effective time of the merger, and recommends the approval and adoption of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation to the holders of Holly common stock. For more information regarding the factors considered by the Holly board of directors in reaching its decisions relating to its recommendations, see the section entitled The Merger Holly s Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the Holly Board of Directors. The Holly board of directors unanimously recommends that Holly stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, FOR the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and FOR the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate to solicit additional proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock.

### Recommendation of the Board of Directors of Frontier (see page 60)

After careful consideration, the Frontier board of directors unanimously adopted the merger agreement, determined that the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the merger, are in the best interests of Frontier's shareholders, and recommended that the merger agreement be approved by Frontier's shareholders. For more information regarding the factors considered by the Frontier board of directors in reaching its decision to recommend the approval of the merger agreement, see the section entitled. The Merger Frontier's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the Frontier Board of Directors. The Frontier board of directors unanimously recommends that Frontier shareholders vote. FOR the proposal to approve the merger agreement at the Frontier special meeting and FOR the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate to solicit additional proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the merger agreement.

### **Opinions of Holly s Financial Advisors (see page 45)**

Each of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated (Morgan Stanley) and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (Deutsche Bank), Holly s financial advisors, rendered its oral opinion (subsequently confirmed in writing) to the board of directors of Holly that, as of February 21, 2011, and based upon and subject to the various assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth in their respective written opinions, the exchange ratio of 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock to

be issued in exchange for each outstanding share of Frontier common stock pursuant to the merger was fair, from a financial point of view, to Holly.

The full text of the written opinions of Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, both dated February 21, 2011, which set forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken in connection with each opinion, are included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex B and Annex C, respectively. **Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank provided their respective opinions for the** 

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information and assistance of Holly s board of directors, in its capacity as such, for purposes of the Holly board of directors evaluation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Neither Morgan Stanley s opinion nor Deutsche Bank s opinion constitutes a recommendation to any holder of Holly common stock or Frontier common stock as to how any such holder should vote with respect to the merger. In addition, neither Morgan Stanley nor Deutsche Bank was requested to opine as to, and neither opinion in any manner addresses, Holly s underlying business decision to proceed with or effect the merger.

## **Opinions of Frontier** s Financial Advisors (see page 63)

In connection with the Merger, Frontier s board of directors received separate written opinions, each dated February 21, 2011, from Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (Credit Suisse) and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (Citi) as to the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of the opinions, to holders of Frontier common stock of the exchange ratio provided for in the merger agreement. The full texts of Credit Suisse s and Citi s written opinions, which are attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex D and Annex E, respectively, set forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken. Each of Credit Suisse s and Citi s opinions was provided for the information of Frontier s board of directors (in its capacity as such) in connection with its evaluation of the exchange ratio from a financial point of view and did not address any other aspects or implications of the merger. Credit Suisse and Citi expressed no view as to, and neither of their opinions addressed, the underlying business decision of Frontier to effect the merger, the relative merits of the merger as compared to any alternative business strategies that might exist for Frontier or the effect of any other transaction in which Frontier might engage. Neither Credit Suisse s opinion nor Citi s opinion is intended to be and neither constitutes a recommendation to any shareholder as to how such shareholder should vote or act on any matters relating to the proposed merger or otherwise.

## **Interests of Holly Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger (see page 78)**

Certain of Holly s directors and executive officers have financial interests in the merger that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of Holly stockholders generally.

As detailed below under The Merger Board of Directors and Management Following the Merger, it is anticipated that Matthew P. Clifton will serve as the Executive Chairman of the board, David L. Lamp will serve as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Bruce R. Shaw will serve as the Senior Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development and all of the members of Holly s board of directors immediately prior to the merger will continue to serve as directors of the combined company upon completion of the merger.

As detailed below under The Merger Interests of Holly Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Equity Awards, all unvested restricted stock units held by each non-employee director of Holly will automatically vest in full upon the completion of the merger. In addition, the vesting of certain outstanding equity awards held by Holly's executive officers may accelerate in the event the executive officer's employment with the combined company terminates under certain circumstances following the completion of the merger. Messrs. Clifton, Shaw and Lamp have each entered into a Waiver Agreement with Holly pursuant to which each chose to waive certain rights with respect to the accelerated vesting of outstanding equity awards held by him upon the closing of the merger, as discussed in more detail under. The Merger Interests of Holly Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger.

It is anticipated that no payments or benefits will be triggered as a result of the merger under the Change in Control Agreements that Holly has entered into with its executive officers or under the Retirement Restoration Plan that provides for payments to certain executive officers.

As of May 20, 2011, the record date for the Holly special meeting, the directors and executive officers of Holly and their affiliates beneficially owned and were entitled to vote [ ] shares of Holly common stock, collectively representing approximately [ ]% of the shares of Holly common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

The Holly board of directors was aware of these interests and considered them, among other matters, in evaluating the merger and in making its recommendations to Holly stockholders.

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## **Interests of Frontier Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger (see page 82)**

Executive officers and members of Frontier s board of directors have interests in the merger that may be different from, or in addition to the interests of Frontier shareholders generally. Frontier s executive officers have agreements with Frontier that provide for severance benefits if their employment is terminated under certain circumstances following a change in control of Frontier, such as the merger. In addition, following a change in control of Frontier, such as will occur upon completion of the merger, certain of Frontier s compensation and benefit plans and arrangements provide for accelerated vesting of certain rights or benefits and accelerated payment of such benefits to its executive officers upon the termination of their employment under certain circumstances following such a change in control.

Mr. Jennings will serve as President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Aron will serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Frontier s board of directors will continue to serve as directors of the combined company upon completion of the merger.

Frontier has existing Change in Control Severance Agreements, or CIC agreements, with each of its executive officers. The merger constitutes a change in control for purposes of the CIC agreements. If an executive officer experiences a qualifying termination upon or following the completion of the merger, he or she will receive: (1) a cash severance payment ranging from one to six times the sum of the executive officer s annual base salary, (2) full vesting of any Frontier stock options and other equity-based compensation awards, and (3) reimbursement for certain excess tax amounts.

Frontier also has existing Executive Severance Agreements with each of its executive officers that operate following certain terminations of employment unrelated to a change in control. These agreements provide for a continuation of base salary for a period of time, payment of a pro-rated annual incentive amount during the year of termination, payment of certain health care premiums, outplacement assistance, and vesting of all equity based compensation awards held by the executive with pro rata payment of performance awards.

As discussed in more detail under The Merger Interests of Frontier Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Retention and Assumption Agreements, Messrs. Jennings and Aron entered into agreements whereby each chose to waive upon the closing of the merger current rights to accelerated vesting of restricted stock where such acceleration is based solely on (1) the closing of the merger, (2) voluntary termination of employment upon the relocation of Frontier s headquarters to Dallas, Texas or (3) voluntary termination of employment during the 60 days following the one year anniversary of the merger s closing.

As of May 20, 2011, the record date for the Frontier special meeting, the directors and executive officers of Frontier and their affiliates beneficially owned and were entitled to vote [ ] shares of Frontier common stock, collectively representing approximately [ ]% of the shares of Frontier common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

The Frontier board of directors was aware of these interests and considered them, among other matters, in approving the merger agreement and in recommending that you vote for the proposal to approve the merger agreement.

## Board of Directors and Management Following the Merger (see page 87)

Immediately following the effective time of the merger, the board of directors of the combined company will consist of fourteen members, including: (i) seven directors chosen by the current Frontier directors (at least six of whom will be independent for purposes of the rules of the NYSE), and (ii) seven directors chosen by the current Holly directors (at least six of whom will be independent for purposes of the rules of the NYSE), with Matthew P. Clifton to become the Executive Chairman of the board. As of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, it is anticipated that all

of the members of Holly s and Frontier s respective boards of directors immediately prior to the merger will continue to serve as directors of the combined company. The fees and/or other remuneration to be provided to the non-employee directors of the combined company have not been determined.

Upon completion of the merger, (i) Matthew P. Clifton will become the Executive Chairman of the board of Holly, (ii) Michael C. Jennings will become President and Chief Executive Officer of Holly, (iii) Doug S. Aron will

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become the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Holly, (iv) David L. Lamp will become the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Holly, and (v) Bruce R. Shaw will become the Senior Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development of Holly.

## Treatment of Frontier Stock Options and Other Long-Term Incentive Awards (see page 88)

Stock Options. Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding option to purchase shares of Frontier common stock will be converted into fully vested and immediately exercisable options to purchase shares of Holly common stock. The number of shares of Holly common stock that will be subject to such Holly stock options will be the number of shares of Frontier common stock subject to each such Frontier stock option multiplied by 0.4811, rounded down to the nearest whole share of Holly common stock. The exercise price per share of Holly common stock for such Holly stock option will equal the exercise price per share of Frontier common stock for such Frontier stock option divided by 0.4811, rounded up to the nearest whole cent. All of the previously outstanding Frontier stock options expired in April 2011, before the completion of the merger.

Stock Units. Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding Frontier stock unit, other than Frontier stock units issued in 2011, will vest and be converted into (1) a number of shares of fully vested Holly common stock equal to 125% of the number of shares of Frontier common stock subject to such Frontier stock units, and (2) an amount of cash equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents that would have been credited to the holder under the Frontier stock plan if the Frontier stock units instead had been issued as shares of Frontier restricted stock. Frontier stock units issued in 2011 will convert into comparable Holly stock units, taking into account the exchange ratio.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units. Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding share of Frontier restricted stock (except for Frontier restricted stock issued in 2011 or held by Messrs. Jennings and Aron) will vest and be converted into the right to receive 0.4811 fully vested shares of Holly common stock. Each outstanding Frontier restricted stock unit will vest and be converted into the right to receive 0.4811 fully vested shares of Holly common stock.

Retention Agreements. As discussed in more detail under The Merger Interests of Frontier Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Retention and Assumption Agreements, Messrs. Jennings and Aron entered into agreements whereby each chose to waive upon the closing of the merger current rights to accelerated vesting of restricted stock where such acceleration is based solely on (1) the closing of the merger, (2) voluntary termination of employment upon the relocation of Frontier s headquarters to Dallas, Texas or (3) voluntary termination of employment during the 60 days following the one year anniversary of the merger s closing.

## **Regulatory Clearances Required for the Merger (see page 87)**

Holly and Frontier have each agreed to take actions in order to obtain regulatory clearance required to consummate the merger. Regulatory clearance includes expiration or termination of the required waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of 1976, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the HSR Act ), following required notifications with and review by the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. On March 7, 2011, each of Holly and Frontier filed its notification under the HSR Act. On March 18, 2011, Holly and Frontier were notified of the early termination of the pre-merger waiting period under the HSR Act.

While Holly and Frontier expect to obtain all required regulatory clearances, we cannot assure you that these regulatory clearances will be obtained or that the granting of these regulatory clearances will not involve the imposition of additional conditions on the completion of the merger, including the requirement to divest assets, or

require changes to the terms of the merger agreement. These conditions or changes could result in the conditions to the merger not being satisfied.

## **Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Holly (see page 77)**

The Holly board of directors has approved, subject to Holly stockholder approval, Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation which, among other things, (i) changes Holly s name to HollyFrontier

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Corporation and (ii) increases the number of authorized shares of capital stock of Holly under its certificate of incorporation. The form of Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation is included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex F. The approval and adoption of Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation by the Holly stockholders is not a condition precedent to the closing of the merger. In the event this proposal is approved by Holly stockholders, but the merger is not completed, Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation will not become effective.

#### **Expected Timing of the Merger**

Holly and Frontier currently expect the closing of the merger to occur early in the third quarter of 2011, with a target closing date of July 1, 2011. However, the merger is subject to various regulatory clearances and the satisfaction or waiver of other conditions as described in the merger agreement, and it is possible that factors outside the control of Holly and Frontier could result in the merger being completed at an earlier time, a later time or not at all.

#### **Conditions to Completion of the Merger (see page 103)**

The obligations of Holly and Frontier to complete the merger are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

approval of the merger agreement by a majority of the votes cast at the Frontier special meeting;

approval of the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger requires the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Holly special meeting, assuming a quorum;

the expiration or earlier termination of the waiting period (and any extension thereof) applicable to the merger under the HSR Act;

the expiration of any mandatory waiting period and receipt of any required consent under any other applicable United States federal or state antitrust laws, except where the failure to observe such waiting period or obtain such consent would not reasonably be expected to delay or prevent the consummation of the merger or have a material adverse effect on the expected benefits of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement to Holly;

absence of any injunction, decree, order, statute, rule or regulation by a court or other governmental entity that makes unlawful or prohibits the consummation of the merger;

effectiveness of the registration statement of which this joint proxy statement/prospectus forms a part and the absence of a stop order or proceedings threatened or initiated by the SEC for that purpose;

authorization for the listing on the NYSE of the shares of Holly common stock to be issued in connection with the merger and upon conversion of the Frontier restricted stock and the shares of Holly common stock reserved for issuance pursuant to Holly stock options, subject to official notice of issuance; and

the entry into and effectiveness of a new credit facility, on the terms as set forth in the merger agreement and the schedules thereto, subject only to the consummation of the merger.

In addition, each of Holly s and Frontier s obligations to effect the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following additional conditions:

the representations and warranties of the other party, other than the representations related to the shares of capital stock authorized, issued and outstanding or reserved for issuance and the absence of any outstanding voting debt, (i) to the extent qualified by material adverse effect, will be true and correct, and (ii) to the extent not qualified by material adverse effect, will be true and correct except where the failure to be true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on such party as of the date of the merger agreement and as of the closing date (other than those representations and warranties that were made only as of a specified date, which need only be true and correct as of such specified date);

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the representations and warranties of the other party relating to the shares of capital stock authorized, issued and outstanding or reserved for issuance and the absence of any outstanding voting debt will be true and correct in all respects (other than de minimis inaccuracies) as of the date of the merger agreement and as of the closing date (except to the extent such representations or warranties were made only as of a specified date, in which case, as of such specified date);

the other party having performed, in all material respects, its covenants and agreements under the merger agreement required to be performed on or prior to the closing date;

receipt of a certificate executed by the other party s chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer as to the satisfaction of the conditions described in the preceding three bullets; and

receipt of a tax opinion from the party s tax counsel as described in the section titled The Merger Agreement Conditions to Completion of the Merger, including an opinion that the merger will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code.

## No Solicitation of Alternative Proposals (see page 97)

The merger agreement precludes Holly and Frontier from soliciting or engaging in discussions or negotiations with a third party with respect to a proposal for an acquisition proposal. However, if Holly or Frontier receives an unsolicited acquisition proposal from a third party, and Holly s or Frontier s board of directors, as applicable, among other things, determines in good faith (after consultation with its legal and financial advisors) that (i) such unsolicited proposal is a superior proposal to the merger, and (ii) the failure to enter into discussions regarding such proposal would be inconsistent with its fiduciary obligations under applicable law, Holly or Frontier, as applicable, may furnish non-public information to and enter into discussions with, and only with, that third party regarding such acquisition proposal.

#### **Termination of the Merger Agreement (see page 104)**

Holly and Frontier may mutually agree to terminate the merger agreement at any time, notwithstanding approval of the merger by stockholders. Either company may also terminate the merger agreement if the merger is not consummated by September 30, 2011, subject to certain exceptions. See the section entitled The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement for a discussion of these and other rights of each of Holly and Frontier to terminate the merger agreement.

## **Termination Fees and Expenses (see page 105)**

Generally, all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement will be paid by the party incurring those expenses, subject to the specific exceptions discussed in this joint proxy statement/prospectus where Holly or Frontier, as the case may be, may be required to pay a termination fee of \$80 million and an expense reimbursement up to \$12 million. See the section entitled The Merger Agreement Expenses and Termination Fees; Liability for Breach for a discussion of the circumstances under which such termination fee will be required to be paid.

#### **Accounting Treatment (see page 110)**

Holly prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which is referred to as GAAP. The merger will be accounted for using the acquisition method of

accounting. Holly will be treated as the acquirer for accounting purposes.

## No Appraisal Rights (see page 130)

Neither the holders of shares of Holly common stock nor the holders of shares of Frontier common stock are entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the merger in accordance with Delaware or Wyoming law, respectively, nor do the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of either company confer such appraisal rights.

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## **Comparison of Stockholder Rights and Corporate Governance Matters (see page 120)**

Frontier shareholders receiving merger consideration will have different rights once they become stockholders of the combined company due to differences between the governing corporate documents of Frontier and the proposed governing corporate documents of the combined company. These differences are described in detail under the section entitled Comparison of Rights of Holly Stockholders and Frontier Shareholders.

# Listing of Shares of Holly Common Stock; Delisting and Deregistration of Shares of Frontier Common Stock (see page 91)

It is a condition to the completion of the merger that the shares of Holly common stock to be issued to Frontier shareholders pursuant to the merger and the shares of Holly common stock reserved for issuance pursuant to Holly stock options (including those shares of Holly common stock to be issued upon conversion of the Frontier restricted stock) be authorized for listing on the NYSE at the effective time of the merger, subject to official notice of issuance. Upon completion of the merger, shares of Frontier common stock currently listed on the NYSE will cease to be listed on the NYSE and will be subsequently deregistered under the Exchange Act.

## The Meetings

## The Holly Special Meeting (see page 27)

The special meeting of Holly stockholders will be held at the offices of Vinson & Elkins LLP, 2001 Ross Avenue, 39th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201, on June 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., local time. The special meeting of Holly stockholders is being held to consider and vote on:

- a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger;
- a proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation to, among other things, increase the number of authorized shares of Holly capital stock and change the name of Holly to HollyFrontier Corporation; and
- a proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the first proposal listed above.

Completion of the merger is conditioned on approval of the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger.

Only record holders of shares of Holly common stock at the close of business on May 20, 2011, the record date for the Holly special meeting, are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Holly special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. At the close of business on the record date, the only outstanding voting securities of Holly were common stock, and [ ] shares of Holly common stock were issued and outstanding, approximately [ ]% of which were owned and entitled to be voted by Holly directors and executive officers and/or their affiliates. We currently expect that Holly directors and executive officers and their affiliates will vote their shares in favor of each Holly proposal listed above, but none of them has entered into any agreement obligating him or her to do so.

With respect to each Holly proposal listed above, Holly stockholders may cast one vote for each share of Holly common stock that they own. The proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier

shareholders in connection with the merger requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Holly special meeting, assuming a quorum. The proposal to approve and adopt Holly samended and restated certificate of incorporation requires the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of Holly common stock entitled to vote at the Holly special meeting. No business may be transacted at the Holly special meeting unless a quorum is present. If a quorum is not present, or if fewer shares are voted in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger than is required, to allow additional time for obtaining additional proxies, the special meeting may be adjourned if the approval of a majority of the votes

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cast at the special meeting is obtained. No notice of an adjourned meeting need be given unless the adjournment is for more than 30 days or, if after the adjournment, a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, in which case a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting.

## The Frontier Special Meeting (see page 31)

The special meeting of Frontier shareholders will be held at the offices of Andrews Kurth LLP, 600 Travis, Suite 4200, Houston, Texas 77002, on June 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., local time. The special meeting of Frontier shareholders is being held in order to consider and vote on:

a proposal to approve the merger agreement, which is further described in the sections titled The Merger and The Merger Agreement, beginning on pages 35 and 93, respectively; and

a proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the foregoing proposal.

Only record holders of shares of Frontier common stock at the close of business on May 20, 2011, the record date for the Frontier special meeting, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Frontier special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. At the close of business on the record date, the only outstanding voting securities of Frontier were common stock, and [ ] shares of Frontier common stock were issued and outstanding, approximately [ ]% of which were owned and entitled to be voted by Frontier directors and executive officers and/or their affiliates. We currently expect that Frontier directors and executive officers and their affiliates will vote their shares in favor of both Frontier proposals listed above, but none of them has entered into any agreement obligating him or her to do so.

With respect to each Frontier proposal listed above, Frontier shareholders may cast one vote for each share of Frontier common stock that they own. The proposal to approve the merger agreement requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Frontier special meeting, assuming a quorum. No business may be transacted at the Frontier special meeting unless a quorum is present. If a quorum is not present, or if fewer shares are voted in favor of the proposal to approve the merger agreement than is required, to allow additional time for obtaining additional proxies, the special meeting may be adjourned if the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the special meeting is obtained. No notice of an adjourned meeting need be given unless the adjournment is for more than 30 days or, if after the adjournment, a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, in which case a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each shareholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting.

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## **Summary Historical Consolidated Financial Data**

#### **Summary Consolidated Historical Financial Data of Holly**

The following statement of income data for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Holly contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, which is incorporated into this document by reference. The statement of income data for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 have been derived from Holly s audited consolidated financial statements for such years, which have not been incorporated into this document by reference.

The statement of income data for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, and the balance sheet data as of March 31, 2011 have been derived from Holly s unaudited interim consolidated financial statements contained in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2011, which is incorporated into this document by reference. The balance sheet data as of March 31, 2010 has been derived from Holly s unaudited interim consolidated financial statements contained in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010, which has not been incorporated into this document by reference. These financial statements are unaudited, but, in the opinion of Holly s management, contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly Holly s financial position and results of operations for the periods indicated.

You should read this summary financial data together with the financial statements that are incorporated by reference into this document and their accompanying notes and management s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations of Holly contained in such reports. See Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 133.

#### Statement of Income Data of Holly

	Three Months Ended March 31,			Years Ended December 31,									
		2011		2010		2010 millions		2009 cept per		2008 re data)	2007	2	2006
Sales and other revenues Total operating costs and	\$	2,327	\$	1,874	\$	8,323	\$	4,834	\$	5,860	\$ 4,791	\$	4,023
expenses		2,167		1,897		8,060		4,754		5,665	4,325		3,661
Operating income (loss)		159		(23)		263		80		196	466		362
Interest expense		16		18		74		40		24	1		1
Income tax provision (benefit)		49		(17)		59		7		64	165		137
Income (loss) from continuing													
operations		91		(23)		133		36		124	334		247
Net income (loss)		91		(23)		133		53		127	334		267
Net income (loss) attributable to Holly Corporation													
stockholders	\$	85	\$	(28)	\$	104	\$	20	\$	121	\$ 334	\$	267

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Earnings (loss) per share attributable to Holly Corporation stockholders:

Basic: 1.59 \$ (0.53) \$ 1.95 \$ 0.39 \$ 2.40 \$ 6.09 \$ 4.68 Diluted: \$ 1.58 \$ (0.53) \$ 1.94 \$ 0.39 \$ 2.38 \$ 5.98 \$ 4.58

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#### **Balance Sheet Data of Holly**

	As of M	arch 31,						
	2011	2010	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	
		(In millions)						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 224	\$ 93	\$ 229	\$ 125	\$ 41	\$ 94	\$ 154	
Total assets	3,990	3,382	3,701	3,146	1,874	1,664	1,238	
Long-term debt(1)	834	821	811	707	342			
Total Holly Corporation stockholders equity	774	583	697	619	542	594	466	

(1) Includes long-term debt of HEP of \$506 million and \$492 million as of March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$482 million, \$379 million and \$342 million as of December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively, which is non-recourse to Holly.

#### **Summary Consolidated Historical Financial Data of Frontier**

The following statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Frontier contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, which is incorporated into this document by reference. The statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 have been derived from Frontier s audited consolidated financial statements for such years, which have not been incorporated into this document by reference.

The statement of operations data for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, and the balance sheet data as of March 31, 2011 have been derived from Frontier's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements contained in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2011, which is incorporated into this document by reference. The balance sheet data as of March 31, 2010 has been derived from Frontier's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements contained in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010, which has not been incorporated into this document by reference. These financial statements are unaudited, but, in the opinion of Frontier's management, contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly Frontier's financial position and results of operations for the periods indicated.

You should read this summary financial data together with the financial statements that are incorporated by reference into this document and their accompanying notes and management s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations of Frontier contained in such reports. See Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 133.

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## **Statement of Operations Data of Frontier**

	Three En	Mor ded	nths										
	Marc	ch 3	1,				Years	En	ded Dec	emb	er 31,		
	2011		2010		2010		2009		2008		2007		2006
			(In m	illio	ns, exce	pt p	er share	dat	a)			Adj	As justed(1)
Revenues	\$ 1,909	\$	1,272	\$	5,885	\$	4,237	\$	6,499	\$	5,189	\$	4,796
Operating costs and	•		ŕ		•		ŕ		ŕ		,		,
expenses	1,680		1,330		5,801		4,343		6,147		4,589		4,229
Operating income (loss)	229		(58)		84		(105)		351		600		567
Interest expense and other			, ,				, ,						
financing costs, net of													
interest and investment													
income	8		7		30		26		10		(13)		(6)
Provision (benefit) for													
income taxes	81		(25)		16		(48)		116		211		198
Net income (loss)	\$ 140	\$	(40)	\$	38	\$	(84)	\$	226	\$	402	\$	375
Earnings (loss) per share:													
Basic:	\$ 1.34	\$	(0.39)	\$	0.36	\$	(0.81)	\$	2.19	\$	3.77	\$	3.36
Diluted:	\$ 1.32	\$	(0.39)	\$	0.36	\$	(0.81)	\$	2.18	\$	3.73	\$	3.33

#### **Balance Sheet Data of Frontier**

	As of M								
	2011	2010	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006		
		(In millions)							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 685	\$ 447	\$ 559	\$ 425	\$ 484	\$ 297	\$ 405		
Total assets	2,386	2,148	2,169	2,148	2,006	1,706	1,463		
Total long-term debt	348	348	348	347	347	150	150		
Shareholders equity	1,091	905	987	944	1,039	881	715		

<sup>(1)</sup> In the fourth quarter of 2009, Frontier adopted a change in accounting principle for inventory from a FIFO (first-in, first-out) basis to a LIFO (last-in, last-out) basis. The prior period presented has been adjusted to reflect the period specific effects of applying the new accounting principle.

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#### Summary Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information of Holly and Frontier

The following table presents selected unaudited pro forma combined financial information about Holly s consolidated balance sheet and statements of income, after giving effect to the merger with Frontier. The information under Statement of Income Data in the table below gives effect to the merger as if it had been consummated on January 1, 2010, the beginning of the earliest period presented. The information under Balance Sheet Data in the table below assumes the merger had been consummated on March 31, 2011. This unaudited pro forma combined financial information was prepared using the acquisition method of accounting with Holly considered the acquirer of Frontier. See Accounting Treatment on page 110.

In addition, the unaudited pro forma combined financial information includes adjustments which are preliminary and will likely be revised. There can be no assurance that such revisions will not result in material changes. The unaudited pro forma combined financial information is presented for illustrative purposes only and does not indicate the financial results of the combined company.

The information presented below should be read in conjunction with the historical consolidated financial statements of Holly and Frontier, including the related notes, filed by each of them with the SEC, and with the pro forma condensed combined financial statements of Holly and Frontier, including the related notes, appearing elsewhere in this document. See Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 133 and Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information beginning on page 111. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data are not necessarily indicative of results that actually would have occurred or that may occur in the future had the merger been completed on the dates indicated.

		Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 (In million share)	Dece	ear Ended mber 31, 2010 t per
Statement of Income Data: Sales and other revenues	:	\$ 4,235	\$	14,208
Income from operations		\$ 406	\$	395
Income tax provision		\$ 138	\$	95
Net income attributable to common stockholders		\$ 239	\$	174
Earnings per share attributable to common stockholders	basic	\$ 2.28	\$	1.66
Earnings per share attributable to common stockholders	diluted	\$ 2.27	\$	1.65
				(In millions)
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>				
Cash, cash equivalents and investments in marketable secur	rities		\$	961
Total assets			\$	8,847
Long-term debt(1)			\$	1,209
Total stockholders equity			\$	3,831

(1) Includes \$506 million in long-term debt of HEP which is non-recourse to Holly.

#### **Unaudited Comparative Per Share Data**

Presented below are Holly s and Frontier s historical per share data for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010 and unaudited pro forma combined per share data for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010. This information should be read together with the consolidated financial statements and related notes of Holly and Frontier that are incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus and with the unaudited pro forma combined financial data included under Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information beginning on page 111. The pro forma information is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the operating results or financial position that would have occurred if the merger had been completed as of the beginning of the period

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presented, nor is it necessarily indicative of the future operating results or financial position of the combined company. The historical book value per share is computed by dividing total stockholders—equity by the number of shares of common stock outstanding at the end of the period. The pro forma earnings per share of the combined company is computed by dividing the pro forma income by the pro forma weighted average number of shares outstanding. The pro forma book value per share of the combined company is computed by dividing total pro forma stockholders—equity by the pro forma number of shares of common stock outstanding at the end of the respective periods.

Holly Historical	E	e Months Inded	Dece	r Ended mber 31, 2010	
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$	1.59	\$	1.95	
Diluted	\$	1.58	\$	1.94	
Book value per share of common stock	\$	14.51	\$	13.09	
Cash dividends	\$	0.15	\$	0.60	
	Thre	e Months			
		Ended		r Ended mber 31,	
Frontier Historical	Marc	h 31, 2011		2010	
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$	1.34	\$	0.36	
Diluted		1.32	\$	0.36	
Book value per share of common stock	\$ \$ \$	10.25	\$	9.33	
Cash dividends	\$	0.34	\$		
	Thi	ree Months			
		Ended		r Ended mber 31.	
<b>Holly Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Amounts</b>	Mar	rch 31, 2011	December 31, 2010		
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$	2.28	\$	1.66	
Diluted	\$	2.27	\$	1.65	
Pro forma book value per share of common stock	\$	36.57		n/a	
Cash dividends	\$	0.15	\$	0.60	
				Year Ended ecember 31,	
Frontier Unaudited Pro Forma Equivalent Per Share Data(a)	Ma	arch 31, 2011	_ 55.	2010	

Earnings per share:

Basic	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.80
Diluted	\$ 1.09	\$ 0.79
Pro forma book value per share of common stock	\$ 17.60	n/a
Cash dividends	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.29

(a) The Frontier unaudited pro forma equivalent per share financial information is computed by multiplying the Holly unaudited pro forma combined amounts by the exchange ratio (0.4811 shares of Holly common stock for each share of Frontier common stock) so that the per share amounts are equated to the respective values for one share of Frontier common stock.

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## **Comparative Market Prices**

The following table shows the closing sale prices of Holly and Frontier common stock as reported on the NYSE as of February 18, 2011, the last trading day before public announcement of the merger, and as of May [ ], 2011, the last trading day before the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

	Holly Common Stock		Frontier Common Stock	Implied Value for Each Share of Frontier Common Stock		
February 18, 2011	\$	56.11	\$ 28.12	\$	26.99	
May [ ], 2011	\$	[ ]	\$ [ ]	\$	[ ]	

The market price of Holly common stock and Frontier common stock will fluctuate prior to the merger. Holly stockholders and Frontier shareholders are urged to obtain current market quotations for the shares prior to making any decision with respect to the merger.

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#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This joint proxy statement/prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws that are not limited to historical facts, but reflect Holly s and/or Frontier s current beliefs, expectations or intentions regarding future events. Words such as may, will, could, should, expect, plan, project, continue, and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking predict. potential. pursue. target. statements. These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, Holly s and Frontier s expectations with respect to the synergies, costs and other anticipated financial impacts of the proposed transaction; future financial and operating results of the combined company; the combined company s plans, objectives, expectations and intentions with respect to future operations and services; approval of the proposed transaction by stockholders and by governmental regulatory authorities; the satisfaction of the closing conditions to the proposed transaction; and the timing of the completion of the proposed transaction.

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All forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, many of which are generally outside the control of Holly and Frontier and are difficult to predict. These risks and uncertainties also include those set forth under Risk Factors, beginning on page 18, as well as, among others, risks and uncertainties relating to:

the actions of actual or potential competitive suppliers of refined petroleum products in our markets;

the demand for and supply of crude oil and refined products;

the spread between market prices for refined products and market prices for crude oil;

the possibility of constraints on the transportation of refined products;

the possibility of inefficiencies, curtailments or shutdowns in refinery operations or pipelines;

effects of governmental and environmental regulations and policies;

the availability and cost of our financing;

the effectiveness of our capital investments and marketing strategies;

our efficiency in carrying out construction projects;

our ability to acquire refined product operations or pipeline and terminal operations on acceptable terms and to integrate any existing or future acquired operations;

the possibility of terrorist attacks and the consequences of any such attacks;

general economic conditions;

the proposed merger, including the ability to complete the merger in the anticipated timeframe or at all, the diversion of management in connection with the merger and our ability to realize fully or at all the anticipated benefits of the merger; and

other financial, operational and legal risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in our SEC filings.

Holly and Frontier caution that the foregoing list of factors is not exclusive. Additional information concerning these and other risk factors is contained in Holly's and Frontier's most recently filed Annual Reports on Form 10-K, subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, recent Current Reports on Form 8-K, and other SEC filings. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements concerning Holly, Frontier, the proposed transaction or other matters and attributable to Holly or Frontier or any person acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements above. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made and, other than as required by law, neither Holly nor Frontier undertake any obligation to update publicly or revise any of these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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#### RISK FACTORS

In addition to the other information included and incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus, including the matters addressed in the section entitled Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements, you should carefully consider the following risks before deciding whether to vote for the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger and the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation, in the case of Holly stockholders, or for the proposal to approve the merger agreement, in the case of Frontier shareholders. In addition, you should read and consider the risks associated with each of the businesses of Holly and Frontier because these risks will also affect the combined company following the merger. These risks can be found in the Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 for each of Holly and Frontier, as such risks may be updated or supplemented in each company s subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K, to the extent incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. You should also read and consider the other information in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 133.

#### **Risk Factors Relating to the Merger**

The exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted in the event of any change in either Holly s or Frontier s stock price.

Upon closing of the merger, each share of Frontier common stock will be converted into the right to receive 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock. This exchange ratio will not be adjusted for changes in the market price of either Holly common stock or Frontier common stock between the date of signing the merger agreement and completion of the merger. Changes in the price of Holly common stock prior to the merger will affect the value of Holly common stock that Frontier common shareholders will receive on the date of the merger. The exchange ratio will be adjusted appropriately to fully reflect the effect of any reorganization, reclassification, recapitalization, stock split, split-up, stock dividend or stock distribution (including any dividend or distribution of securities convertible into Holly common stock or Frontier common stock), combination or exchange of shares with respect to, or rights issued in respect of, Holly common stock or Frontier common stock between the date of signing the merger agreement and completion of the merger.

The prices of Holly common stock and Frontier common stock at the closing of the merger may vary from their prices on the date the merger agreement was executed, on the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus and on the date of each stockholders meeting. As a result, the value represented by the exchange ratio will also vary. For example, based on the range of closing prices of Holly common stock during the period from February 18, 2011, the last trading day before public announcement of the merger, through May [ ], 2011, the latest practicable trading date before the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, the exchange ratio represented a value ranging from a high of \$[ ] to a low of \$[ ] for each share of Frontier common stock.

In addition, the merger might not be completed until a significant period of time has passed after the respective special stockholder meetings. Because the exchange ratio will not be adjusted to reflect any changes in the market value of Holly common stock or Frontier common stock, the market value of the Holly common stock issued in connection with the merger and the Frontier common stock surrendered in connection with the merger may be higher or lower than the values of those shares on earlier dates. Stock price changes may result from, among other things, changes in the business, operations or prospects of Holly or Frontier prior to or following the merger, litigation or regulatory considerations, general business, market, industry or economic conditions and other factors both within and beyond

the control of Holly and Frontier. Neither Holly nor Frontier is permitted to terminate the merger agreement solely because of changes in the market price of either company s common stock.

Current Holly and Frontier stockholders will have a reduced ownership and voting interest in the combined company after the merger.

Based on the estimated number of shares of Frontier common stock and Frontier equity awards that will be outstanding immediately prior to the closing of the merger, we estimate that Holly will issue or reserve for issuance

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approximately 51,608,956 million shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in the merger (including shares of Holly common stock to be issued in connection with outstanding Frontier equity awards). As a result of these issuances, current Holly and Frontier stockholders are expected to hold approximately 51% and 49%, respectively, of the combined company s outstanding common stock immediately following completion of the merger.

Holly and Frontier stockholders currently have the right to vote for their respective directors and on other matters affecting the applicable company. When the merger occurs, each Frontier shareholder that receives shares of Holly common stock will become a stockholder of Holly (proposed to be renamed HollyFrontier Corporation) with a percentage ownership of the combined company that will be smaller than the shareholder s percentage ownership of Frontier. Correspondingly, each Holly stockholder will remain a stockholder of Holly (proposed to be renamed HollyFrontier Corporation) with a percentage ownership of the combined company that will be smaller than the stockholder s percentage of Holly prior to the merger. As a result of these reduced ownership percentages, Holly stockholders will have less voting power in the combined company than they now have with respect to Holly, and Frontier shareholders will have less voting power in the combined company than they now have with respect to Frontier.

The merger is subject to the receipt of consents and clearances from regulatory authorities that may impose conditions that could have an adverse effect on Holly, Frontier or the combined company or, if not obtained, could prevent completion of the merger.

Before the merger may be completed, applicable waiting periods must expire or terminate under antitrust and competition laws. In deciding whether to grant antitrust or regulatory clearances, the relevant governmental entities will consider the effect of the merger on competition within their relevant jurisdiction. The terms and conditions of the approvals that are granted may impose requirements, limitations or costs or place restrictions on the conduct of the combined company s business. The merger agreement may require Holly and/or Frontier to comply with conditions imposed by regulatory entities and, in certain circumstances, either company may refuse to close the merger on the basis of those regulatory conditions. There can be no assurance that regulators will not impose conditions, terms, obligations or restrictions and that such conditions, terms, obligations or restrictions will not have the effect of delaying completion of the merger or imposing additional material costs on or materially limiting the revenues of the combined company following the merger. In addition, neither Holly nor Frontier can provide assurance that any such conditions, terms, obligations or restrictions will not result in the delay or abandonment of the merger. For a more detailed description of the regulatory review process, see the section entitled The Merger Regulatory Clearances Required for the Merger beginning on page 87.

Uncertainties associated with the merger may cause a loss of management personnel and other key employees, which could adversely affect the future business and operations of the combined company.

Holly and Frontier are dependent on the experience and industry knowledge of their officers and other key employees to execute their business plans. The combined company s success after the merger will depend in part upon the ability of Holly and Frontier to retain key management personnel and other key employees. Current and prospective employees of Holly and Frontier may experience uncertainty about their roles within the combined company following the merger, which may have an adverse effect on the ability of each of Holly and Frontier to attract or retain key management and other key personnel. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the combined company will be able to attract or retain key management personnel and other key employees of Holly and Frontier to the same extent that Holly and Frontier have previously been able to attract or retain their own employees.

Holly and Frontier may be unable to obtain in the anticipated timeframe, or at all, an acceptable credit facility in an amount sufficient to fund the combined business after the merger.

Completion of the merger is contingent upon, among other things, the combined company being able to enter into a credit facility, on the terms as set forth in the merger agreement and the schedules thereto, to be effective immediately following consummation of the merger. Holly and Frontier can provide no assurance that acceptable debt financing will be obtained on reasonable terms or at all or that the financing will not contain terms, conditions

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or restrictions that would be detrimental to the combined company after completion of the merger. Obtaining the financing is dependent on numerous factors, including market conditions, credit availability from financial institutions and both companies financial performance. See The Merger Credit Agreements beginning on page 89.

Satisfying the conditions to, and completion of, the merger may take longer than, and could cost more than, Holly and Frontier expect. Any delay in completing or any additional conditions imposed in order to complete the merger may materially and adversely affect the synergies and other benefits that Holly and Frontier expect to achieve from the merger and the integration of their respective businesses.

In addition to the required regulatory clearances, the merger is subject to a number of other conditions beyond Holly s and Frontier s control that may prevent, delay or otherwise materially adversely affect its completion. We cannot predict whether and when these other conditions will be satisfied. Furthermore, the requirements for obtaining the required clearances and approvals could delay the completion of the merger for a significant period of time or prevent it from occurring. Any delay in completing the merger could cause the combined company not to realize some or all of the synergies that we expect to achieve if the merger is successfully completed within its expected time frame. See The Merger Agreement Conditions to Completion of the Merger beginning on page 103.

Failure to complete the merger could negatively impact the future business and financial results of Holly and Frontier.

Neither Holly nor Frontier can make any assurances that it will be able to satisfy all of the conditions to the merger or succeed in any litigation brought in connection with the merger. If the merger is not completed, the financial results of Holly and/or Frontier may be adversely affected and Holly and/or Frontier will be subject to several risks, including but not limited to:

being required to pay a termination fee of \$80 million under certain circumstances provided in the merger agreement;

payment of costs relating to the merger, such as legal, accounting, financial advisor and printing fees, whether or not the merger is completed;

having had the focus of each company s management on the merger instead of on pursuing other opportunities that could have been beneficial to each company; and

being subject to litigation related to any failure to complete the merger. See The Merger Litigation Relating to the Merger on page 91.

If the merger is not completed, Frontier and Holly cannot assure their stockholders that these risks will not materialize and will not materially and adversely affect the business, financial results and stock prices of Frontier or Holly.

Several lawsuits have been filed against Holly and Frontier challenging the merger, and an adverse ruling may prevent the merger from being completed.

Frontier and the members of Frontier s board of directors were named as defendants, and in some cases Holly and Merger Sub were named as aiders and abetters, in several lawsuits brought by Frontier shareholders challenging the proposed merger and seeking, among other things, injunctive relief to enjoin the defendants from completing the merger on the agreed-upon terms, compensatory damages, and costs and disbursements relating to the lawsuits. To date, such shareholder actions have been filed in Harris County, Texas, Laramie County, Wyoming, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. On March 25.

2011, the lawsuits pending in the District Courts of Harris County, Texas were consolidated, and interim class counsel was appointed on April 12, 2011.

One of the conditions to the closing of the merger is that no decree, order or injunction shall be in effect that prevents completion of the merger. Consequently, if a settlement or other resolution is not reached in the lawsuits

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referenced above and the plaintiffs secure injunctive or other relief prohibiting, delaying or otherwise adversely affecting the defendants—ability to complete the merger, then such injunctive or other relief may prevent the merger from becoming effective within the expected timeframe or at all. See The Merger—Litigation Related to the Merger beginning on page 91.

If the merger does not qualify as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Code, the shareholders of Frontier may be required to pay substantial U.S. federal income taxes.

As a condition to the completion of the merger, each of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P, tax counsel to Holly, and Andrews Kurth LLP, tax counsel to Frontier, will have delivered the tax opinion described in the section titled. The Merger Agreement. Conditions to Completion of the Merger, dated as of the closing date of the merger, including an opinion that the merger will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. These opinions will be based on certain assumptions and representations as to factual matters from Holly and Frontier, as well as certain covenants and undertakings by Holly and Frontier. If any of the assumptions, representations, covenants or undertakings is incorrect, incomplete, inaccurate or is violated in any material respect, the validity of the conclusions reached by counsel in their opinions would be jeopardized. In addition, an opinion of counsel represents counsel s best legal judgment but is not binding on the IRS or any court, so there can be no certainty that the IRS will not challenge the conclusions reflected in the opinions or that a court will not sustain such a challenge. If the IRS or a court determines that the merger should not be treated as a reorganization, a holder of Frontier common stock would recognize taxable gain or loss upon the exchange of Frontier common stock for Holly common stock pursuant to the merger. See Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences beginning on page 108.

The merger agreement contains provisions that could discourage a potential competing acquiror of either Holly or Frontier.

The merger agreement contains no shop provisions that, subject to limited exceptions, restrict each of Holly s and Frontier s ability to solicit, initiate, or knowingly induce, encourage or facilitate competing third-party proposals for the acquisition of their company s stock or assets. In addition, the other party generally has an opportunity to offer to modify the terms of the merger in response to any competing acquisition proposals before the board of directors of the company that has received a third-party proposal may withdraw or qualify its recommendation with respect to the merger. In some circumstances, upon termination of the merger agreement, one of the parties will be required to pay a termination fee of \$80 million to the other party. See The Merger Agreement No Solicitation of Alternative Proposals beginning on page 97, The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement beginning on page 104 and The Merger Agreement Expenses and Termination Fees; Liability for Breach beginning on page 105.

These provisions could discourage a potential third-party acquiror that might have an interest in acquiring all or a significant portion of Holly or Frontier from considering or proposing that acquisition, even if it were prepared to pay consideration with a higher per share cash or market value than the market value proposed to be received or realized in the merger or might result in a potential third-party acquiror proposing to pay a lower price to the stockholders than it might otherwise have proposed to pay because of the added expense of the \$80 million termination fee that may become payable in certain circumstances.

If the merger agreement is terminated and either Holly or Frontier determines to seek another business combination, it may not be able to negotiate a transaction with another party on terms comparable to, or better than, the terms of the merger.

Holly s and Frontier s executive officers and directors have interests in the merger that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of Holly and Frontier stockholders generally.

Holly s and Frontier s executive officers and directors have interests in the merger that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of Holly and Frontier stockholders generally. Holly s executive officers and Frontier s executive officers negotiated the terms of the merger agreement. The executive officers of Holly and Frontier have arrangements with Holly or Frontier, as applicable, that provide for severance benefits if their employment is

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terminated under certain circumstances following the completion of the merger. In addition, certain of Holly s and Frontier s compensation and benefit plans and arrangements provide for payment or accelerated vesting or distribution of certain rights or benefits upon completion of the merger. Executive officers and directors of Frontier also have rights to indemnification and directors and officers liability insurance that will survive completion of the merger.

Upon completion of the merger, Mr. Clifton will serve as Executive Chairman of the board of directors of the combined company, Mr. Jennings will serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the combined company, and Mr. Aron will serve as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the combined company. Immediately following the effective time of the merger, the board of directors of the combined company will consist of fourteen members, including the current seven directors of Holly and the current seven directors of Frontier.

The Holly and Frontier boards of directors were aware of these interests at the time each approved the merger and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. These interests may cause Holly s and Frontier s directors and executive officers to view the merger proposal differently and more favorably than you may view it. See The Merger Interests of Holly Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger and The Merger Interests of Frontier Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on pages 78 and 82, respectively, for more information.

## Risk Factors Relating to the Combined Company Following the Merger

The failure to integrate successfully the businesses of Holly and Frontier in the expected time frame would adversely affect the combined company s future results following the merger.

The merger involves the integration of two companies that have previously operated independently. The success of the merger will depend, in large part, on the ability of the combined company following the merger to realize the anticipated benefits, including synergies, cost savings, innovation and operational efficiencies, from combining the businesses of Holly and Frontier. To realize these anticipated benefits, the businesses of Holly and Frontier must be successfully integrated. This integration will be complex and time-consuming. The failure to integrate successfully and to manage successfully the challenges presented by the integration process may result in the combined company not achieving the anticipated benefits of the merger.

Potential difficulties that may be encountered in the integration process include the following:

the inability to successfully integrate the businesses of Holly and Frontier in a manner that permits the combined company to achieve the full revenue and cost savings anticipated to result from the merger;

complexities associated with managing the larger, more complex, combined business;

integrating personnel from the two companies while maintaining focus on providing consistent, high-quality products;

potential unknown liabilities and unforeseen expenses, delays or regulatory conditions associated with the merger;

performance shortfalls at one or both of the companies as a result of the diversion of management s attention caused by completing the merger and integrating the companies operations; and

the disruption of, or the loss of momentum in, each company s ongoing business or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies.

In addition, in connection with planning the integration of the businesses of Holly and Frontier after completing the merger, the management teams of Frontier and Holly have been evaluating and expect to continue evaluating an internal restructuring of certain Holly and Frontier legal entities after completing the merger, which may include an internal merger of Frontier into HollyFrontier Corporation. Although the internal restructuring is not required to complete the merger, the management of each of Holly and Frontier currently believes that implementing the internal restructuring as soon as possible following completion of the merger could better facilitate a successful integration of Holly and Frontier. Such internal restructuring would be subject to the continuing evaluation of such restructuring and the approval of the board of directors of HollyFrontier Corporation

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following the merger. In order to facilitate the internal restructuring, among other matters, Frontier has commenced consent solicitations to amend the indentures governing Frontier's senior notes, as described under. The Merger Treatment of Other Debt. The consent of holders representing not less than a majority of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of each series of the Frontier senior notes is required to approve the proposed amendments. If the requisite consents in the consent solicitations are not obtained, the combined company may be unable to consummate some or all of the internal restructuring while the Frontier senior notes remain outstanding, in which case the combined company may pursue an alternative structure, may effect some but not all of the internal restructuring or may not undergo an internal restructuring.

Any of these difficulties in successfully integrating the businesses of Holly and Frontier, or any delays in the integration process, could adversely affect the combined company s ability to achieve the anticipated benefits of the merger and could adversely affect the combined company s business, financial results, financial condition and stock price. Even if the combined company is able to integrate the business operations of Holly and Frontier successfully, there can be no assurance that this integration will result in the realization of the full benefits of synergies, cost savings, innovation and operational efficiencies that Holly and Frontier currently expect from this integration or that these benefits will be achieved within the anticipated time frame.

# The future results of the combined company will suffer if the combined company does not effectively manage its expanded operations following the merger.

Following the merger, the size of the business of the combined company will increase significantly beyond the current size of either Holly s or Frontier s business. The combined company s future success depends, in part, upon its ability to manage this expanded business, which will pose substantial challenges for management, including challenges related to the management and monitoring of new operations and associated increased costs and complexity. There can be no assurances that the combined company will be successful or that it will realize the expected operating efficiencies, cost savings, revenue enhancements and other benefits currently anticipated from the merger.

# The combined company is expected to incur substantial expenses related to the merger and the integration of Holly and Frontier.

The combined company is expected to incur substantial expenses in connection with the merger and the integration of Holly and Frontier. There are a large number of processes, policies, procedures, operations, technologies and systems that must be integrated, including purchasing, accounting and finance, sales, billing, payroll, pricing, revenue management, maintenance, marketing and benefits. While Holly and Frontier have assumed that a certain level of expenses would be incurred, there are many factors beyond their control that could affect the total amount or the timing of the integration expenses. Moreover, many of the expenses that will be incurred are, by their nature, difficult to estimate accurately. These expenses could, particularly in the near term, exceed the savings that the combined company expects to achieve from the elimination of duplicative expenses and the realization of economies of scale and cost savings. These integration expenses likely will result in the combined company taking significant charges against earnings following the completion of the merger, and the amount and timing of such charges are uncertain at present.

# Uncertainty about the merger and diversion of management could harm the combined company following the merger.

The merger could result in current and prospective employees experiencing uncertainty about their future with the combined company following the merger. These uncertainties may impair the ability of the combined company to retain, recruit or motivate key personnel. In addition, completion of the merger and integrating the companies operations will require a significant amount of time and attention from management of the two companies. The

diversion of management s attention away from ongoing operations could adversely affect business relationships of the combined company following the merger.

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Covenants in the debt agreements of Holly and Frontier contain, and any future financing agreements of the combined company may contain, operating and financial restrictions that might constrain the business and financing activities of the combined company following the merger.

The operating and financial restrictions and covenants in Holly s and Frontier s debt agreements, including Holly s and Frontier s senior notes, and any future financing agreements of the combined company following the merger, including the new revolving credit facility to be entered into simultaneously with the closing of the merger, could adversely affect the combined company s ability to finance future operations or capital needs or to engage, expand or pursue its business activities. The terms of the new revolving credit facility (including with respect to interest rates, collateral, restrictive covenants, events of default, guarantees and prepayment provisions) will be negotiated and are not currently known. Depending upon the terms of the new credit facility, if the combined company fails to satisfy the covenants set forth in the new credit facility or another event of default occurs under the facility, the maturity of the loans outstanding thereunder could be accelerated or the combined company could be prohibited from borrowing for its future working capital needs and issuing letters of credit. The combined company might not have, or be able to obtain, sufficient funds to make these immediate payments. Should the combined company desire to undertake a transaction that is prohibited by the covenants in its new credit facility, senior notes or other debt agreements, the combined company will need to obtain consent under such debt agreements or refinance them. Such refinancing may not be possible or may not be available on commercially acceptable terms. In addition, although the terms of the new revolving credit facility will be negotiated and are not currently known, the combined company s obligations under the new credit facility are anticipated to be secured by certain assets of the combined company. If the combined company is unable to repay its indebtedness under the new credit facility when due, the lenders could seek to foreclose on such assets. Any of these outcomes could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and results of operations of the combined company.

The application of the acquisition method of accounting may result in the combined company following the merger recording a material amount of goodwill, which could result in material future impairment charges and negatively affect the combined company s financial results.

As discussed further under Accounting Treatment, applicable acquisition accounting rules require that, to the extent the purchase price exceeds the net fair value of Frontier's tangible and intangible assets and liabilities, the combined company would record such excess as goodwill on its consolidated balance sheet. Goodwill is not amortized, but is tested for impairment at least annually. Impairment charges could be recorded in the combined company's results of operations as a result of, among other items, a significant decline in the fair value of certain tangible or intangible assets, unfavorable trends in forecasted results of operations and cash flows and the uncertain economic environment, as well as other uncertainties. There can be no assurance that a material impairment charge will not occur in one or more future periods. Any such charges may materially and negatively affect the combined company's financial results.

The combined company s ability to use Frontier s state net operating loss carryforwards and state tax credits to offset future taxable income for certain state income tax purposes may be limited as a result of the merger, or if taxable income does not reach sufficient levels.

As of December 31, 2010, Frontier had estimated remaining state NOLs of approximately \$143.1 million in Kansas (of which \$23.5 million expires after 2018 and the remainder after 2019), \$47.1 million in Colorado (of which \$6.8 million expires after 2028 and the remainder after 2029) and \$11.1 million in Nebraska (of which \$2.1 million expires after 2013 and the remainder after 2014), each of which is anticipated to be carried forward to reduce income taxes payable in future years. The state of Colorado has placed a limit on the amount of NOLs that can be utilized in each of the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 to \$250,000. As of December 31, 2010, Frontier had approximately \$30.9 million of Kansas income tax credits available to be taken over the years 2011 through 2019.

The combined company s ability to utilize the Frontier NOLs and tax credits may be further limited if Frontier undergoes an ownership change, as defined in Section 382 of the Code and as such term is used in Section 383 of the Code (each of Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska state laws incorporate the Section 382 limitations, relating to limitations of NOLs, and Kansas state law incorporates the Section 383 limitations relating to limitations of tax credits). An ownership change could be triggered by substantial changes in the ownership of the outstanding stock

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of Frontier. An ownership change would occur if certain shareholders increase their aggregate percentage ownership of Frontier stock by more than 50 percentage points over their lowest percentage ownership at any time during the testing period, which is generally the three-year period preceding any potential ownership change. The merger is currently expected to result in an ownership change of Frontier for purposes of Section 382 and Section 383 of the Code.

Section 382 of the Code imposes an annual limitation on the amount of post-ownership change taxable income that may be offset with pre-ownership change NOLs of the corporation that experiences an ownership change. The limitation imposed by Section 382 of the Code for any post-ownership change year generally would be determined by multiplying the value of such corporation s stock immediately before the ownership change by the applicable long-term tax-exempt rate. Any unused annual limitation may, subject to certain limits, be carried over to later years, and the limitation may under certain circumstances be increased by built-in gains or reduced by built-in losses in the assets held by such corporation at the time of the ownership change. The combined company s use of NOLs arising after the date of an ownership change would not be limited unless the combined company were to experience a subsequent ownership change.

Section 383 of the Code generally limits certain tax credits to an amount determined on the basis of the tax liability that is attributable to the portion of taxable income that does not exceed, generally, the Section 382 limitation.

The combined company s ability to use the NOLs will also depend on the amount of taxable income generated in future periods. As discussed above, the NOLs may expire before the combined company can generate sufficient taxable income to utilize the NOLs.

#### Other Risk Factors Relating to Holly and Frontier

Holly s and Frontier s businesses are and will be subject to the risks described above. In addition, Holly and Frontier are, and will continue to be, subject to the risks described in Holly s and Frontier s Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, as such risks may be updated or supplemented in each company s subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K, to the extent incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 133.

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### THE COMPANIES

### **Holly Corporation**

Holly Corporation, a Delaware corporation, together with its subsidiaries, is an independent petroleum refiner in the United States that produces high value light products such as gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, specialty lubricant products, and specialty and modified asphalt. Holly owns and operates through its subsidiaries a 100,000 bpsd refinery located in Artesia, New Mexico, a 125,000 bpsd refinery in Tulsa, Oklahoma and a 31,000 bpsd refinery in Woods Cross, Utah. Holly also owns and operates an asphalt company, which manufactures and markets asphalt products from various terminals in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. In addition, Holly owns a 75% interest in a 12-inch refined products pipeline project from Salt Lake City, Utah to Las Vegas, Nevada, together with terminal facilities in the Cedar City, Utah, and North Las Vegas areas. Furthermore, a subsidiary of Holly owns a 34% interest (including the general partner interest) in HEP, which owns and operates logistical assets, including approximately 2,500 miles of petroleum product and crude oil pipelines located principally in west Texas and New Mexico; ten refined product terminals; a jet fuel terminal; eight refinery loading rack facilities; a refined products tank farm facility; on-site crude oil tankage at Holly s refineries; on-site refined product tankage at Holly s Tulsa refinery, and a 25% interest in a 95-mile crude oil pipeline joint venture. Holly offers its products primarily in the Southwestern, Rocky Mountain, and Mid-Continent regions of the United States. Holly was founded in 1947 and is based in Dallas, Texas.

Holly s common stock is traded on the NYSE under the symbol HOC.

The principal executive offices of Holly are located at 2828 North Harwood, Suite 1300, Dallas, Texas 75201, and Holly s telephone number is (214) 871-3555. Additional information about Holly and its subsidiaries is included in documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information on page 133.

### **Frontier Oil Corporation**

Frontier Oil Corporation, a Wyoming corporation, together with its subsidiaries, engages in crude oil refining and the wholesale marketing of refined petroleum products. Frontier operates refineries in Cheyenne, Wyoming and El Dorado, Kansas with a total annual average crude oil capacity of approximately 187,000 barrels per day. The Cheyenne refinery markets its refined products primarily in the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountain region, which encompasses eastern Colorado (including the Denver metropolitan area), eastern Wyoming and western Nebraska. The El Dorado refinery markets its products in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, Utah, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota. The company was formerly known as Wainoco Oil Corporation and changed its name to Frontier Oil Corporation in April 1998. Frontier Oil Corporation was founded in 1949 and is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

Frontier s common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol FTO.

The principal executive offices of Frontier are located at 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77024, and Frontier s telephone number is (713) 688-9600. Additional information about Frontier and its subsidiaries is included in documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information on page 133.

### North Acquisition, Inc.

North Acquisition, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly Corporation, is a Wyoming corporation that was formed on February 17, 2011 for the sole purpose of effecting the merger. In the merger, North Acquisition, Inc. will be merged with and into Frontier, with Frontier surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly.

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### THE HOLLY SPECIAL MEETING

This joint proxy statement/prospectus is being provided to the Holly stockholders as part of a solicitation of proxies by the Holly board of directors for use at the Holly special meeting to be held at the time and place specified below and at any properly convened meeting following an adjournment or postponement thereof. This joint proxy statement/prospectus provides Holly stockholders with information they need to know to be able to vote or instruct their vote to be cast at the Holly special meeting.

### **Date, Time and Place**

The special meeting of Holly stockholders will be held at the offices of Vinson & Elkins LLP, 2001 Ross Avenue, 39th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201, on June 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., local time.

## **Purpose of the Holly Special Meeting**

At the Holly special meeting, Holly stockholders will be asked to consider and vote on the following:

a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger;

a proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation to, among other things, (i) increase the number of authorized shares of Holly capital stock from 161 million to 325 million shares and (ii) change the name of Holly to HollyFrontier Corporation; and

a proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the first proposal listed above.

Completion of the merger is conditioned on approval of the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, but it is not conditioned on approval and adoption of Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation.

### **Recommendation of the Holly Board of Directors**

At a special meeting held on February 21, 2011, the Holly board of directors determined that the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger and the approval and adoption of Holly samended and restated certificate of incorporation, are in the best interests of Holly and its stockholders. Accordingly, the Holly board of directors unanimously recommends that Holly stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, FOR the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and FOR the proposal to approve the adjournment of the Holly special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

Holly stockholders should carefully read this joint proxy statement/prospectus, including any documents incorporated by reference, and the Annexes in their entirety for more detailed information concerning the merger and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

## Holly Record Date; Stockholders Entitled to Vote

The record date for the Holly special meeting is May 20, 2011. Only record holders of shares of Holly common stock at the close of business on such date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Holly special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. At the close of business on the record date, the only outstanding voting securities of Holly were common stock, and [ ] shares of Holly common stock were issued and outstanding. A list of the Holly stockholders of record who are entitled to vote at the Holly special meeting will be available for inspection by any Holly stockholder for any purpose germane to the special meeting during ordinary business hours for the ten days preceding the Holly special meeting at Holly s executive offices at 2828 North Harwood,

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Suite 1300, Dallas, Texas 75201 and will also be available at the Holly special meeting for examination by any stockholder present at such meeting.

Each share of Holly common stock outstanding on the record date of the Holly special meeting is entitled to one vote on each proposal and any other matter coming before the Holly special meeting.

## **Voting by Holly s Directors and Executive Officers**

At the close of business on the record date of the Holly special meeting, Holly directors and executive officers and their affiliates were entitled to vote [ ] shares of Holly common stock or approximately [ ]% of the shares of Holly common stock outstanding on that date. We currently expect that Holly directors and executive officers and their affiliates will vote their shares in favor of all Holly proposals, but none of them has entered into any agreement obligating him or her to do so.

### Quorum

No business may be transacted at the Holly special meeting unless a quorum is present. Stockholders who hold shares representing at least a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the Holly special meeting must be present in person or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, or if fewer shares are voted in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger than is required, to allow additional time for obtaining additional proxies, the special meeting may be adjourned if the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the special meeting is obtained. No notice of an adjourned meeting need be given unless the adjournment is for more than 30 days or, if after the adjournment, a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, in which case a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting. At any adjourned meeting, all proxies will be voted in the same manner as they would have been voted at the original convening of the special meeting, except for any proxies that have been effectively revoked or withdrawn prior to the adjourned meeting.

All shares of Holly common stock represented at the Holly special meeting, including shares that are represented but that vote to abstain, will be treated as present for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum. Broker non-votes will have no effect on determining the presence or absence of a quorum.

### **Required Vote**

The required votes to approve the Holly proposals are as follows:

The issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Holly special meeting, assuming a quorum. Failures to vote, broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the vote for the proposal.

The approval and adoption of Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation to, among other things, increase the number of authorized shares of Holly capital stock requires the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of Holly common stock entitled to vote at the Holly special meeting. Failures to vote, broker non-votes and abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal.

The adjournment of the Holly special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Holly special meeting, regardless of whether there is a quorum. Failures to vote, broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the vote for the proposal.

## **Voting of Proxies by Holders of Record**

If you were a record holder of Holly stock at the close of business on the record date of the Holly special meeting, a proxy card is enclosed for your use. Holly requests that you vote your shares as promptly as possible by (i) accessing the internet site listed on the Holly proxy card, (ii) calling the toll-free number listed on the Holly proxy card or (iii) submitting your Holly proxy card by mail by using the provided self-addressed, stamped envelope. Information and applicable deadlines for voting through the internet or by telephone are set forth on the

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enclosed proxy card. When the accompanying proxy is returned properly executed, the shares of Holly common stock represented by it will be voted at the Holly special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof in accordance with the instructions contained in the proxy card. Your internet or telephone vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you had marked, signed and returned a proxy card.

If a proxy is returned without an indication as to how the shares of Holly common stock represented are to be voted with regard to a particular proposal, the Holly common stock represented by the proxy will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of the Holly board of directors and, therefore, FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, FOR the proposal to approve and adopt Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and FOR the proposal to adjourn the Holly special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

At the date hereof, the Holly board of directors has no knowledge of any business that will be presented for consideration at the Holly special meeting and that would be required to be set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus or the related proxy card other than the matters set forth in Holly s Notice of Special Meeting of Stockholders. If any other matter is properly presented at the Holly special meeting for consideration, it is intended that the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy and acting thereunder will vote in accordance with their best judgment on such matter.

Your vote is important. Accordingly, if you were a record holder of Holly common stock on the record date of the Holly special meeting, please sign and return the enclosed proxy card or vote via the internet or telephone whether or not you plan to attend the Holly special meeting in person. Proxies submitted through the specified internet website or by phone must be received by 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on June 27, 2011.

### **Shares Held in Street Name**

If you hold shares of Holly common stock through a stock brokerage account or a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial holder of the shares held for you in what is known as street name. The record holder of such shares is your broker, bank or other nominee, and not you, and you must provide the record holder of your shares with instructions on how to vote your shares. Please follow the voting instructions provided by your broker, bank or other nominee. Please note that you may not vote shares held in street name by returning a proxy card directly to Holly or by voting in person at the Holly special meeting unless you have a legal proxy, which you must obtain from your broker, bank or other nominee. Furthermore, brokers, banks or other nominees who hold shares of Holly common stock on behalf of their customers may not give a proxy to Holly to vote those shares without specific instructions from their customers.

If you are a Holly stockholder and you do not instruct your broker, bank or other nominee on how to vote your shares, your broker, bank or other nominee may not vote your shares on any of the Holly proposals.

### **Voting in Person**

If you plan to attend the Holly special meeting and wish to vote in person, you will be given a ballot at the special meeting. If you are a registered stockholder, please be prepared to provide proper identification, such as a driver s license, at the Holly special meeting. If your shares are held in street name, you must bring to the special meeting a proxy executed in your favor from the record holder (your broker, bank or other nominee) of the shares authorizing you to vote at the special meeting.

### **Revocation of Proxies**

If you are the record holder of Holly common stock, you can change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before your proxy is voted at the special meeting. You can do this by:

timely delivering a signed written notice of revocation;

timely delivering a new, valid proxy bearing a later date (including by telephone or through the internet); or

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attending the Holly special meeting and voting in person, which will automatically cancel any proxy previously given, or revoking your proxy in person. Simply attending the Holly special meeting without voting will not revoke any proxy that you have previously given or change your vote.

A registered stockholder may revoke a proxy by any of these methods, regardless of the method used to deliver the stockholder s previous proxy.

Written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to the revocation of proxies should be addressed as follows:

Holly Corporation 2828 North Harwood, Suite 1300 Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: Secretary

If your shares are held in street name through a broker, bank or other nominee, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your broker, bank or nominee in accordance with its established procedures. If your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee and you decide to change your vote by attending the special meeting and voting in person, your vote in person at the special meeting will not be effective unless you have obtained and present an executed proxy issued in your name from the record holder (your broker, bank or nominee).

#### **Tabulation of Votes**

Holly has appointed Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ( Broadridge ) to serve as the Inspector of Election for the Holly special meeting. Broadridge will independently tabulate affirmative and negative votes and abstentions.

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

Holly is soliciting proxies for the Holly special meeting from its stockholders. In accordance with the merger agreement, Holly will pay its own cost of soliciting proxies, including the cost of mailing this joint proxy statement/prospectus, from its stockholders. In addition to solicitation of proxies by mail, proxies may be solicited by Holly s officers, directors and regular employees, without additional remuneration, by personal interview, telephone or other means of communication.

Holly will make arrangements with brokerage houses, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward proxy solicitation materials to beneficial owners of Holly common stock. Holly may reimburse these brokerage houses, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable expenses incurred in forwarding the proxy materials.

To help assure the presence in person or by proxy of the largest number of stockholders possible, we have engaged Georgeson, Inc., a proxy solicitation firm ( Georgeson ), to solicit proxies on Holly s behalf. We have agreed to pay Georgeson a proxy solicitation fee not to exceed \$12,500. We will also reimburse Georgeson for its reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses.

### Adjournments

Any adjournment of the Holly special meeting may be made from time to time if the approval of the holders of a majority of the votes cast at the Holly special meeting is obtained, whether or not a quorum exists, without further

notice other than by an announcement made at the special meeting (unless the adjournment is for more than 30 days or if a new record date is fixed). If a quorum is not present at the special meeting, or if a quorum is present at the special meeting but there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the proposal to issue shares of Holly common stock in connection with the merger, then Holly stockholders may be asked to vote on a proposal to adjourn the Holly special meeting so as to permit the further solicitation of proxies.

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### THE FRONTIER SPECIAL MEETING

This joint proxy statement/prospectus is being provided to the Frontier shareholders as part of a solicitation of proxies by the Frontier board of directors for use at the Frontier special meeting to be held at the time and place specified below and at any properly convened meeting following an adjournment or postponement thereof. This joint proxy statement/prospectus provides Frontier shareholders with information they need to know to be able to vote or instruct their vote to be cast at the Frontier special meeting.

### **Date, Time and Place**

The special meeting will be held at the offices of Andrews Kurth LLP, 600 Travis, Suite 4200, Houston, Texas 77002, on June 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., local time.

## **Purpose of the Frontier Special Meeting**

At the Frontier special meeting, Frontier shareholders will be asked to consider and vote on the following:

- a proposal to approve the merger agreement, which is further described in the sections titled The Merger and The Merger Agreement, beginning on pages 35 and 93, respectively; and
- a proposal to approve the adjournment of the Frontier special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the foregoing proposal.

## **Recommendation of the Board of Directors of Frontier**

At a special meeting held on February 21, 2011, the Frontier board of directors unanimously adopted the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby and determined that the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby are in the best interests of Frontier and its shareholders. Accordingly, the Frontier board of directors unanimously recommends that Frontier shareholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to approve adjournment of the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

Frontier shareholders should carefully read this joint proxy statement/prospectus, including any documents incorporated by reference, and the Annexes in their entirety for more detailed information concerning the merger and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

### Frontier Record Date; Shareholders Entitled to Vote

The record date for the Frontier special meeting is May 20, 2011. Only record holders of shares of Frontier common stock at the close of business on such date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Frontier special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. At the close of business on the record date, the only outstanding voting securities of Frontier were common stock, and [ ] shares of Frontier common stock were issued and outstanding. A list of the Frontier shareholders of record who are entitled to vote at the Frontier special meeting will be available for inspection by any Frontier shareholder for any purpose germane to the special meeting during ordinary business hours for the ten days preceding the Frontier special meeting at Frontier s executive offices and principal place of business at 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77024 and will also be available at the Frontier special meeting for

examination by any shareholder present at such meeting.

Each share of Frontier common stock outstanding on the record date of the Frontier special meeting is entitled to one vote on each proposal and any other matter coming before the Frontier special meeting.

## **Voting by Frontier s Directors and Executive Officers**

At the close of business on the record date of the Frontier special meeting, Frontier directors and executive officers and their affiliates were entitled to vote [ ] shares of Frontier common stock or approximately [ ]% of the shares of Frontier common stock outstanding on that date. We currently expect that Frontier directors and

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executive officers and their affiliates will vote their shares in favor of both Frontier proposals, but none of them has entered into any agreement obligating him or her to do so.

### Quorum

No business may be transacted at the Frontier special meeting unless a quorum is present. Shareholders who hold shares representing at least a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the Frontier special meeting must be present in person or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, or if fewer shares are voted in favor of the proposal to approve the merger agreement than is required, to allow additional time for obtaining additional proxies, the special meeting may be adjourned if the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the special meeting is obtained. No notice of an adjourned meeting need be given unless the adjournment is for more than 30 days or, if after the adjournment, a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, in which case a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each shareholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting. At any adjourned meeting, all proxies will be voted in the same manner as they would have been voted at the original convening of the special meeting, except for any proxies that have been effectively revoked or withdrawn prior to the adjourned meeting.

Shares of Frontier common stock represented at the Frontier special meeting, including shares that are represented but that vote to abstain, will be treated as present for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum. Broker non-votes will have no effect on determining the presence or absence of a quorum.

### **Required Vote**

The required votes to approve the Frontier proposals are as follows:

Approval of the merger agreement requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Frontier special meeting, assuming a quorum. Failures to vote, broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the proposal.

The adjournment of the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Frontier special meeting, regardless of whether there is a quorum. Failures to vote, broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the vote for the proposal.

### **Voting of Proxies by Holders of Record**

If you were a record holder of Frontier stock at the close of business on the record date of the Frontier special meeting, a proxy card is enclosed for your use. Frontier requests that you vote your shares as promptly as possible by (i) accessing the internet site listed on the Frontier proxy card, (ii) calling the toll-free number listed on the Frontier proxy card or (iii) submitting your Frontier proxy card by mail by using the provided self-addressed, stamped envelope. Information and applicable deadlines for voting through the internet or by telephone are set forth on the enclosed proxy card. When the accompanying proxy is returned properly executed, the shares of Frontier common stock represented by it will be voted at the Frontier special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof in accordance with the instructions contained in the proxy card. Your internet or telephone vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you had marked, signed and returned a proxy card.

If a proxy is returned without an indication as to how the shares of Frontier common stock represented are to be voted with regard to a particular proposal, the Frontier common stock represented by the proxy will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of the Frontier board of directors and, therefore, FOR the proposal to approve the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to adjourn the Frontier special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

At the date hereof, the Frontier board of directors has no knowledge of any business that will be presented for consideration at the Frontier special meeting and that would be required to be set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus or the related proxy card other than the matters set forth in Frontier s Notice of Special Meeting of Shareholders. If any other matter is properly presented at the Frontier special meeting for consideration, it is

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intended that the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy and acting thereunder will vote in accordance with their best judgment on such matter.

Your vote is important. Accordingly, if you were a record holder of Frontier common stock on the record date of the Frontier special meeting, please sign and return the enclosed proxy card or vote via the internet or telephone whether or not you plan to attend the Frontier special meeting in person. Proxies submitted through the specified internet website or by phone must be received by 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on June 27, 2011.

#### **Shares Held in Street Name**

If you hold shares of Frontier common stock through a stock brokerage account or a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial holder of the shares held for you in what is known as street name. The record holder of such shares is your broker, bank or other nominee, and not you, and you must provide the record holder of your shares with instructions on how to vote your shares. Please follow the voting instructions provided by your broker, bank or other nominee. Please note that you may not vote shares held in street name by returning a proxy card directly to Frontier or by voting in person at the Frontier special meeting unless you have a legal proxy, which you must obtain from your broker, bank or other nominee. Furthermore, brokers, banks or other nominees who hold shares of Frontier common stock on behalf of their customers may not give a proxy to Frontier to vote those shares without specific instructions from their customers.

If you are a Frontier shareholder and you do not instruct your broker, bank or other nominee on how to vote your shares, your broker, bank or other nominee may not vote your shares on any of the Frontier proposals.

### **Voting in Person**

If you plan to attend the Frontier special meeting and wish to vote in person, you will be given a ballot at the special meeting. If you are a registered shareholder, please be prepared to provide proper identification, such as a driver s license, at the Frontier special meeting. If your shares are held in street name, you must bring to the special meeting a proxy executed in your favor from the record holder (your broker, bank or other nominee) of the shares authorizing you to vote at the special meeting.

#### **Revocation of Proxies**

If you are the record holder of Frontier common stock, you can change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before your proxy is voted at the special meeting. You can do this by:

timely delivering a signed written notice of revocation;

timely delivering a new, valid proxy bearing a later date (including by telephone or through the internet); or

attending the Frontier special meeting and voting in person, which will automatically cancel any proxy previously given, or revoking your proxy in person. Simply attending the Frontier special meeting without voting will not revoke any proxy that you have previously given or change your vote.

A registered shareholder may revoke a proxy by any of these methods, regardless of the method used to deliver the shareholder s previous proxy.

Written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to the revocation of proxies should be addressed as follows:

Frontier Oil Corporation 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 600 Houston, Texas 77024 Attention: Secretary

If your shares are held in street name through a broker, bank or other nominee, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your broker, bank or nominee in accordance with its established procedures. If

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your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee and you decide to change your vote by attending the special meeting and voting in person, your vote in person at the special meeting will not be effective unless you have obtained and present an executed proxy issued in your name from the record holder (your broker, bank or nominee).

### **Tabulation of Votes**

Frontier has appointed Wells Fargo Shareowner Services (Wells Fargo) to serve as the Inspector of Election for the Frontier special meeting. Wells Fargo will independently tabulate affirmative and negative votes and abstentions.

### **Solicitation of Proxies**

Frontier is soliciting proxies for the Frontier special meeting from its shareholders. In accordance with the merger agreement, Frontier will pay its own cost of soliciting proxies, including the cost of mailing this joint proxy statement/prospectus, from its shareholders. In addition to solicitation of proxies by mail, proxies may be solicited by Frontier directors and officers, without additional remuneration, by personal interview, telephone or other means of communication.

Frontier will make arrangements with brokerage houses, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward proxy solicitation materials to beneficial owners of shares of Frontier common stock. Frontier may reimburse these brokerage houses, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable expenses incurred in forwarding the proxy materials.

To help assure the presence in person or by proxy of the largest number of shareholders possible, we have engaged Innisfree M&A Incorporated, a proxy solicitation firm ( Innisfree ), to solicit proxies on Frontier s behalf. We have agreed to pay Innisfree a proxy solicitation fee not to exceed \$17,500. We will also reimburse Innisfree for its reasonable out-of pocket costs and expenses.

### Adjournments

Any adjournment of the Frontier special meeting may be made from time to time if the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the Frontier special meeting is obtained, whether or not a quorum exists, without further notice other than by an announcement made at the special meeting (unless the adjournment is for more than 30 days or if a new record date is fixed). If a quorum is not present at the special meeting, or if a quorum is present at the special meeting but there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the proposal to approve the merger agreement, then Frontier shareholders may be asked to vote on a proposal to adjourn the Frontier special meeting so as to permit the further solicitation of proxies.

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### THE MERGER

## **Effects of the Merger**

At the effective time of the merger, Merger Sub, a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly that was formed for the sole purpose of effecting the merger, will merge with and into Frontier. Frontier will survive the merger and become a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly. Upon completion of the merger, Holly s name will be changed to HollyFrontier Corporation. In addition, the combined company may pursue an internal restructuring of certain legal entities after completing the merger, which may include an internal merger of Frontier into HollyFrontier Corporation, as described under Structure of the Combined Company Following the Merger. The internal restructuring of the combined company would be subject to, among other things, the continuing evaluation of such restructuring and the approval of the board of directors of the combined company after the merger.

In the merger, each outstanding share of Frontier common stock will be converted into the right to receive 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock, with cash paid in lieu of fractional shares. This exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted to reflect stock price changes prior to the closing of the merger. Holly stockholders will continue to hold their existing Holly shares.

### **Background of the Merger**

Holly and Frontier are both independent refiners in strategically central regions of North America. Holly s operations are focused in the Rocky Mountain, Southwest and Mid-Continent regions of the United States and northern Mexico, and Frontier s are focused in the Rocky Mountain and Mid-Continent regions of the United States.

In March 2003, after several months of discussions and negotiations, Holly and Frontier entered into a merger agreement (the 2003 Merger Agreement ) that terminated following litigation between the parties relating to certain toxic tort lawsuits involving oil properties adjacent to the campus of Beverly Hills High School operated by predecessors to a Frontier subsidiary from 1985 to 1995 (the Beverly Hills litigation ). In August 2003, Frontier filed a lawsuit in the Delaware Court of Chancery seeking damages based on allegations that, among other things, Holly had advised Frontier that it would not proceed with the proposed merger on the agreed terms and that Holly had repudiated the 2003 Merger Agreement. Holly filed an answer and counterclaim denying Frontier s claims and asserting that, among other things, Frontier had breached certain representations contained in the 2003 Merger Agreement. In April 2005, the Court ruled, among other things, that Frontier had not proved that Holly had repudiated the 2003 Merger Agreement and that Holly had not proved that the Beverly Hills litigation would have, or would reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on Frontier. Neither Holly nor Frontier sought an appeal, and the Court s ruling became final.

Since 2003, each of the two companies has separately pursued and entered into strategic transactions and growth initiatives that their management teams believe have enhanced their competitive positions by increasing both the efficiency and scope of each company s operations. Strategic transactions and growth initiatives completed by Holly in recent years have included the following:

In July 2004, Holly completed the initial public offering of limited partnership interests in HEP, which was formed by Holly to acquire, own and operate, among other things, substantially all of the refined product pipeline and terminalling assets that support Holly s refining and marketing operations. Since July 2004, Holly has periodically sold pipeline and tankage assets that support its operations to HEP, and Holly currently has a 34% interest (including a 2% general partnership interest) in HEP.

In July 2007, Holly entered into an agreement with Sinclair Transportation Company to jointly build a refined products pipeline project from Salt Lake City, Utah to Las Vegas, Nevada along with terminal facilities in the Cedar City, Utah and North Las Vegas areas. In July 2010, the pipeline project entered into its final phase of construction, and completion of the pipeline is expected to occur in the second quarter of 2011. Holly owns a 75% interest in the pipeline project.

In June 2009, Holly acquired an 85,000 bpsd refinery in Tulsa, Oklahoma that produces fuel products that are marketed in the Mid-Continent region and specialty lubricant products that are marketed throughout North America and distributed in Central and South America. In December 2009, Holly acquired a second refinery

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in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which had a capacity of 75,000 bpsd and produces gasoline, diesel fuel and jet fuel products and services markets in the Mid-Continent region. Holly is currently in the process of integrating the operations of the two refineries in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Upon completion, the two facilities are expected to have an integrated crude processing rate of 125,000 bpsd.

As an internal growth initiative, Holly invested capital in excess of \$800 million from 2005 through 2010 to improve yield, increase capacity and enhance complexity of its Navajo and Woods Cross refineries. In 2010, Holly invested \$52 million in capital improvements to its Tulsa refinery.

Strategic transactions and growth initiatives completed by Frontier in recent years have included the following:

In February 2007, Frontier acquired Ethanol Management Company, the primary assets of which are a products terminal and blending facility with a capacity of 25,000 barrels per day located near Denver, Colorado. Frontier had been a customer of Ethanol Management Company since 1989, and the acquisition ensured Frontier s ability to blend gasoline and ethanol to provide products to the Denver, Colorado market.

In December 2009, to enhance its refinery in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Frontier acquired a refined products pipeline that runs from Cheyenne, Wyoming to Sidney, Nebraska and the associated refined products terminal and truck rack at Sidney, Nebraska.

As an internal growth initiative, Frontier invested capital in excess of \$500 million in the aggregate from 2005 through 2009 to improve yield, increase capacity and enhance complexity of its refinery operations.

In October and November, 2010, an investment banker from Morgan Stanley who specializes in the energy sector had several discussions separately with Mr. Clifton (Holly s Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer) and Mr. Jennings (Frontier s Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer) regarding industry developments and strategic considerations. During these discussions, the investment banker suggested to each of Mr. Clifton and Mr. Jennings that it might be beneficial for Frontier and Holly to consider a possible business combination. These conversations were considered general and informal and the investment banker was not representing either party. These conversations indicated that the parties were open to general conversations about strategic possibilities and a possible future meeting.

On November 3, 2010, at a meeting of the Holly board of directors in Dallas, Texas, Mr. Clifton advised the Holly board of directors of his conversations with the Morgan Stanley investment banker, and the suggestion of potential for a business combination with Frontier. He noted that in view of the relative stock trading prices of Holly and Frontier, a potential merger between the two might be feasible and beneficial to both companies. The matter was left open for future discussion and the board authorized Mr. Clifton to explore on a preliminary basis the possibility of a potential business combination.

On December 2, 2010, Mr. Jennings telephoned Mr. Clifton to suggest they meet over lunch to discuss a possible strategic transaction. Mr. Clifton agreed, and a meeting was scheduled for December 9, 2010.

On December 9, 2010, Mr. Clifton met with Mr. Jennings in Dallas. At this meeting, Messrs. Clifton and Jennings discussed their views regarding the potential strategic and financial benefits of a merger between Holly and Frontier, based solely on publicly available information. In addition, they discussed their views on the industry s prospects, the economy as a whole and the potential benefits of a business combination in terms of size and diversification. They agreed that a combined company would be stronger and better capitalized, with desirable geographical locations and a strong combined balance sheet. Mr. Jennings noted that the combined company and HEP might have further growth opportunities by offering suitable assets to HEP. Lastly, Messrs. Clifton and Jennings agreed that, except as Frontier

may have current or future liabilities or obligations relating to the Beverly Hills litigation, the prior litigation between Holly and Frontier related to the 2003 Merger Agreement should play no role in the discussions of any potential merger. Messrs. Clifton and Jennings concluded the meeting with an agreement to continue preliminary discussions.

On December 10, 2010, the executive committee of the Frontier board of directors, consisting of Messrs. Jennings, Bech and Loyd, discussed the potential strategic benefits of a business combination with Holly. The executive committee identified certain matters for future review and due diligence, including regarding structure, operations, management and personnel. The committee concluded that Mr. Jennings should continue conversations

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with Holly and call a meeting of the full board of directors to discuss the potential transaction if warranted by appropriate progress in the discussions.

On December 13, 2010, Mr. Jennings telephoned Mr. Clifton to schedule a meeting with Mr. Clifton to further discuss a potential combination of Holly and Frontier.

On December 17, 2010, Messrs. Clifton and Jennings had a follow-up meeting in Dallas to continue discussions. Each outlined his views on what roles their respective executive management teams might have in the combined company and agreed on the need for management continuity in connection with integrating the two companies. Both agreed that a business combination between the two companies remained a mutually desirable prospect as a merger of equals at market, such as a 30-day average closing price of the common stock of the two companies. Mr. Jennings noted financing-related benefits that might come from a stronger combined balance sheet and ability to access more trade credit with suppliers.

Beginning in late December 2010 through January 2011, Mr. Jennings discussed with each of the Frontier directors a potential transaction with Holly. Mr. Jennings and the other directors agreed that any potential transaction would be a stock transaction and true merger of equals, and that the board of directors would meet to discuss terms if discussions progressed further.

On January 6, 2011, Messrs. Clifton and Jennings exchanged emails to arrange a meeting between Messrs. Jennings and Lamp (Holly s President) on January 10, 2011.

On January 7, 2011, a special meeting of the Holly board of directors was held in Dallas at which Mr. Clifton advised the directors of his meetings with Mr. Jennings. After a discussion regarding potential strategic and financial benefits of a transaction with Frontier, the Holly board of directors unanimously indicated support for management to continue discussions and due diligence regarding a possible combination with Frontier as a merger of equals. Mr. Clifton agreed to do so and provide the Holly board of directors with regular updates. After the meeting, Mr. Clifton phoned Mr. Jennings and advised him that the Holly board of directors was supportive of exploring a potential combination with Frontier, and they revisited their discussion on the expected roles for their respective management teams.

On January 7, 2011, Holly engaged Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. as its legal advisor to assist in the potential merger. Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP was later engaged as Delaware legal counsel.

On January 10, 2011, Messrs. Jennings and Lamp met in Dallas to discuss the potential combination between Holly and Frontier, including industry matters, refinery safety, process safety and capital allocation. Mr. Lamp provided a mission and values statement he had developed for Holly.

On January 11, 2011, Messrs. Jennings and Clifton spoke by telephone regarding the candidates for executive positions for the combined company, especially Mr. Lamp as chief operating officer and Mr. Aron (Frontier s Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer) as chief financial officer. They also indicated general support from their respective boards for the early stage of discussions.

On January 12, 2011, Messrs. Jennings, Aron and Bechtol (Frontier s Vice President-General Counsel and Secretary) met with attorneys from Andrews Kurth LLP in Houston, Texas regarding the structuring of the potential transaction, potential timeline and governance. Frontier engaged Andrews Kurth as its legal advisor to assist in the potential transaction.

On January 14, 2011, Messrs. Clifton and Jennings met in Houston to continue their previous discussions. Both Messrs. Clifton and Jennings agreed that the transaction should be structured as a merger of equals based on relative

trading prices at market with no premium. They discussed the structure of the combined company s board and agreed it should consist of an equal number of Holly and Frontier directors who qualified as independent under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, other than two management directors. The two non-independent directors would be Mr. Clifton, who would be Executive Chairman of the board of directors of the combined company, and Mr. Jennings, who would be President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of the combined company. In addition, Messrs. Clifton and Jennings agreed that the executive officers of the combined company would consist of both Holly and Frontier executive officers. Messrs. Clifton and Jennings concluded the meeting by

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confirming their mutual belief that a combination of the two companies could be strategically compelling and financially beneficial to the shareholders of both companies.

On January 14 and 15, 2011, members of Frontier management had discussions by telephone with representatives of Citi and representatives of Credit Suisse, respectively, regarding their acting as Frontier's financial advisors and regarding the preliminary terms of the proposed merger with Holly. Following those discussions, Frontier decided to engage Citi and Credit Suisse as its financial advisors.

On January 16, 2011, the parties and their respective legal counsel worked to finalize the proposed terms of a mutual confidentiality agreement that included a two year standstill agreement under which each of Holly and Frontier agreed not to propose a takeover or combination transaction to the other or its stockholders without the consent of the other s board. On January 17, 2011, Holly and Frontier executed the confidentiality agreement.

On January 17, 2011, after the confidentiality agreement was executed, Ms. McWatters (Holly s Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary), Mr. Bechtol and their respective legal counsel spoke by teleconference to discuss the process for due diligence and negotiation of definitive agreements.

In mid-January, members of Holly management had several separate discussions with representatives of Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank to discuss their acting as Holly s financial advisors and to review with Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank the preliminary terms of the proposed merger with Frontier. Each of Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank was thereafter engaged as a financial advisor to Holly.

On January 20, 2011, Messrs. Jennings, Aron and Bechtol met in the offices of Andrews Kurth together with representatives of Frontier's legal and financial advisors to discuss the likely process and timeline for reviewing and negotiating the proposed merger.

Beginning on or about January 20, 2011, Holly and Frontier provided due diligence documents and discussed the scope of due diligence information that would be appropriate to share for purposes of evaluating a possible strategic combination. The senior executives of both companies agreed to restrict knowledge of the discussions to a limited number of individuals within each company. Between January 20, 2011 and February 21, 2011, both companies and their respective legal counsel conducted due diligence primarily by reviewing documents and participating in teleconferences. Additionally, Ms. McWatters and Mr. Bechtol, together with attorneys from Vinson & Elkins and Andrews Kurth, held regular teleconferences to coordinate exchange of due diligence materials by the parties and to address ongoing due diligence questions and requests.

On January 24, 2011, Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank met with Messrs. Clifton, Lamp, Shaw (Holly s Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer), Ms. McWatters and Vinson & Elkins in Dallas to review the expected timing of the proposed merger, various due diligence matters raised by Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, and other planning issues with respect to the negotiation and review of the proposed merger.

Also on January 24, 2011, the Holly board of directors held a special meeting in Dallas. At the meeting, Vinson & Elkins briefed the board on the legal obligations of the directors and other legal considerations in connection with the proposed merger. Mr. Clifton updated the Holly board of directors on the status of the negotiations of the proposed merger with Frontier and on his discussions with Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank. The legal due diligence process, antitrust filings and requirements, and an anticipated timeline were also discussed. After a discussion, the Holly board of directors authorized members of Holly management to continue negotiations with Frontier, including delivery of a draft merger agreement.

On January 25, 2011, Vinson & Elkins sent an initial draft of a merger agreement to Andrews Kurth. From then until February 21, 2011, the parties and their legal counsel negotiated the terms of the merger agreement and related documents, and exchanged drafts of the merger agreement and related documents.

On January 31, 2011, Messrs. Clifton, Lamp, Damiris and Shaw, Ms. McWatters and Messrs. Jennings, Aron and Bechtol met in Dallas, together with Holly s and Frontier s respective legal and financial advisors. At the meeting, each senior management team made a presentation regarding its company s refineries, assets, operations, budgets, capital expenditures and other business matters.

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Between January 31, 2011 and February 9, 2011, Messrs. Jennings and Lamp had ongoing discussions by telephone to discuss matters relating to operations in connection with the proposed merger.

On February 4, 2011, the Frontier board of directors held a special meeting in Houston, together with members of Frontier's management and legal and financial advisors. Mr. Jennings provided an overview of the potential transaction, to be structured as a merger of equals, and the progress of the transaction to date. Andrews Kurth advised the board regarding its fiduciary duties in connection with considering a possible business combination, and the importance of board review and deliberations. Andrews Kurth also presented an overview of the draft merger agreement as proposed by Holly, which had been previously distributed to the board. The board discussed the terms to be negotiated in the merger agreement, including the non-solicitation provisions and size of the break-up fee. Frontier's financial advisors discussed with the board certain financial aspects relating to the potential merger.

On February 7, 2011, the Holly board of directors held a special meeting in Dallas. At the meeting, Mr. Clifton updated the Holly board of directors on ongoing discussions with Frontier regarding the proposed merger. At the meeting, the Holly board, Mr. Shaw, Ms. McWatters, and Vinson & Elkins discussed the senior management meeting on January 31, 2011 and the business and legal due diligence processes and findings, including those relating to litigation and labor and employment matters, Frontier s debt structure, and the results of the preliminary antitrust review. Also, at the meeting, representatives of each of Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank advised the Holly board of directors of the procedures that their respective firms expected to follow in advising the Holly board of directors about the possible fairness, from a financial point of view, of the exchange ratio to Holly and the expected time to complete their respective financial analyses. The participants at the meeting also discussed the expected timing for the transaction and related matters. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Holly board of directors authorized Holly management to continue negotiations with Frontier.

On February 9, 2011, Messrs. Lamp and Damiris met with Messrs. Purdy (Frontier s Vice President of Commercial Operations) and Stump (Frontier s Vice President of Refining Operations) in Denver, Colorado to discuss Holly s and Frontier s operations, permits, environmental compliance and refinery facilities. Additional follow-up discussions continued through February 18, 2011, regarding these matters.

On February 11, 2011, the Frontier board of directors held a telephonic meeting with management and its legal advisor, Andrews Kurth. The board received an update from members of management regarding operational due diligence, including capital expenditures, permits and the integration of Holly s recently acquired Tulsa facilities. The board directed management to conduct further due diligence and report back regarding their review and conclusions as part of proceeding with discussions.

On February 14, 2011, Messrs. Clifton and Jennings, at Mr. Jennings s request, discussed questions from Frontier regarding projected capital expenditures and environmental matters relating to Holly s refineries in Tulsa.

On February 16, 2011, the Holly board of directors held a special meeting in Dallas to receive updates on the proposed merger with Frontier. At the meeting, Vinson & Elkins briefed the directors on the applicable legal standards in the context of evaluating a business combination transaction of the type being considered, provided an update regarding legal due diligence, including due diligence relating to the Beverly Hills litigation, and summarized the terms of the proposed merger agreement, including termination rights and break-up fees under the merger agreement. Also, at the meeting, members of Holly senior management described their views of the strategic rationale for the proposed merger and compared the proposed merger to other growth possibilities. In addition, Holly s financial advisors discussed with the Holly board of directors certain financial aspects relating to the potential merger and related financial analyses. The board also discussed at length the debt structure of Frontier and post-closing operational matters, such as accounting system transitions and management structure. During a recess of the special meeting in conference rooms near the location of the special meeting, the Holly outside directors met with

Mr. Jennings, and Messrs. Bech and Myers, both Frontier outside directors, met with Mr. Clifton, regarding governance, operations and the proposed merger.

On February 17, 2011, Mr. Jennings telephoned Mr. Clifton and expressed concern regarding the movements in each company s stock price during the past week. Mr. Jennings noted that when comparing the 30-day average closing stock price of each company (which was the formula previously discussed in the parties negotiations to arrive at the exchange ratio for the proposed merger) to the closing market price of each company at the end of the

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prior trading day, the Frontier shareholders would effectively be receiving a discount of approximately 7% for their shares (after giving effect to a planned special dividend to Frontier shareholders in the amount of \$0.24 per share), and that Frontier was unlikely to enter into the transaction on those terms.

In the morning on February 18, 2011, the Holly board of directors held a special meeting in Dallas. At the meeting, Mr. Clifton informed the directors of his conversation with Mr. Jennings on February 17, 2011 regarding recent movements in Frontier's and Holly stock prices. Representatives from Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank and Holly management then engaged in a detailed discussion with the directors regarding the calculation of the exchange ratio, the movements in the stock prices of the two companies and possible reasons for the fluctuations in pricing. After this discussion, the Holly financial advisors noted that as a result of recent increases in Frontier's stock price relative to Holly's trading price, it was likely that Frontier would seek an increase in the consideration payable to Frontier shareholders, which consideration had been based on a 30-day average closing price. In addition to a discussion of the merger consideration, the Holly board of directors engaged in an extended discussion regarding the timing of the merger and was updated on the legal due diligence process.

On February 18, 2011, the Frontier board of directors held a meeting in Houston. Andrews Kurth and management provided an overview of open issues in the merger agreement, including the financing for the combined company. The board received a due diligence report from legal counsel and management, including an overview of Holly and HEP, real property, employee benefits and other matters, and an in-depth presentation regarding environmental due diligence and compliance. Management discussed plans for operational enhancements, and reported that the two companies placed a high value on operational safety and environmental compliance during their discussions. Frontier s financial advisors then updated the board as to certain financial aspects of the potential merger and reviewed the relative stock price of Frontier and Holly, including the recent increase in Frontier s stock price relative to Holly s stock price and compared the ratio of their current stock prices to the ratio of their respective 30-day average closing stock prices. Members of the board and Frontier s management and financial advisors discussed the rationale for seeking an increase in the consideration to be received by Frontier s shareholders. The board also considered financing for the combined company and engaged in discussions with management regarding expected availability of financing. After considering the information presented and discussed, including recent trading prices, the board authorized Mr. Jennings to engage in additional negotiations with Holly to seek to increase the exchange ratio.

After the end of the trading day on February 18, 2011 (which was the last trading day prior to the expected execution date of the merger agreement), Messrs. Clifton and Jennings discussed by telephone the ongoing movements in both companies—stock prices. They further discussed the fact that an exchange ratio based on the 30-day average closing price would represent a discount of approximately 13% for Frontier shares based on the closing stock price of each company on that day (after giving effect to the planned special dividend). Mr. Jennings informed Mr. Clifton that Frontier and its board of directors were not comfortable entering into a transaction at more than a small discount to the current market price.

Later in the day on February 18, 2011, the Holly board of directors reconvened in Dallas to receive an update from Mr. Clifton regarding his telephone conversation with Mr. Jennings and their discussions around the exchange ratio for the proposed merger with Frontier. Members of management and representatives from each of Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank engaged in a detailed discussion with the Holly board regarding the recent movements in the relative stock prices of the two companies. The possibility of agreeing to an increase in the planned special dividend to Frontier shareholders was also discussed generally by the board. After the discussion, the board instructed Mr. Clifton to telephone Mr. Jennings to propose an exchange ratio representative of the five-day average closing price.

Mr. Clifton relayed the proposal to Mr. Jennings and noted the closeness of Holly s increased exchange ratio to the ratio of the two companies trading prices over the prior 12 months. Mr. Jennings agreed to discuss the revised proposal with members of the board of directors later that evening. After such conversation, the Holly board of

directors reconvened, and Mr. Clifton briefed the directors of the results of the conversation. After discussion, the Holly board of directors authorized Holly management to continue its negotiations with Frontier and to provide timely updates. Later that night, Messrs. Clifton and Jennings spoke by telephone about the proposal and what might be an acceptable exchange ratio to both parties. Messrs. Clifton and Jennings discussed that agreeing to an

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increase in the planned special dividend might be a solution. They agreed to talk again in the morning after both had considered the matter further.

On February 19, 2011, Messrs. Clifton and Jennings discussed further the proposed exchange ratio and the concept of an increased special cash dividend from Frontier to its shareholders. They tentatively agreed, subject to the review and approval of their respective boards and agreement on definitive documentation, to an exchange ratio of 0.4811 of a share of Holly common stock per share of Frontier common stock and an increase in the special cash dividend from \$0.24 to \$0.28 per share, which would reflect a discount to the current market price of Frontier shares of approximately 3%, including the economic effect of the Frontier special dividend.

Over the weekend of February 19-20, 2011, Holly and Frontier and their respective legal counsel worked to finalize the negotiation of the merger agreement and amendments to agreements relating to the retention of senior executives. In particular, Messrs. Clifton and Jennings had several telephone discussions and exchanged emails regarding the terms on which Messrs. Jennings and Aron would waive certain rights with respect to the vesting of equity and cash compensation following the merger, the terms on which Mr. Jennings would extend the term of his retention agreement, and the terms on which Messrs. Clifton, Lamp and Shaw would waive certain rights with respect to the vesting of equity compensation following the merger. See Interests of Holly Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Waiver Agreements and Interests of Frontier Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Retention and Assumption Agreements for a description of the written retention agreements and waiver agreements and Interests of Holly Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger and Interests of Frontier Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger for a discussion of the interests of the Holly directors and executive officers and Frontier directors and executive officers, respectively, in the merger.

On the morning of February 21, 2011, members of the Frontier board of directors held a special telephonic meeting with members of Frontier s management and legal and financial advisors. The board discussed the terms of the merger agreement with members of Frontier s management and legal advisors. In addition, the board received an update on the agreement of Messrs. Jennings and Aron to waive certain rights with respect to the vesting of equity and cash compensation following the merger. Mr. Jennings discussed with the board the expected availability of financing for the combined company. Citi and Credit Suisse reviewed with the Frontier board their respective financial analyses with respect to the 0.4811 exchange ratio provided for in the merger agreement. Andrews Kurth advised the board regarding its approvals of the merger agreement and related transactions, and the board scheduled a further meeting in the afternoon of the same day.

On the afternoon of February 21, 2011, the Frontier board of directors held a special telephonic meeting with members of Frontier s management and legal and financial advisors. At this meeting, Citi and Credit Suisse each rendered to the Frontier board of directors an oral opinion, confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated February 21, 2011, to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to the assumptions, procedures, factors, qualifications and limitations set forth in such opinions, the 0.4811 exchange ratio provided for in the merger agreement was fair, from a financial point of view, to holders of Frontier common stock. Following discussion with legal advisors, the Frontier board unanimously approved and authorized the execution of the merger agreement and recommended the merger agreement for approval by Frontier s shareholders. The Frontier board also authorized the payment of a \$0.28 per share special dividend and a \$0.06 per share quarterly dividend to Frontier shareholders.

On February 21, 2011, the Holly board of directors held a special meeting in Dallas. At the meeting, Vinson & Elkins summarized the principal terms of the final draft of the merger agreement, updated the Holly board on the legal due diligence on the settlement of the Beverly Hills litigation, and informed the Holly board of the remaining unresolved matters, which were limited to confirming items listed in disclosure schedules and certain due diligence questions. Also at this meeting, the Holly board discussed with members of Holly senior management and its legal and financial advisors the potential benefits and other considerations related to the proposed merger to Holly and its stockholders.

Also at the meeting, Vinson & Elkins further briefed the Holly directors on their obligations in respect of deliberations regarding the proposed merger, and representatives of each of Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, on behalf of their respective firms, rendered to the Holly board of directors their respective oral opinions (each subsequently confirmed in writing) to the effect that, as of such date and based on and subject to the various assumptions, qualifications and limitations described in their respective opinion, the exchange ratio of 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock to be issued in exchange for each outstanding share of Frontier common stock pursuant to

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the merger was fair, from a financial point of view, to Holly. After further discussions, the Holly board authorized members of Holly management to resolve the few remaining open items with Frontier and unanimously voted to recommend that the Holly stockholders approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock and the amendment of Holly s certificate of incorporation as contemplated by the merger agreement.

Following the board meeting, on February 21, 2011, members of Holly senior management and Frontier senior management, advised by their respective legal counsel, executed the merger agreement and related agreements.

Early in the morning on February 22, 2011, Holly and Frontier issued a joint press release announcing the merger.

### Holly s Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the Holly Board of Directors

In approving the merger agreement and recommending approval of the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, the Holly board of directors consulted with members of Holly s management, as well as with Holly s legal and financial advisors, and also considered a number of factors that the Holly board of directors viewed as supporting its decisions. The principal factors that the Holly board of directors viewed as supporting its decisions are:

that combining Holly and Frontier would provide the long-term strategic benefit of creating a more diversified company, with increased scope and scale of refining operations than that offered by Holly alone, by adding Frontier s two refineries with advantaged geographical access to niche product and growing crude supply markets with increased exposure to light-heavy differentials;

the transaction has been structured as a merger of equals and the exchange ratio reflects an implied discount in the consideration being paid by Holly in the merger of 4.0% to the ratio of the closing prices of the two companies common stock on February 18, 2011, the last trading day before public announcement of the merger, and the closeness of the exchange ratio to the historical ratio of the two companies trading prices over the twelve months prior to public announcement of the merger;

the expectation that the combined company would have a broader geographic sales footprint by adding exposure to the Front Range region and increased exposure to the Mid-Continent region than Holly on a stand-alone basis;

the expectation that the combined company would have a strong balance sheet, with a substantial cash position compared to the anticipated outstanding indebtedness of the combined company at the completion of the merger;

the expectation that the combined company would have a stronger financial profile and credit rating given the more diverse asset base and stronger combined balance sheet of the combined company in comparison to Holly on a stand-alone basis, which may lower borrowing costs for the combined company (and potentially for HEP);

the expectation that the combined company would have improved access to capital over the long term with a lower cost of capital, including equity and debt, based on the anticipated capital structure of the combined company;

the expectation that the combined company would have increased resources to invest in future acquisition and other growth opportunities in comparison to Holly on a stand-alone basis;

the anticipated competitive position, business, financial position, personnel and prospects of the combined company, which together would create a stronger key customer for HEP, and the expectation that the merger would provide additional growth opportunities for HEP and enhance the potential value of Holly s investment in HEP;

the expectation that the combined company would achieve cost savings from, among other things, reductions in corporate overhead and back office costs in comparison to both companies on a stand-alone basis;

the expectation that combining Holly and Frontier would promote earnings per share accretion (in comparison to Holly on a stand-alone basis) through realization of synergies;

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the potential opportunities for greater operational efficiencies and synergies through conducting Holly s and Frontier s operations as part of a single enterprise;

the expectation that the combination of Holly and Frontier would spread risk of unplanned downtime and other operational risks across the combined company s larger and more diversified asset base;

that Holly s solvent deasphalting technology and Frontier s coker-based asphalt technology are generally complementary and would combine to create diversified asphalt processing technology and asphalt manufacturing synergies for the combined company;

the opportunity to combine two strong senior management teams, as described under Board of Directors and Management Following the Merger;

that the board of directors of the combined company following the merger of equals would have equal representation from the two companies consisting of seven directors chosen by the current Holly directors and seven directors chosen by the current Frontier directors, as described under Board of Directors and Management Following the Merger;

the opinion of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, dated February 21, 2011, to the Holly board of directors to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to various assumptions, qualifications and limitations described in the Morgan Stanley opinion included with this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex B, the exchange ratio of 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock to be issued by Holly in exchange for each outstanding share of Frontier common stock pursuant to the merger was fair, from a financial point of view, to Holly, as more fully described below under the caption Opinions of Holly s Financial Advisors Opinion of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated ; and

the opinion of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., dated February 21, 2011, to the Holly board of directors to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to various assumptions, qualifications and limitations described in the Deutsche Bank opinion included with this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex C, the exchange ratio of 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock to be issued by Holly in exchange for each outstanding share of Frontier common stock was fair, from a financial point of view, to Holly, as more fully described below under the caption Opinions of Holly s Financial Advisors Opinion of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

In addition to considering the factors described above, the Holly board of directors also considered the following factors:

its knowledge of Holly s business, operations, financial condition, earnings and prospects and its knowledge of Frontier s business, operations, financial condition, earnings and prospects, taking into account Frontier s publicly-filed information and the results of Holly s due diligence review of Frontier;

the current and prospective competitive climate in the petroleum refining and marketing industry in which Holly and Frontier operate, including the potential for further consolidation in the refining and marketing industry in North America generally and the Mid-Continent, Southwestern and Rocky Mountain regions of the United States in particular;

the long-term and recent historical trading prices with respect to shares of Holly common stock and Frontier common stock and the amount of the merger consideration;

the fact that the exchange ratio is fixed and will not fluctuate based upon changes in the market price of Holly or Frontier common stock between the date of the merger agreement and the date of the completion of the merger;

the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, including the commitments by both Holly and Frontier to complete the merger and certain reciprocal provisions that may have the effect of discouraging alternative acquisition proposals involving Frontier or Holly, and the likelihood of completing the merger;

the fact that completion of the merger is subject to the negotiation of suitable financing or refinancing for the combined company in the form of a new bank facility;

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the fact that the merger agreement does not preclude a third party from making an unsolicited proposal for a competing transaction with Holly or Frontier and, that under certain circumstances more fully described in the sections. The Merger Agreement. No Solicitation of Alternative Proposals beginning on page 97 and. The Merger Agreement. Changes in Board Recommendations beginning on page 98, Holly or Frontier, as applicable, may furnish non-public information to and enter into discussions with such third party regarding the competing transaction and the Holly or Frontier board, as applicable, may withdraw or modify its recommendations to Holly or Frontier stockholders regarding the merger; and

the combined company s ability to operate under the covenants of Holly s and Frontier s existing indebtedness and/or the combined company s ability to refinance such indebtedness on reasonable terms and the combined company s ability to increase its bank lines of credit.

The Holly board of directors weighed the foregoing against a number of potentially negative factors, including:

the restrictions on the conduct of Holly s business during the period between the execution of the merger agreement and the completion of the merger;

the costs associated with the completion of the merger and the realization of the benefits expected to be obtained in connection with the merger, including management s time and energy and potential opportunity cost;

the challenges in absorbing the effect of any failure to complete the merger, including potential termination fees and stockholder and market reactions;

the risk that regulatory agencies may not approve the merger or may impose terms and conditions on their approvals that adversely affect the business and financial results of the combined company as more fully described under the caption Regulatory Clearances Required for the Merger beginning on page 87;

the potential earnings dilution to Holly stockholders following the merger;

the challenges inherent in the combination of two businesses of the size and complexity of Holly and Frontier, including the possible diversion of management attention for an extended period of time;

the risk of not being able to realize all of the anticipated cost savings and operational synergies between Holly and Frontier and the risk that other anticipated benefits might not be realized; and

the risks of the type and nature described under Risk Factors, beginning on page 18 and the matters described under Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements beginning on page 17.

This discussion of the information and factors considered by Holly s board of directors in reaching its conclusions and recommendation includes the principal factors considered by the board, but is not intended to be exhaustive and may not include all of the factors considered by the Holly board of directors. In view of the wide variety of factors considered in connection with its evaluation of the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, and the complexity of these matters, the Holly board of directors did not find it useful and did not attempt to quantify, rank or assign any relative or specific weights to the various factors that it considered in reaching its determination to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, and to make its recommendation to Holly stockholders. Rather, the Holly board of directors viewed its decisions as being based on the totality of the information presented to it and the factors it considered, including its discussions with, and

questioning of, members of Holly s management and outside legal and financial advisors. In addition, individual members of the Holly board of directors may have assigned different weights to different factors.

Certain of Holly s directors and executive officers have financial interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, those of Holly s stockholders generally. The Holly board of directors was aware of and considered these potential interests, among other matters, in evaluating the merger and in making its recommendation to Holly stockholders. For a discussion of these interests, see Interests of Holly Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger.

The Holly board of directors unanimously approved the merger and the merger agreement and determined that the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including

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the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger, are in the best interests of Holly and its stockholders. Accordingly, the Holly board of directors unanimously recommends that the Holly stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders pursuant to the merger.

#### **Opinions of Holly s Financial Advisors**

### Opinion of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

Holly retained Morgan Stanley to provide it with financial advisory services in connection with the transaction. Holly selected Morgan Stanley to act as one of its financial advisors based on Morgan Stanley s qualifications, expertise and reputation and its knowledge of the business and affairs of Holly. At the meeting of the Holly board of directors on February 21, 2011, Morgan Stanley rendered its oral opinion, subsequently confirmed in writing, that as of such date, and based upon and subject to the various assumptions, considerations, qualifications and limitations set forth in its written opinion, the exchange ratio pursuant to the merger agreement was fair, from a financial point of view, to Holly.

The full text of the written opinion of Morgan Stanley, dated February 21, 2011, which discusses, among other things, the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, and qualifications and limitations of the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley in rendering its opinion, is attached as Annex B and incorporated by reference into this section of the joint proxy statement/prospectus. The summary of the Morgan Stanley fairness opinion provided in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion. Holly stockholders are urged to read the opinion carefully and in its entirety. The Morgan Stanley opinion is directed to the Holly board of directors, in its capacity as such, and addresses only the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the exchange ratio pursuant to the merger agreement as of the date of the opinion. The Morgan Stanley opinion does not address any other aspect of the merger and does not constitute a recommendation to any Holly or Frontier stockholder as to how any such stockholder should vote with respect to the proposed merger or any other matter.

For the purposes of its opinion, Morgan Stanley, among other things:

reviewed certain publicly available financial statements and other business and financial information of Frontier and Holly, respectively;

reviewed certain internal financial statements and other financial and operating data concerning Frontier and Holly, respectively;

reviewed certain financial forecasts prepared by the managements of Frontier and Holly, respectively, as well as certain adjustments thereto and extrapolations therefrom prepared with the guidance of members of Holly management and which had been approved for Morgan Stanley s use by Holly management;

reviewed information relating to certain strategic, financial and operational benefits anticipated from the merger, prepared by the managements of Frontier and Holly, respectively;

discussed the past and current operations and financial condition and the prospects of Frontier, including information relating to certain strategic, financial and operational benefits anticipated from the merger, with senior executives of Frontier;

discussed the past and current operations and financial condition and the prospects of Holly, including information relating to certain strategic, financial and operational benefits anticipated from the merger, with senior executives of Holly;

reviewed the pro forma impact of the merger on Holly s earnings per share, cash flow, consolidated capitalization and financial ratios;

reviewed the reported prices and trading activity for Frontier common stock and Holly common stock;

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compared the financial performance of Frontier and Holly and the prices and trading activity of Frontier common stock and Holly common stock with that of certain other publicly-traded companies that Morgan Stanley deemed comparable with Frontier and Holly, respectively, and their securities;

participated in discussions and negotiations among representatives of Frontier and Holly and their financial and legal advisors;

reviewed the merger agreement; and

performed such other analyses, reviewed such other information and considered such other factors as we have deemed appropriate.

For purposes of its opinion, Morgan Stanley assumed and relied upon, without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of the information that was publicly available or supplied or otherwise made available to it by Frontier and Holly, and formed a substantial basis for Morgan Stanley s opinion. With respect to the financial forecasts prepared by the managements of Frontier and Holly, respectively, as well as certain adjustments thereto and extrapolations therefrom prepared with guidance from Holly management and which have been approved for Morgan Stanley s use by Holly management, including information relating to certain strategic, financial and operational benefits anticipated from the merger, Morgan Stanley assumed that they were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of the respective managements of Frontier and Holly, as applicable, of the future financial performance of Frontier and Holly, respectively. Morgan Stanley relied upon, without independent verification, the assessment by the managements of Frontier and Holly of: (i) the strategic, financial and other benefits expected to result from the merger; (ii) the timing and risks associated with the integration of Frontier and Holly; (iii) their ability to retain key employees of Frontier and Holly, respectively; and (iv) the validity of, and risks associated with, Frontier s and Holly s existing and future technologies, products, services and business models. In addition, Morgan Stanley assumed that the merger will be consummated in accordance with the terms set forth in the merger agreement without any waiver, amendment or delay of any terms or conditions, including, among other things, that the merger will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, as contemplated by the merger agreement. Morgan Stanley assumed that in connection with the receipt of all the necessary governmental, regulatory or other approvals and consents required for the proposed merger, no delays, limitations, conditions or restrictions will be imposed that would have a material adverse effect on the contemplated benefits expected to be derived in the proposed merger. Morgan Stanley noted that the merger agreement contemplated that the parties may agree upon alternative structures to effect the business combination contemplated by the merger agreement; however, for purpose of its opinion, Morgan Stanley assumed with Holly s consent that no such alternative structure would be implemented.

In its opinion, Morgan Stanley noted that it is not a legal, tax or regulatory advisor and that as a financial advisor it relied upon, without independent verification, the assessment of Holly and Frontier and their respective legal, tax or regulatory advisors with respect to legal, tax or regulatory matters. Morgan Stanley expressed no opinion with respect to the fairness of the amount or nature of the compensation to any of Holly s or Frontier s officers, directors or employees, or any class of such persons, relative to the consideration to be paid to the holders of shares of Frontier s common stock in the transaction. Morgan Stanley did not make any independent valuation or appraisal of the assets or liabilities of Frontier or Holly, nor was it furnished with any such valuations or appraisals. Morgan Stanley s opinion was necessarily based on financial, economic, market and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to it as of, February 21, 2011. Events occurring after February 21, 2011 may affect Morgan Stanley s opinion and the assumptions used in preparing it, and Morgan Stanley did not assume any obligation to update, revise or reaffirm its opinion. Morgan Stanley s opinion did not in any manner address the prices at which Holly common stock or Frontier common stock would trade either prior to or following consummation of the merger.

The following is a summary of the material financial analyses performed by Morgan Stanley in connection with its opinion, dated as of February 21, 2011. Some of these summaries include information in tabular format. In order to understand fully the financial analyses used by Morgan Stanley, the tables must be read together with the text of each summary. The tables alone do not constitute a complete description of the analyses. Furthermore, mathematical analysis (such as determining the average or median) is not in itself a meaningful method of using the data referred to below.

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#### Historical Exchange Ratio Analysis

Morgan Stanley reviewed the stock price performance of Frontier and Holly during various periods ending on February 18, 2011, the last full trading day prior to the rendering of Morgan Stanley s opinion dated February 21, 2011. Morgan Stanley then calculated the daily historical exchange ratios during the period between February 15, 2008 and February 18, 2011 implied by dividing the Frontier closing price for the relevant date by the Holly closing price for such date. Morgan Stanley then calculated the average, minimum or maximum of the resulting exchange ratios, as applicable, across certain periods within the three-year time range. Morgan Stanley compared the exchange ratio of 0.4811 provided for in the merger agreement with historical exchange ratios for such dates and periods. The following table lists the implied exchange ratios for these dates and periods:

	Implied Exchange Ratio Period Ending February 18, 2011
Maximum Since February 18, 2010	0.5650
Minimum Since February 18, 2010	0.3960
Average Since December 17, 2010	0.4363
Average Since August 18, 2010	0.4411
Average Since February 18, 2010	0.4742
Average Since February 15, 2008	0.5662

The exchange ratio of 0.4811 provided for in the merger agreement reflects an implied discount of 4.0% to the market exchange ratio on February 18, 2011 (0.5012), or an implied discount of 3.0% to the market exchange ratio on February 18, 2011, as adjusted for a special catch-up cash dividend (which was assumed to be \$0.28/share per the merger agreement), the concept of which was publicly discussed by Frontier management prior to the announcement of the merger agreement and expected to be paid to Frontier shareholders in March 2011 (as adjusted for such a dividend, 0.4962).

#### Equity Research Analyst Price Targets

Morgan Stanley reviewed selected public market trading price targets for Frontier common stock prepared and published by 11 equity research analysts that published or confirmed price targets for Frontier after February 1, 2011 and prior to February 18, 2011. For purposes of this analysis, Morgan Stanley assumed that the analysts who published research reports after February 1, 2011 and prior to February 18, 2011 and who did not adjust their prior stock price targets, were deemed to have confirmed their pre-existing price targets. Morgan Stanley reviewed the most recent price target published by each analyst. These targets reflect each analyst s estimate of the future public market trading price of Frontier common stock at the time the price target was published. At February 18, 2011, the range of selected equity analyst price targets for Frontier common stock was from approximately \$19 to \$33 per share (or approximately \$17 to \$30 per share if discounted for an illustrative twelve months at an 11% cost of equity). Morgan Stanley noted that the Frontier closing price on February 18, 2011 was \$28.12 per share.

Morgan Stanley also reviewed selected public market trading price targets for Holly common stock prepared and published by nine equity research analysts that published or confirmed price targets for Holly after February 1, 2011 and prior to February 18, 2011. Price targets were assumed to be confirmed if the analyst published estimates after February 1, 2011 and prior to February 18, 2011. Morgan Stanley reviewed the most recent price target published by each analyst. These targets reflect each analyst s estimate of the future public market trading price of Holly common

stock at the time the price target was published. At February 18, 2011, the range of selected equity analyst price targets for Holly common stock was from approximately \$40 to \$77 per share (or approximately \$36 to \$69 per share if discounted for an illustrative twelve months at an 11% cost of equity). Morgan Stanley noted that the Holly closing price on February 18, 2011 was \$56.11 per share.

Morgan Stanley calculated the exchange ratio implied by the analyst price targets for Holly and Frontier (only with respect to such analysts that published price targets for both Holly and Frontier) by dividing the Frontier price target by the Holly price target provided by the same analyst. This analysis implied a range of exchange ratios of 0.4151 to 0.5167 based on price targets published or confirmed after February 1, 2011 and prior to February 18,

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2011. Price targets were assumed to be confirmed if the analyst published estimates after February 1, 2011 and prior to February 18, 2011. Morgan Stanley noted that the merger agreement provided for an exchange ratio of 0.4811.

The public market trading price targets published by securities research analysts do not necessarily reflect current market trading prices for shares of Frontier common stock and shares of Holly common stock and these estimates are subject to uncertainties, including the future financial performance of Frontier and Holly and future financial market conditions.

#### Comparable Company Analysis

Morgan Stanley compared certain financial information of each of Holly and Frontier with publicly available consensus earnings and EBITDA estimates for other companies that shared similar business characteristics to Holly and Frontier, respectively. The companies used in this comparison were:

Alon USA Energy, Inc. CVR Energy, Inc. Delek US Holdings, Inc. Frontier Oil Corporation Holly Corporation Sunoco, Inc. Tesoro Corporation Valero Energy Corporation Western Refining, Inc.

For purposes of this analysis, Morgan Stanley used the median estimates of those estimates published publicly by equity research analysts for each company after February 1, 2011 and prior to February 18, 2011. In cases where there was limited information available on this basis, Morgan Stanley used the median of the two most recent estimates, when available (in either case, referred to here as consensus estimates ).

Morgan Stanley analyzed the ratio of aggregate value, defined as market capitalization plus total debt, noncontrolling interest and preferred equity less cash and cash equivalents, to consensus estimates of EBITDA for calendar years 2011 and 2012 for each of these companies, referred to as AV/EBITDA multiple. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. For Holly, Morgan Stanley presented the AV/EBITDA multiple on both a consolidated and deconsolidated basis. The deconsolidated AV/EBITDA multiple estimated the hypothetical trading multiple of Holly s refining operations by excluding the estimated contribution of Holly s interests in HEP and the UNEV Pipeline, LLC (UNEV Pipeline) from both the aggregate value and EBITDA. Morgan Stanley observed a range of AV/EBITDA multiples for these companies based on 2011 consensus estimates of 4.4x to 7.8x and AV/EBITDA multiples for these companies based on 2012 consensus estimates of 4.3x to 7.1x.

Morgan Stanley also analyzed the ratio of stock price per share to the consensus estimates of EPS, or earnings per share, referred to as P/E, for calendar years 2011 and 2012. Morgan Stanley observed a range of P/E multiples for these companies of 9.5x to 25.0x for calendar year 2011 and of 8.9x to 17.2x for calendar year 2012.

Based on an analysis of the relevant metrics for each of the comparable companies, Morgan Stanley selected (i) reference ranges of AV/EBITDA multiples of 4.5x to 6.5x and P/E multiples of 10.0x to 12.0x for the comparable companies and applied these ranges of multiples to consensus estimates for calendar year 2011 EBITDA and EPS for Holly and Frontier, and (ii) reference ranges of AV/EBITDA multiples of 5.0x to 6.5x and P/E multiples of 11.0x to 14.5x and applied these ranges of multiples to consensus estimates for calendar year 2012 EBITDA and EPS for Holly and Frontier.

In the case of Holly, the value ranges implied by the AV/EBITDA multiples were adjusted to account for the value of Holly's interests in HEP and the UNEV Pipeline. The AV/EBITDA multiples outlined above were only applied to EBITDA attributable to Holly's refining operations, calculated as the consensus estimates for Holly's EBITDA less the consensus estimates for HEP s EBITDA less the estimated EBITDA contribution from Holly's interest in the UNEV Pipeline, which was assumed to be transferred to HEP at year end 2011. Incremental value was added when calculating the price per share of Holly's stock to reflect Holly's interests in HEP and the UNEV

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Pipeline. Holly s estimated value in the limited partnership interests of HEP was based on the public trading value of those limited partnership interests. Holly s estimated value in the general partnership interests of HEP was based on the public trading values of comparable general partnership interests. Holly s estimated value in the UNEV Pipeline was based on the forecasted capital contribution in the UNEV Pipeline as of December 31, 2010.

Similarly, Morgan Stanley only applied P/E multiples to the consensus estimates for 2011 EPS for Holly excluding the estimated contribution of UNEV Pipeline earnings for the second half of 2011 and the estimated value of Holly s interest in the UNEV Pipeline was added when calculating the resulting price per share of Holly s stock.

Based on the consensus estimates, the estimated value of Holly s interests in HEP and the UNEV Pipeline and each company s respective forecasted outstanding net debt as of December 31, 2010, with Holly s net debt unconsolidated for HEP s net debt, Morgan Stanley estimated the following implied value ranges for shares of Frontier and Holly, respectively, on a fully diluted basis:

	Company Trading Analysis (consensus estimates)	Share Price (approximate value range)
Frontier	AV/EBITDA multiple for estimated calendar year 2011	\$ 24 to \$33
	AV/EBITDA multiple for estimated calendar year 2012	\$ 22 to \$29
	P/E multiple for estimated calendar year 2011	\$ 24 to \$29
	P/E multiple for estimated calendar year 2012	\$ 22 to \$29
Holly	AV/EBITDA multiple for estimated calendar year 2011	\$ 57 to \$76
	AV/EBITDA multiple for estimated calendar year 2012	\$ 55 to \$67
	P/E multiple for estimated calendar year 2011	\$ 52 to \$62
	P/E multiple for estimated calendar year 2012	\$ 50 to \$66

Morgan Stanley noted that the Frontier closing price on February 18, 2011 was \$28.12 per share and that Holly closing price on February 18, 2011 was \$56.11 per share.

Morgan Stanley noted that such analyses indicated a range of implied exchange ratios of 0.3147 to 0.5923 based on AV/EBITDA multiples for calendar year 2011, 0.3355 to 0.5251 based on AV/EBITDA multiples for calendar year 2012, 0.3837 to 0.5469 based on P/E multiples for calendar year 2011, and 0.3299 to 0.5732 based on P/E multiples for calendar year 2012. Morgan Stanley noted that the merger agreement provided for an exchange ratio of 0.4811.

No company utilized in the comparable company analysis is identical to Holly or Frontier (other than the companies themselves, as applicable). In evaluating comparable companies, Morgan Stanley made judgments and assumptions with regard to industry performance, general business, economic, market and financial conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond the control of Holly and Frontier, such as the impact of competition on the businesses of Holly and Frontier and the industry generally, industry growth and the absence of any adverse material change in the financial condition and prospects of Holly and Frontier or the industry or in the financial markets in general.

#### Discounted Cash Flow Analysis

Morgan Stanley performed a discounted cash flow analysis, which is designed to estimate the value of a company by calculating the present value of estimated future cash flows of the company. Morgan Stanley calculated a range of equity values per fully diluted share for each of Holly and Frontier based on projections of cash flows for the calendar years 2011 through 2015 and an estimate to the terminal value after 2015.

For the purposes of the discounted cash flow analysis Morgan Stanley used certain financial forecasts prepared by the managements of Frontier and Holly, respectively, as well as certain adjustments thereto and extrapolations therefrom prepared with the guidance of Holly management and which had been approved for Morgan Stanley s use by Holly management, which is referred to below as the Holly management case. Morgan Stanley also reviewed the potential impact of two additional sensitivity scenarios (each of which was prepared with guidance from Holly management) on the projected value of both Frontier and Holly cash flows. The first scenario, Holly management

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sensitivity case #1, assumed a wider light/heavy differential, a wider sweet/sour differential, a heavier/more sour crude slate (for Frontier only) and a wider lubes to WTI spread than the Holly management case in the estimated calendar years 2011 through 2015. The second scenario, Holly management sensitivity case #2, used the same assumptions as the Holly management sensitivity case #1 except for a wider light/heavy differential for the estimated calendar years 2011 through 2015.

In arriving at the estimated equity values per share of Frontier or Holly common stock, as applicable, Morgan Stanley estimated a range of terminal values by multiplying Frontier s or Holly s estimated mid-cycle EBITDA (based on the 2006-2010 average prices of selected commodities, when full year data were available) by EBITDA multiples ranging from 4.5x to 6.0x. Morgan Stanley then discounted Frontier s or Holly s forecasted unlevered free cash flows, as applicable, defined as net operating profit after tax plus depreciation and amortization, other non-cash items and net proceeds from asset sales less changes in working capital, changes in other assets and liabilities and capital expenditures, and the estimated terminal value, in each case to a present value using discount rates ranging from 9.0% to 11.0%. These discount rates were based on Morgan Stanley s judgment of the estimated range of Frontier s or Holly s weighted average cost of capital, as applicable.

In the case of Holly, Morgan Stanley s discounted cash flow analysis excluded cash flows attributable to HEP. To estimate the implied Holly price per share Morgan Stanley included estimates for the value of Holly s interests in HEP based on the public trading value of the limited partnership interests and the public trading values of comparable general partnership interests. These estimated values were added to the equity value implied by the discounted cash flow analysis to derive an estimated equity value for Holly.

Based on the foregoing analysis and the forecasted cash and cash equivalents and debt outstanding of Frontier as of December 31, 2010 the discounted cash flow analysis of Frontier yielded an implied value range for Frontier common stock of approximately \$25 to \$32 per share, on a fully diluted basis. Morgan Stanley noted that the Frontier closing price on February 18, 2011 was \$28.12 per share. Based on the foregoing analysis and the forecasted unconsolidated cash and cash equivalents and debt outstanding of Holly as of December 31, 2010, the discounted cash flow analysis of Holly, including the incremental value associated with HEP, yielded an implied value range for Holly common stock of approximately \$66 to \$82 per share, on a fully diluted basis, based on the Holly management case. Morgan Stanley noted that the Holly closing price on February 18, 2011 was \$56.11 per share.

Based on the foregoing analysis and the forecasted cash and cash equivalents and debt outstanding of Frontier as of December 31, 2010 the discounted cash flow analysis of Frontier yielded (i) an implied value range for Frontier common stock of approximately \$32 to \$39 per share, on a fully diluted basis, in the Holly management sensitivity case #1, and (ii) an implied value range for Frontier common stock of approximately \$35 to \$42 per share, on a fully diluted basis, in the Holly management sensitivity case #2. Morgan Stanley noted that Frontier closing price on February 18, 2011 was \$28.12 per share. Based on the foregoing analysis and the forecasted unconsolidated cash and cash equivalents and debt outstanding of Holly as of December 31, 2010, the discounted cash flow analysis of Holly, including the incremental value associated with HEP, yielded (i) an implied value range for Holly common stock of approximately \$75 to \$92 per share, on a fully diluted basis, in the Holly management sensitivity case #1, and (ii) an implied value range for Holly common stock of approximately \$77 to \$94 per share, on a fully diluted basis, in the Holly management sensitivity case #2. Morgan Stanley noted that Holly closing price on February 18, 2011 was \$56.11 per share.

Morgan Stanley noted that such discounted cash flow analysis for Frontier and Holly implied a range of exchange ratios of 0.3086 to 0.4769 based on the Holly management case. Based on the Holly management sensitivity case #1, the implied range of exchange ratios was 0.3528 to 0.5164 and in the Holly management sensitivity case #2, the range was 0.3713 to 0.5360. Morgan Stanley noted that the merger agreement provided for an exchange ratio of 0.4811.

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Contribution Analysis

Morgan Stanley reviewed the relative contributions of Holly and Frontier to the following estimated financial and operating metrics of the combined company for 2010-2012, based on the Holly management case and the consensus estimates:

**EBITDA** 

Net income

Capacity

Complex capacity

In the foregoing analysis, Holly s EBITDA was adjusted to exclude the contribution from HEP and the UNEV Pipeline. When calculating the resulting equity value contribution for Holly, Morgan Stanley included estimates for the value of Holly s interests in HEP based on the public trading value of the limited partnership interests and the public trading values of comparable general partnership interests as well as an estimated value of Holly s interest in the UNEV Pipeline based on the forecasted capital contribution as of December 31, 2010. To better align EBITDA for Frontier and Holly on an accounting basis, Morgan Stanley excluded approximately \$25 million in amortization of turnaround costs from Frontier s operating expenses in the Holly management case. Morgan Stanley also excluded UNEV Pipeline earnings contribution for the second half of 2011 from estimates of Holly s net income and included an estimated value of Holly s interest in the UNEV Pipeline based on the forecasted capital contribution as of December 31, 2010 when calculating Holly s equity contribution.

Based on the foregoing, Morgan Stanley calculated implied exchange ratios, or exchange ratio ranges, as applicable, taking into account the impact of each company s respective forecasted outstanding net debt as of December 31, 2010, with Holly s net debt unconsolidated for HEP s net debt, of:

	Company Trading Analysis	<b>Exchange Ratio</b>
<b>Management Case</b>	AV/EBITDA multiple for estimated calendar years 2010-2012	0.3117-0.4180
	P/E multiple for estimated calendar years 2010-2012	0.1821-0.4392
<b>Consensus Estimates</b>	AV/EBITDA multiple for estimated calendar years 2010-2012	0.2799-0.4904
	P/E multiple for estimated calendar years 2010-2012	0.2122-0.5820
Capacity		0.3125
<b>Complex Capacity</b>		0.2715

Morgan Stanley noted that the merger agreement provided for an exchange ratio of 0.4811.

### General

Morgan Stanley performed a variety of financial and comparative analyses for purposes of rendering its opinion. The preparation of a financial opinion is a complex process and is not necessarily susceptible to a partial analysis or summary description. In arriving at its opinion, Morgan Stanley considered the results of all of its analyses as a whole and did not attribute any particular weight to any analysis or factor it considered. Morgan Stanley believes that selecting any portion of its analyses, without considering all analyses as a whole, would create an incomplete view of the process underlying its analyses and opinion. In addition, Morgan Stanley may have given various analyses and

factors more or less weight than other analyses and factors, and may have deemed various assumptions more or less probable than other assumptions. As a result, the ranges of valuations resulting from any particular analysis described above should not be taken to be Morgan Stanley s view of the actual value of Holly or Frontier. In performing its analyses, Morgan Stanley made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, general business and economic conditions and other matters. Many of these assumptions are beyond the control of Holly and Frontier. Any estimates contained in Morgan Stanley s analyses are not necessarily indicative of future results or actual values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those suggested by such estimates.

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Morgan Stanley conducted the analyses described above solely as part of its analysis of the fairness, from a financial point of view, to Holly of the exchange ratio pursuant to the merger agreement and in connection with the delivery of its opinion to the Holly board of directors. These analyses do not purport to be appraisals or to reflect the prices at which shares of common stock of Holly or Frontier might actually trade.

Morgan Stanley s opinion and its presentation to the Holly board of directors was one of many factors taken into consideration by the Holly board of directors in deciding to approve, adopt and authorize the merger agreement. Consequently, the analyses as described above should not be viewed as determinative of the opinion of the Holly board of directors with respect to the exchange ratio or of whether the Holly board of directors would have been willing to agree to a different exchange ratio. The exchange ratio was determined through arm s-length negotiations between Holly and Frontier and was approved by the Holly board of directors. Morgan Stanley provided advice to Holly during these negotiations. Morgan Stanley did not, however, recommend any specific exchange ratio to Holly or that any specific exchange ratio constituted the only appropriate consideration for the merger.

Morgan Stanley s opinion was approved by a committee of Morgan Stanley investment banking and other professionals in accordance with its customary practice.

Morgan Stanley is a global financial services firm engaged in the securities, investment management and individual wealth management businesses. Its securities business is engaged in securities underwriting, trading and brokerage activities, foreign exchange, commodities and derivatives trading, prime brokerage, as well as providing investment banking, financing and financial advisory services. Morgan Stanley, its affiliates, directors and officers may at any time invest on a principal basis or manage funds that invest, hold long or short positions, finance positions, and may trade or otherwise structure and effect transactions, for their own account or the accounts of its customers, in debt or equity securities or loans of Holly, Frontier, or any other company, or any currency or commodity, that may be involved in this transaction, or any related derivative instrument.

Under the terms of its engagement letter, Morgan Stanley provided Holly with financial advisory services in connection with the merger for which it will be paid a fee of \$5,125,000, a portion of which became payable at the time of public announcement of the merger and a substantial portion of which is contingent upon, and will become payable upon, completion of the merger. In addition, Holly may pay to Morgan Stanley an additional discretionary fee if Holly so determines in its sole discretion. Furthermore, Holly has also agreed to reimburse Morgan Stanley for its expenses incurred in performing its services. In addition, Holly has agreed to indemnify Morgan Stanley and its affiliates, their respective directors, officers, agents and employees and each person, if any, controlling Morgan Stanley or any of its affiliates against certain liabilities and expenses, including certain liabilities under the federal securities laws, related to or arising out of Morgan Stanley s engagement. In May 2011, Holly requested an affiliate of Morgan Stanley to participate as a lender under the New Senior Credit Facility described under The Merger Credit Agreements. Morgan Stanley currently anticipates that such affiliate may participate as a lender and would receive customary compensation in connection therewith. In addition, Morgan Stanley may seek to provide additional financial advisory and financing services to Holly in the future and would expect to receive fees for the rendering of these services.

#### Opinion of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

Deutsche Bank has acted as one of Holly s financial advisors in connection with the merger. At the meeting of the Holly board of directors on February 21, 2011 Deutsche Bank delivered its oral opinion, subsequently confirmed in writing, to the Holly board of directors to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to various assumptions, matters considered and limitations described in the Deutsche Bank opinion, the exchange ratio was fair, from a financial point of view, to Holly.

The full text of the written opinion of Deutsche Bank, dated February 21, 2011, which sets forth the assumptions made, matters considered and limits on the review undertaken by Deutsche Bank in rendering its opinion, is included as Annex C to this joint proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein by reference. Holly s stockholders are encouraged to read the opinion in its entirety. Deutsche Bank expressed no opinion or recommendation as to how any holder of Holly common stock should vote with respect to the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. The summary of the Deutsche Bank opinion set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion included as Annex C.

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In connection with its role as one of Holly s financial advisors, and in arriving at its opinion, Deutsche Bank, among other things:

reviewed certain publicly available financial and other information concerning Holly and Frontier;

reviewed certain internal analyses and other information relating to Holly prepared by management of Holly;

reviewed certain internal analyses and other information relating to Frontier prepared by the management of Frontier:

reviewed certain forecast operating and financial statistics relating to Holly and Frontier prepared by the managements of Holly and Frontier, respectively, as well as financial forecasts prepared therefrom by management of Holly and approved for Deutsche Bank s use by the management of Holly;

held discussions with members of management of Holly and Frontier regarding the businesses and prospects of Holly and Frontier, respectively, and the prospects of the combined company, including, without limitation, certain cost savings and operating synergies jointly projected by the managements of Frontier and Holly to result from the merger;

reviewed the reported prices and trading activity for both Holly common stock and Frontier common stock;

to the extent publicly available, compared certain financial and stock market information for Holly and Frontier with similar information for certain other companies Deutsche Bank considered relevant whose securities are publicly traded,

reviewed the merger agreement; and

performed such other studies and analyses and considered such other factors as Deutsche Bank deemed appropriate.

Deutsche Bank did not assume responsibility for independent verification of, and did not independently verify, any information, whether publicly available or furnished to it, concerning Holly or Frontier, including, without limitation, any financial information considered in connection with the rendering of its opinion. Accordingly, for purposes of its opinion, Deutsche Bank, with Holly s permission, assumed and relied upon the accuracy and completeness of all such information. Deutsche Bank did not conduct a physical inspection of any of the properties or assets, and did not prepare or obtain any independent evaluation or appraisal of any of the assets or liabilities (including, without limitation, any contingent, derivative or off-balance-sheet assets and liabilities), of Holly or Frontier or any of their respective subsidiaries, nor did it evaluate the solvency or fair value of Holly or Frontier under any state or federal law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or similar matters. With respect to financial forecasts and projections, including, without limitation, the analyses and forecasts of certain cost savings, operating efficiencies, revenue effects and financial synergies and other strategic benefits jointly prepared and expected by Frontier and Holly to be achieved as a result of the merger (collectively, the Synergies ), made available to Deutsche Bank and used in its analyses, Deutsche Bank assumed with Holly s permission that they had been reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of the management of Holly and Frontier as to the matters covered thereby. In rendering its opinion, Deutsche Bank expressed no view as to the reasonableness of such forecasts and projections, including, without limitation, the Synergies, or the assumptions on which they were based. Deutsche Bank s opinion was necessarily based upon economic, market and other conditions, and the information made available to it, as of the date thereof. Deutsche Bank expressly disclaimed any undertaking or obligation to advise any person of any change in any fact or matter affecting its opinion of which it became aware after the date thereof.

For purposes of rendering its opinion, Deutsche Bank assumed with Holly s permission that, in all respects material to its analysis, the merger would be consummated in accordance with its terms, without any material waiver, modification or amendment of any term, condition or agreement. Deutsche Bank also assumed at Holly s direction that the merger would qualify for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization under the provisions of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Deutsche Bank also assumed that all material governmental, regulatory, contractual or other approvals and consents required in connection with the

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consummation of the merger would be obtained and that in connection with obtaining any necessary governmental, regulatory, contractual or other approvals and consents, no material restrictions, terms or conditions would be imposed. Deutsche Bank is not a legal, regulatory, tax or accounting expert and has relied on the assessments made by Holly and its advisors with respect to such issues.

The Deutsche Bank opinion was approved and authorized for issuance by a fairness opinion review committee and was addressed to, and for the use and benefit of, the board of directors of Holly. The opinion was limited to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the Company of the exchange ratio. Holly did not ask Deutsche Bank to, and the opinion of Deutsche Bank did not, address the fairness of the merger, or any consideration received in connection therewith, to the holders of any class of securities, creditors or other constituencies of Holly, nor did it address the fairness of the contemplated benefits of the merger. Deutsche Bank did not express any view on, and its opinion did not address, any other term or aspect of the merger agreement or the merger or any term or aspect of any other agreement or instrument contemplated by the merger agreement or entered into or amended in connection with the merger. Deutsche Bank expressed no opinion as to the merits of the underlying decision by Holly to engage in the merger or the relative merits of the merger as compared to any alternative business strategies, nor did it express an opinion or recommendation as to how any holder of Holly common stock should vote with respect to the merger. Deutsche Bank did not express any view or opinion as to the fairness, financial or otherwise, of the amount or nature of any compensation payable to or to be received by any of the officers, directors or employees of Holly or Frontier, or any class of such persons, in connection with the merger whether relative to the amounts to be received by any other person pursuant to the merger agreement or otherwise. The Deutsche Bank opinion did not in any manner address the prices at which Holly common stock or Frontier common stock will trade following the announcement or consummation of the merger.

Summary of Material Financial Analyses. The following is a summary of the material financial analyses contained in the presentation that was made by Deutsche Bank to the Holly board of directors on February 21, 2011 and that were used by Deutsche Bank in connection with rendering its opinion described above. The following summary, however, does not purport to be a complete description of the financial analyses performed by Deutsche Bank, nor does the order of analyses described represent relative importance or weight given to those analyses by Deutsche Bank. Some of the summaries of the financial analyses include information presented in tabular format. The tables must be read together with the full text of each summary and are alone not a complete description of Deutsche Bank s financial analyses. Except as otherwise noted, the following quantitative information, to the extent that it is based on market data, is based on market data as it existed on or before February 18, 2011, and is not necessarily indicative of current market conditions.

Historical Exchange Ratio Analysis. Deutsche Bank reviewed the trading prices of Frontier common stock and Holly common stock for the period from February 18, 2008 through February 18, 2011. For each trading day during that period, Deutsche Bank derived the implied historical exchange ratio by dividing the closing price per share of Frontier common stock by the closing price per share of Holly common stock. The following table sets forth the average implied historical exchange ratios as of February 18, 2011 and for the specified periods ended February 18, 2011 and the premium represented by such ratio as compared to the exchange ratio of 0.4811x.

Period	Implied Historical Exchange Ratio	Premium/(Discount) of Exchange Ratio to Implied Historical Exchange Ratio
Current(1) Adjusted(2)	0.5012x 0.4962x	(4.0)% (3.0)%

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LTM high	0.5650x	(14.8)%
LTM low	0.3960x	21.5%
Prior 2-month period	0.4363x	10.3%
Prior 6-month period	0.4411x	9.1%
Prior 1-year period	0.4742x	1.5%
Prior 3-year period	0.5662x	(15.0)%

(1) Market data as of February 18, 2011.

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(2) Adjusted for Frontier catch-up dividend of \$0.28 per share.

Historical Share Price Analysis. Deutsche Bank noted that the low and high closing prices per share of Frontier common stock during the 52-week period ending on February 18, 2011 were \$11.38 and \$29.27, respectively. Deutsche Bank also noted that the low and high closing prices per share of Holly common stock during the same period were \$23.32 and \$61.91, respectively. Deutsche Bank noted that the range of implied exchange ratios during the 52-week period ending on February 18, 2011 was 0.3960x to 0.5650x as compared to the exchange ratio of 0.4811x.

Analyst Price Targets. Deutsche Bank reviewed the price targets for Frontier common stock prepared and published by 11 equity research analysts who published price targets on or after February 1, 2011 and the price targets for Holly common stock prepared and published by nine equity research analysts who published price targets on or after February 1, 2011. These targets reflect each analyst s estimate of the future public market trading price of Frontier common stock and Holly common stock and are not discounted to reflect present values.

Deutsche Bank noted that the range of undiscounted equity analyst price targets of Frontier common stock was between \$19.00 and \$33.00 per share and the range of undiscounted equity analyst price targets of Holly common stock was between \$40.00 and \$77.00 per share. Deutsche Bank calculated that the implied exchange ratio based on the price targets of the nine equity research analysts who published price targets for both Frontier and Holly ranged from 0.4151x to 0.5167x as compared to the exchange ratio of 0.4811x.

Selected Companies Analysis. Deutsche Bank reviewed and compared certain financial information, ratios and public market multiples for Holly and Frontier to the corresponding financial information, ratios and public market multiples for the following publicly traded corporations in the refining and related sectors (the Selected Companies):

Alon USA Energy, Inc.

CVR Energy, Inc.

Delek US Holdings, Inc.

Sunoco, Inc.

**Tesoro Corporation** 

Valero Energy Corporation

Western Refining, Inc.

Although none of the Selected Companies is directly comparable to Holly or Frontier, the companies included were chosen because they are publicly traded companies with operations that for purposes of analysis may be considered similar to certain operations of Holly and Frontier.

In its analysis, Deutsche Bank derived and compared multiples for Frontier, Holly, Holly s refining business on a standalone basis after removal of certain non-refining operations (HEP and UNEV pipeline), referred to herein as Holly Refining, and the Selected Companies, calculated as follows:

enterprise value as a multiple of estimated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, commonly referred to as EBITDA, for calendar year 2011, which is referred to below as 2011E EV/EBITDA;

enterprise value as a multiple of estimated EBITDA for calendar year 2012, which is referred to below as 2012E EV/EBITDA;

price per share divided by estimated earnings per share, commonly referred to as EPS, for calendar year 2011, which is referred to below as 2011E P/E; and

price per share divided by estimated EPS for calendar year 2012, which is referred to below as 2012E P/E.

The multiples and ratios for each of the Selected Companies were calculated using the closing price of the Selected Companies common stock on February 18, 2011 and were based on the most recent publicly available

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information and information from Capital IQ. The multiples and ratios for Frontier and Holly were calculated using closing prices per share of Frontier common stock and Holly common stock on February 18, 2011 and were based on the median estimates from research analysts who published estimates on or after February 1, 2011. The multiples and ratios for Holly Refining were calculated using closing prices per share of Holly common stock on February 18, 2011 and the median estimates from research analysts who published estimates on or after February 1, 2011, subject to certain adjustments to account for the removal of non-refining operations.

This analysis indicated the following multiples:

	Range(1)	Median(2)	Frontier	Holly	Holly Refining
2011E EV/EBITDA	4.7x - 7.8x	5.2x	5.4x	6.4x	4.4x
2012E EV/EBITDA	4.3x - 6.4x	5.9x	6.4x	7.1x	5.2x
2011E P/E(3)	9.5x - 25.0x	11.6x	11.8x	11.3x	n/a
2012E P/E(3)	8.9x - 17.2x	11.7x	14.3x	12.4x	n/a

- (1) Selected Companies only, excludes Frontier, Holly and Holly Refining.
- (2) Median excludes CVR Energy Inc. and Sunoco, Inc.
- (3) Range and median exclude Alon USA Energy, Inc. and Holly Refining.

Deutsche Bank selected representative ranges of financial multiples of the selected companies and applied these ranges of multiples to the relevant Frontier and Holly statistics. This analysis indicated the following ranges of implied values per share for Frontier common stock and implied values per share for Holly common stock:

	Reference Range	Implied Per Share Value for Frontier	Implied Per Share Value for Holly
2011E EV/EBITDA	5.0x - 6.5x	\$26.19 - \$33.45	\$61.41 - \$75.22
2012E EV/EBITDA	5.0x - 6.5x	\$22.48 - \$28.62	\$54.84 - \$66.67
2011E P/E	11.0x - 14.0x	\$26.18 - \$33.32	\$57.13 - \$71.84
2012E P/E	11.5x - 14.5x	\$22.66 - \$28.57	\$52.10 - \$65.69

Deutsche Bank also calculated the exchange ratios implied by dividing the low end of the implied equity value per share of Frontier common stock for each financial multiple by the high end of the implied equity value per share of Holly common stock for such financial multiple and the exchange ratios implied by dividing the high end of the implied equity value per share of Frontier common stock for each multiple by the low end of the implied equity value per share of Holly common stock for such financial multiple. This analysis indicated the following range of implied exchange ratios as compared to the exchange ratio of 0.4811x:

**Implied Exchange Ratio** 

2011E EV/EBITDA 0.3482x - 0.5447x

2012E EV/EBITDA	0.3371x - 0.5219x
2011E P/E	0.3644x - 0.5833x
2012E P/E	0.3449x - 0.5483x

Discounted Cash Flow Analysis. Deutsche Bank performed a discounted cash flow analysis to determine a range of implied present values per share of Frontier common stock based on projected unlevered free cash flows for Frontier on a standalone basis for the years ending December 31, 2011 through 2015, using estimates from Holly management. The analysis was based on a range of discount rates from 9.0% to 11.0% and a terminal value based on multiples ranging from 5.0x to 6.0x applied to Frontier s mid-cycle EBITDA. The terminal multiple range was based on the average forward-looking EBITDA multiples for publicly traded corporations in the refining and related sectors during the period from 2006 to 2010. Frontier s mid-cycle EBITDA was calculated by applying average product and input pricing spreads and average crude oil pricing differentials from 2006 to 2010 to Frontier s

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forecasted operating configuration. This analysis indicated the following range of implied per share present values for Frontier common stock:

### **Holly Management Case**

**Holly Management Sensitivity Case 1** 

\$26.79 - \$31.65

\$33.68 - \$38.83

Deutsche Bank also performed a discounted cash flow analysis to determine a range of implied present values per share of Holly common stock based on projected unlevered free cash flows for Holly on a standalone basis for the years ending December 31, 2011 through 2015, using estimates from Holly management and the same methodology described above. This analysis indicated the following range of implied per share present values for Holly common stock:

### **Holly Management Case**

**Holly Management Sensitivity Case 1** 

\$69.93 - \$82.24

\$78.81 - \$91.52

Deutsche Bank also calculated the exchange ratios implied by dividing the low end of the implied equity value per share of Frontier common stock by the corresponding high end of the implied equity value per share of Holly common stock and by dividing the high end of the implied equity value per share of Frontier common stock by the corresponding low end of the implied equity value per share of Holly. This analysis indicated the following range of implied exchange ratios as compared to the exchange ratio of 0.4811x:

### **Holly Management Case**

**Holly Management Sensitivity Case 1** 

0.3257x - 0.4526x

0.3680x - 0.4927x

*Pro Forma Analysis.* Deutsche Bank performed an illustrative pro forma transaction analysis of the potential financial impact of the merger on Holly s estimated EPS for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 under various scenarios including Synergies ranging from \$15 to \$45 million (of which only one-half are realized in 2011) and the potential refinancing or redemption of Frontier s existing bonds. In this analysis, earnings estimates for Frontier and Holly were based on Holly management projections and consensus estimates. Based upon the Holly management estimates, Deutsche Bank s analysis indicated a range of 3.2% dilution to 1.8% accretion in 2011 and a range of 0.3% dilution to 6.5% accretion in 2012. Based upon the consensus estimates, Deutsche Bank s analysis indicated a range of 2.8% to 7.7% accretion in 2011 and a range of 0.4% dilution to 6.9% accretion in 2012.

Precedent Merger of Equals Transactions Analysis. Deutsche Bank reviewed the premiums paid in 28 transactions announced as merger of equals transactions with a greater than 40% target ownership announced between April 22, 1996 and February 9, 2011. Deutsche Bank then calculated the premium reflected by the exchange ratio in each transaction over the average exchange ratio for the 30 days preceding announcement of the transaction. Deutsche Bank noted that the mean premium was 4.1%, the median premium was 2.6% and the premium for the merger was 11%.

*General.* The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex process and is not necessarily susceptible to partial analysis or summary description. Selecting portions of the analyses or of the summary set forth above, without considering the analyses as a whole, could create an incomplete view of the processes underlying Deutsche Bank s

opinion. In arriving at its fairness determination, Deutsche Bank considered the results of all of its analyses and did not attribute any particular weight to any factor or analysis considered by it. Rather, Deutsche Bank made its determination as to fairness on the basis of experience and professional judgment after considering the results of all of its analyses. No company (other than Holly or Frontier) or transaction used in the above analyses as a comparison is directly comparable to Holly or Frontier or the merger.

Deutsche Bank prepared these analyses for purposes of providing its opinion to the Holly board of directors as to the fairness to Holly from a financial point of view of the exchange ratio of 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock to be issued in the merger for each share of Frontier common stock. These analyses do not purport to be appraisals nor do they necessarily reflect the prices at which businesses or securities actually may be sold. Analyses based upon forecasts of future results, including estimates of the Synergies, are not necessarily indicative of actual future results, which may be significantly more or less favorable than suggested by these analyses. Because these analyses are inherently subject to uncertainty, being based upon numerous factors or events beyond the control of the parties

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or their respective advisors, none of Holly, Frontier, Deutsche Bank or any other person assumes responsibility if future results are materially different from those forecast.

The exchange ratio of 0.4811 shares of Frontier common stock to be issued in the merger for each share of Holly common stock was determined through arm s-length negotiations between Holly and Frontier and was approved by the Holly board of directors. Deutsche Bank provided advice to Holly during these negotiations. Deutsche Bank did not, however, recommend any specific exchange ratio to Holly or its board of directors or that any specific exchange ratio constituted the only appropriate exchange ratio for the merger.

As described above, the opinion from Deutsche Bank to the Holly board of directors were one of a number of factors taken into consideration by the Holly board of directors in making its determination to approve the merger agreement and the merger. The foregoing summary does not purport to be a complete description of the analyses performed by Deutsche Bank in connection with its fairness opinion and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the written opinion of Deutsche Bank included as Annex C.

The Holly board of directors engaged Deutsche Bank as a financial advisor because it is an internationally recognized investment banking firm that has substantial experience in transactions similar to the merger. Pursuant to its engagement letter with Holly, Deutsche Bank will be paid a transaction fee of \$4,875,000 for its services as financial advisor to Holly in connection with the merger, a portion of which was paid upon delivery of its opinion and a substantial portion of which is payable contingent upon completion of the merger. In addition, Holly may pay to Deutsche Bank an additional discretionary fee if Holly so determines in its sole discretion. The engagement letter also provides that Holly may pay to Deutsche Bank a discretionary fee upon completion of the merger. Holly also agreed to reimburse Deutsche Bank for its reasonable and customary expenses, and to indemnify Deutsche Bank against certain liabilities, in connection with its engagement.

Deutsche Bank is an affiliate of Deutsche Bank AG (together with its affiliates, the DB Group ). The DB Group may provide investment banking, commercial banking and other financial services to Holly, Frontier or their respective affiliates in the future for which Deutsche Bank would expect the DB Group to receive customary compensation. In the ordinary course of business, members of the DB Group may actively trade in the securities and other instruments and obligations of Frontier, Holly, or their respective affiliates for their own accounts and for the accounts of their customers. Accordingly, the DB Group may at any time hold a long or short position in such securities, instruments and obligations. At the request of Holly made in May 2011, a member of the DB Group may act as a lender under the New Senior Credit Facility described under The Merger Credit Agreements and receive customary compensation thereunder.

#### **Certain Prospective Financial Information Reviewed by Holly**

Holly does not as a matter of course make projections as to future performance available to the public and avoids making projections for extended periods due to the unpredictability of the underlying assumptions and estimates. However, in connection with its evaluation of the proposed merger, certain non-public financial projections regarding Holly s and Frontier s anticipated future operations were prepared by Holly for the years 2011 through 2015. In the case of Holly s projections of Frontier s future performance, Holly s management based these projections in part on estimates of certain expected 2011 limited financial and operating data provided by Frontier to Holly. The projections were reviewed by the Holly board of directors and provided by management to Holly s financial advisors in connection with the proposed merger. The projections were independently prepared by Holly management based on assumptions that Holly management believed to be reasonable at the time and were not provided to and were not reviewed by Frontier or its financial advisors prior to the announcement of the transaction.

The financial projections were not prepared with a view toward public disclosure, nor were they prepared with a view toward compliance with published guidelines of the SEC, the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for preparation and presentation of financial projections, or GAAP. In addition, the projections were not prepared with the assistance of, or reviewed, compiled or examined by, an independent auditor. Neither Holly s independent auditors, nor any other independent accountants, have compiled, examined, or performed any procedures with respect to the prospective financial information contained herein, nor have they expressed any opinion or any other form of assurance on such information or its achievability, and assume no responsibility for, and disclaim any association with, the prospective financial information.

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Earnings for the independent refining industry are highly volatile. The financial projections were based on numerous variables and assumptions (including but not limited to those related to industry performance, competition, general business, economic, market and financial conditions) that are inherently uncertain and are beyond the control of Holly and Frontier. Financial projections for both Holly and Frontier are subject to many risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the impact of general economic factors outside Holly's control, volatility in crack spreads, crude oil differentials and other operating conditions and other risks and uncertainties relating to Holly's and Frontier's business (including their ability to achieve strategic goals, objectives and targets over applicable periods) and other factors described under Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements, all of which are subject to change. The projections also did not give effect to the merger. As a result, actual results may differ materially from those contained in the financial projections.

The inclusion of a summary of the financial projections in this joint proxy statement/prospectus should not be regarded as an indication that any of Holly, Frontier or their respective affiliates, officers, directors or other representatives consider the financial projections to be necessarily predictive of actual future events, and the financial projections should not be relied upon as such. None of Holly, Frontier or their respective affiliates, officers, directors or other representatives can give you any assurance that actual results will not differ materially from the financial projections, and none of them undertakes any obligation to update or otherwise revise or reconcile the financial projections to reflect circumstances existing after the date the financial projections were generated or to reflect the occurrence of future events, even in the event that any or all of the assumptions underlying the projections are shown to be in error. None of Holly, Frontier or their respective affiliates, officers, directors or other representatives has made or makes any representation to any stockholder or other person regarding Holly s or Frontier s ultimate performance compared to the information contained in the financial projections or that the projected results will be achieved. The summary of the financial projections included below is not being included to influence your decision whether to vote for the merger and the transactions contemplated in connection with the merger, but are being provided because the financial projections were considered in connection with the merger.

Holly has made no representations to Frontier, and Frontier has made no representations to Holly, in the merger agreement or otherwise, concerning the financial projections or the estimates on which they are based. Holly and Frontier urge all stockholders to review Holly s and Frontier s most recent SEC filings for a description of Holly s and Frontier s reported financial results.

The below projections for Holly s EBITDA, net income and earnings per share are presented as the results from Holly s refining segment operations, including the proportional contribution from UNEV Pipeline, LLC in 2011 (and assuming a pre-tax gain on the sale of Holly s interest in UNEV Pipeline, L.L.C. to HEP in 2012), plus Holly s proportional share of the earnings of HEP. Holly s capital expenditures exclude the capital expenditures of HEP. In the below projections for Frontier, the amortization of turn-around costs is included in depreciation and amortization for the purposes of calculating EBITDA consistent with Frontier s financial reporting for fiscal year 2010. In the below forecasts, operating cash flow of Holly and Frontier is defined as operating cash flow before the effects of changes in working capital, other assets and other liabilities. The operating cash flow of Holly includes the estimated general partner and limited partner distributions received by Holly from HEP in place of Holly s proportional share of the earnings of HEP otherwise included in net income.

**Holly Corporation Projections** 

(prepared by Holly Corporation)

Fiscal Year
2011E 2012E 2013E 2014E 2015E
(In millions, except per share data)

Net income attributable to Holly Corporation					
stockholders	\$ 260	\$ 260	\$ 328	\$ 329	\$ 330
Earnings per share (Diluted shares)	\$ 4.85	\$ 4.85	\$ 6.11	\$ 6.13	\$ 6.15
EBITDA	\$ 558	\$ 567	\$ 678	\$ 682	\$ 686
Operating cash flow per share (Diluted shares)	\$ 6.97	\$ 6.79	\$ 8.60	\$ 8.71	\$ 8.83
Capital expenditures	\$ 208	\$ 186	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90
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### **Frontier Oil Corporation Projections**

(prepared by Holly Corporation)

	Fiscal Year				
	<b>2011E</b>	<b>2012E</b>	<b>2013E</b>	<b>2014E</b>	2015E
	(In millions, except per share data)				
Net income	\$ 218	\$ 228	\$ 237	\$ 232	\$ 228
Earnings per share (Diluted shares)	\$ 2.03	\$ 2.13	\$ 2.21	\$ 2.17	\$ 2.13
EBITDA	\$ 500	\$ 526	\$ 524	\$ 524	\$ 524
Operating cash flow per share (Diluted shares)	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.41	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.48
Capital expenditures	\$ 106	\$ 71	\$ 96	\$ 60	\$ 60

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, which Holly refers to as EBITDA, is calculated as net income plus (i) interest expense, net of interest income, (ii) income tax provision, and (iii) depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is not a calculation provided for under GAAP; however, the amounts included in the EBITDA calculation are derived from amounts included in our consolidated financial statements. EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income or operating income as an indication of our operating performance or as an alternative to operating cash flow as a measure of liquidity. EBITDA is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. EBITDA is presented here because it is a widely used financial indicator used by investors and analysts to measure performance. EBITDA is also used by Holly s management for internal analysis and as a basis for financial covenants.

### Frontier s Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the Frontier Board of Directors

In evaluating the merger agreement and the merger, the Frontier board of directors consulted with members of Frontier's management, as well as with Frontier's legal and financial advisors, and also considered a number of factors. The principal factors that the Frontier board of directors viewed as supporting its decisions to adopt the merger agreement and recommend its approval by Frontier shareholders are:

the expectation that the combined company will create a highly competitive independent refiner in the U.S., with a refining capacity of more than 440,000 barrels per day, operating five refineries in the strategic Mid-Continent, Rocky Mountain and Southwest refining regions;

the operating benefits of the business combination, which will increase Frontier s current refining capacity by approximately 135% and will further increase the diversification of Frontier s refining and marketing operations;

the prospective business opportunities of Frontier and Holly on a combined basis after giving effect to the merger, such as increased access to fast growing areas with high demand for refined products as well as flexible supplies of domestic and Canadian crude oil;

the increase in the exchange ratio negotiated by Frontier management prior to execution of the merger agreement based on the favorable movement of Frontier's trading price relative to Holly's trading price, and the fact that the exchange ratio in the merger is comparable to the historical ratio of trading prices of the two companies;

Frontier s ability under the terms of the merger agreement to declare a special dividend of \$0.28 per share payable to Frontier shareholders of record on March 7, 2011, prior to the merger;

the fact that Frontier shareholders will own approximately 49% of the combined company immediately following the effective time of the merger and will continue to participate in potential appreciation in equity value of the combined company;

the expectation that the combined company will have a strong balance sheet with a substantial cash position;

the expectation that the combined company will have improved access to capital over the long term with a lower cost of capital, including equity and debt, based on the anticipated capital structure of the combined company;

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the benefits of a larger market capitalization and greater trading volume and liquidity for the shares of common stock of the combined company than for Frontier on a stand-alone basis;

the expectation that the merger will create a more competitive company than Frontier might be able to create through organic growth and capacity enhancements on a standalone basis or through smaller acquisitions;

greater diversification of refining capacity, geographical locations, customer base, refined products and types of crude oil feedstocks, allowing for the combined company to be better positioned in an increasingly competitive industry;

the anticipated benefits from the combined company s investment in HEP, potential growth of the combined company through expanded business relationships with HEP, and the potential for increased distributions to the combined company that may be made with respect to the HEP partner interests;

Frontier s management s estimate, consistent with Holly s management s estimate, that the combination of Frontier and Holly will create annual cost savings of approximately \$30 million through reduced selling, general and administrative expenses and increased operational efficiencies;

the benefits of the combined distribution and supply network, including significant pipeline and other midstream assets that generate substantial third-party revenues and form an important part of the combined company s refining operations, operational infrastructure and geographical reach;

the expectation that combining Holly and Frontier will promote earnings per share accretion (in comparison to Frontier on a stand-alone basis) through realization of synergies;

the expectation that after the merger, the combined company will maintain a high overall Nelson Complexity of 12.1, remaining at the top of its peer group;

the strategic fit of the two companies, and the business, financial position, personnel and prospects of the combined company;

the expectation that the combined company will benefit from a strong and experienced management team at both the corporate and operating levels, based on the positive track record of the senior management teams of Frontier and Holly in delivering industry leading financial and operating performance;

the expectation that the combination of Holly and Frontier will spread risk of unplanned downtime and other operational risks across the combined company s larger and more diversified asset base;

the fact that the merger will qualify for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code;

the structure of the transaction as a merger of equals, including the provisions in the merger agreement that preserve continuity of management and composition of the board of directors of the combined company; and

the separate opinions of Credit Suisse and Citi, each dated February 21, 2011, to the Frontier board of directors as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, as of that date and based upon and subject to the assumptions, procedures, factors, qualifications and limitations set forth in such opinions, of the exchange ratio set forth in the merger agreement to holders of Frontier common stock. See Opinions of Frontier s Financial Advisors.

In addition to considering the factors described above, Frontier s board of directors also considered the following factors:

its knowledge of Frontier s business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, as well as Holly s business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, taking into account the results of Frontier s due diligence review of Holly;

the current and prospective competitive climate in the petroleum refining and marketing industry in which Holly and Frontier operate in North America generally and the Southwestern and Rocky Mountain regions of the United States in particular;

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the long-term and recent historical trading prices with respect to shares of Holly common stock and Frontier common stock, and the equity value of HEP;

the fact that the exchange ratio is fixed and will not increase or decrease based upon changes in the market price of Holly or Frontier common stock between the date of the merger agreement and the date of the completion of the merger;

the review by the Frontier board of directors, in consultation with Frontier s advisors, of the structure of the merger and the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, including certain reciprocal provisions that may have the effect of discouraging alternative acquisition proposals involving Frontier or Holly;

the fact that the merger agreement does not preclude a third party from making an unsolicited proposal for a competing transaction with Holly or Frontier and, that under certain circumstances more fully described in the sections. The Merger Agreement. No Solicitation of Alternative Proposals beginning on page 97 and. The Merger Agreement. Changes in Board Recommendations beginning on page 98, Holly or Frontier, as applicable, may furnish non-public information to and enter into discussions with such third party regarding the competing transaction and the Holly or Frontier board, as applicable, may withdraw or modify its recommendations to Holly or Frontier stockholders regarding the merger;

the fact that completion of the merger is subject to the negotiation of suitable financing or refinancing for the combined company in the form of a new bank facility, and

the likelihood of completing the merger on the anticipated schedule.

The Frontier board of directors weighed the foregoing against a number of potentially negative factors, including:

the challenges inherent in combining the businesses, operations and workforces of two oil refining companies, including: (1) unforeseen difficulties in integrating operations and systems, (2) the possible diversion of management focus and resources from operational matters and other strategic opportunities for an extended period of time and (3) costs and difficulties of relocating headquarters personnel, systems and operations to Dallas:

the fact that forecasts of future results of operations and synergies are necessarily estimates based on assumptions, and the potential that anticipated operational synergies, cost savings and other anticipated benefits might not be realized, and the potential that Frontier s business could be more profitable to shareholders on a standalone basis going forward than as a combined company if benefits are not realized;

the substantial costs to be incurred in connection with the merger, including the substantial cash and other costs of integrating the businesses of Frontier and Holly, as well as the transaction expenses arising from the merger;

the potential effect of the merger on Frontier s business and relationships with employees, customers, suppliers, regulators and the communities in which it operates;

the risk that governmental entities may not approve the merger or may impose conditions on Frontier or Holly in order to gain approval for the merger that may adversely impact the operations and financial results of the combined company;

the risk that certain key members of senior management might choose not to remain employed with Frontier prior to the completion of the merger or with the combined company after the merger, especially in view of the relocation of the headquarters to Dallas;

the terms of the merger agreement, including generally reciprocal covenants relating to the two companies conduct of their respective businesses during the period between the signing of the merger agreement and the completion of the merger, which might have the result of limiting Frontier s business activities;

the terms of the merger agreement relating to non-solicitation provisions and break-up fees, and the potential that such provisions might deter alternative bidders that might have been willing to pay more for the shares of Frontier common stock than Frontier is receiving under the merger agreement;

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the fact that Frontier did not actively seek other bids or perform a market check with other prospective buyers after negotiating the terms of the transaction with Holly;

the possibility that the merger might not be completed, or that completion might be unduly delayed, for reasons beyond Frontier s and/or Holly s control and the potential negative impact of any such delay on Frontier s business and relationships with employees, customers, suppliers, regulators and the communities in which it operates; and

the risks of the type and nature described under Risk Factors, beginning on page 18, including risks related to operations, environmental matters and potential litigation, and the matters described under Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements beginning on page 17.

The Frontier board of directors also was apprised of certain interests in the merger of executive officers and the directors that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of Frontier shareholders generally as discussed in Interests of Frontier Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger.

This discussion of the information and factors considered by Frontier s board of directors in reaching its conclusions and recommendation includes the principal factors considered by the board, but is not intended to be exhaustive. In view of the wide variety of factors considered in connection with its evaluation of the merger and the complexity of these matters, Frontier s board of directors did not find it practicable, and did not attempt, to quantify, rank or assign any relative or specific weights to the various factors that it considered in reaching its determination to approve the merger agreement and to recommend that Frontier shareholders vote in favor of the proposal to approve the merger agreement. The Frontier board of directors conducted an overall review of the factors described above, including discussions with Frontier s management and outside legal and financial advisors regarding certain of the matters described above. In considering the factors described above, individual members of the Frontier board of directors may have given differing weights to different factors.

The Frontier board of directors unanimously adopted the merger agreement and determined that the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the merger, are in the best interests of Frontier and its shareholders. The Frontier board of directors unanimously recommends that Frontier shareholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger agreement.

### **Opinions of Frontier s Financial Advisors**

### Opinion of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC

On February 21, 2011, Credit Suisse rendered its oral opinion to the Frontier Board (which was subsequently confirmed in writing by delivery of Credit Suisse s written opinion dated the same date) to the effect that, as of February 21, 2011, the exchange ratio in the merger was fair, from a financial point of view, to the holders of Frontier common stock.

Credit Suisse s opinion was directed to the Frontier Board and only addressed the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the holders of Frontier common stock of the exchange ratio in the merger and did not address any other aspect or implication of the merger. The summary of Credit Suisse s opinion in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of its written opinion, which is included as Annex D to this joint proxy statement/prospectus and sets forth the procedures followed, assumptions made, qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken and other matters considered by Credit Suisse in preparing its opinion. However, neither Credit Suisse s written opinion nor the summary of its

opinion and the related analyses set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is intended to be, and they do not constitute, advice or a recommendation to any holder of Frontier common stock as to how such stockholder should vote or act with respect to any matter relating to the merger.

In arriving at its opinion, Credit Suisse:

reviewed a draft, dated February 21, 2011, of the Merger Agreement;

reviewed certain publicly available business and financial information relating to Frontier and Holly;

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reviewed certain other information relating to Frontier, including certain financial forecasts and operating data, provided to Credit Suisse by the management of Frontier;

reviewed certain other information relating to Holly, including estimates with respect to certain prospective financial and operating data provided to Credit Suisse by the management of Holly and certain financial forecasts developed from such estimates based on assumptions provided by and discussions with the management of Frontier;

met with certain members of the management of Frontier and Holly to discuss the business and prospects of Frontier and Holly, respectively;

considered certain financial data, operating data, and stock market data of Frontier and Holly and their publicly traded common stock, and compared that data with similar data for other companies with publicly traded common stock in businesses that Credit Suisse deemed similar to those of Frontier and Holly;

considered, to the extent publicly available, the financial terms of certain other business combinations and other transactions which have recently been effected or announced;

considered such other information, financial studies, analyses and investigations and financial, economic and market criteria which Credit Suisse deemed relevant.

In connection with its review, Credit Suisse did not independently verify any of the foregoing information and Credit Suisse assumed and relied upon such information being complete and accurate in all material respects. With respect to the financial forecasts for Frontier that Credit Suisse used in its analyses, the management of Frontier advised Credit Suisse, and Credit Suisse assumed, that such forecasts were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best available estimates and judgments of Frontier s management as to the future financial performance of Frontier, and Credit Suisse expressed no opinion with respect to such projections or the assumptions on which they were based. With respect to the financial forecasts for Holly that Credit Suisse used in its analyses, the management of Frontier advised Credit Suisse, and Credit Suisse assumed, that such forecasts were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best available estimates and judgments of Frontier s management as to the future financial performance of Holly and were a reasonable basis on which to evaluate Holly, and Credit Suisse expressed no opinion with respect to such projections or the assumptions on which they were based. With respect to the estimates provided to Credit Suisse by the management of Frontier with respect to the cost savings and synergies anticipated to result from the Merger, Credit Suisse was advised by the management of Frontier, and Credit Suisse assumed, that such forecasts were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best available estimates and judgments of the management of Frontier as to such cost savings and synergies and that such cost savings and synergies would be realized in the amounts and the times indicated. Credit Suisse assumed, with Frontier s consent, that the Merger would be treated as a tax-free reorganization for federal income tax purposes. Credit Suisse also assumed, with Frontier s consent, that, in the course of obtaining any regulatory or third party consents, approvals or agreements in connection with the Merger, no delay, limitation, restriction or condition would be imposed that would have an adverse effect on Frontier, Holly or the contemplated benefits of the Merger and that the Merger would be consummated in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement without waiver, modification or amendment of any material term, condition or agreement thereof. Furthermore, Credit Suisse assumed that the definitive Merger Agreement would conform to the draft reviewed by Credit Suisse in all respects material to its analyses. In addition, Credit Suisse was not requested to make, and did not make, an independent evaluation or appraisal of the assets or liabilities (contingent or otherwise) of Frontier or Holly, nor was Credit Suisse furnished with any such evaluations or appraisals, and Credit Suisse assumed with Frontier s consent, that any such contingent liabilities (including any environmental liabilities) would not be material to its analyses or opinion. With Frontier s consent, Credit Suisse further assumed that any alternative structures considered

by Frontier and Holly to effect the business combination contemplated by the Merger Agreement would not materially affect its analyses or opinion and that prior to the consummation of the Merger, Frontier would declare and pay a special dividend to holders of Frontier common stock to the extent permitted by the Merger Agreement.

Credit Suisse s opinion addressed only the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the holders of Frontier common stock of the exchange ratio in the merger and did not address any other aspect or implication of the merger or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding entered into in connection with the merger or otherwise,

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including, without limitation, the fairness of the amount or nature of, or any other aspect relating to, any compensation to any officers, directors or employees of any party to the merger, or class of such persons, relative to the exchange ratio or otherwise. Furthermore, no opinion, counsel or interpretation was intended regarding matters that require legal, regulatory, accounting, insurance, tax, executive compensation environmental or other similar professional advice. It was assumed that such opinions, counsel, interpretations or advice had been or would be obtained from the appropriate professional sources. The issuance of Credit Suisse s opinion was approved by an authorized internal committee of Credit Suisse.

Credit Suisse s opinion was necessarily based upon information made available to Credit Suisse as of the date of its opinion and financial, economic, market and other conditions as they existed and could be evaluated on the date of its opinion. In addition, as the Frontier Board was aware, the financial projections and estimates that Credit Suisse reviewed relating to the future financial performance of Frontier and Holly reflected certain assumptions regarding the oil and gas and petroleum refining industries that are subject to significant volatility and that, if different than assumed, could have a material impact on Credit Suisse s analyses and opinion. Credit Suisse did not express any opinion as to what the value of shares of Holly common stock actually would be when issued to holders of Frontier common stock pursuant to the merger or the prices at which shares of Holly common stock or Frontier common stock would trade at any time. Credit Suisse s opinion did not address the relative merits of the merger as compared to alternative transactions or strategies that might be available to Frontier, nor did it address the underlying business decision to proceed with the merger. Credit Suisse was not requested to, and did not, solicit third party indications of interest in acquiring all or any part of Frontier.

It is understood that Credit Suisse s opinion was for the information of the Frontier Board (solely in its capacity as such), in connection with its consideration of the merger and does not constitute advice or a recommendation to any holder of Frontier common stock as to how such stockholder should vote or act on any matter relating to the proposed merger.

In preparing its opinion to the Frontier Board, Credit Suisse performed a variety of analyses, including those described below. The summary of Credit Suisse s valuation analyses is not a complete description of the analyses underlying Credit Suisse s opinion. The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex process involving various quantitative and qualitative judgments and determinations with respect to the financial, comparative and other analytic methods employed and the adaptation and application of those methods to the unique facts and circumstances presented. As a consequence, neither Credit Suisse s opinion nor the analyses underlying its opinion are readily susceptible to partial analysis or summary description. Credit Suisse arrived at its opinion based on the results of all analyses undertaken by it and assessed as a whole and did not draw, in isolation, conclusions from or with regard to any individual analysis, analytic method or factor. Accordingly, Credit Suisse believes that its analyses must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analyses, analytic methods and factors, without considering all analyses and factors or the narrative description of the analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the processes underlying its analyses and opinion.

In performing its analyses, Credit Suisse considered business, economic, industry and market conditions, financial and otherwise, and other matters as they existed on, and could be evaluated as of, the date of its opinion. No company or business used in Credit Suisse's analyses for comparative purposes is identical to Frontier, Holly or the proposed transaction. While the results of each analysis were taken into account in reaching its overall conclusion with respect to fairness, Credit Suisse did not make separate or quantifiable judgments regarding individual analyses. The implied exchange ratio reference ranges indicated by Credit Suisse's analyses are illustrative and not necessarily indicative of actual values nor predictive of future results or values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those suggested by the analyses. In addition, any analyses relating to the value of assets, businesses or securities do not purport to be appraisals or to reflect the prices at which businesses or securities actually may be sold, which may depend on a variety of factors, many of which are beyond Frontier's control, Holly's control and the control of Credit

Suisse. Much of the information used in, and accordingly the results of, Credit Suisse s analyses are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty.

Credit Suisse s opinion and analyses were provided to the Frontier Board in connection with its consideration of the proposed merger and were among many factors considered by the Frontier Board in evaluating the proposed

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merger. Neither Credit Suisse s opinion nor its analyses were determinative of the exchange ratio or of the views of the Frontier Board with respect to the proposed merger.

The following is a summary of the material valuation analyses performed in connection with Credit Suisse s opinion rendered to the Frontier Board on February 21, 2011. The analyses summarized below include information presented in tabular format. The tables alone do not constitute a complete description of the analyses. Considering the data in the tables below without considering the full narrative description of the analyses, as well as the methodologies underlying, and the assumptions, qualifications and limitations affecting, each analysis, could create a misleading or incomplete view of Credit Suisse s analyses.

For purposes of its analyses, Credit Suisse reviewed a number of financial metrics including:

*Enterprise Value* generally the value as of a specified date of the relevant company s outstanding equity securities (taking into account its options and other outstanding convertible securities) plus the value as of such date of its net debt (the value of its outstanding indebtedness, preferred stock and capital lease obligations less the amount of cash on its balance sheet).

*EBITDA* generally the amount of the relevant company s earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization for a specified time period.

*LP Distributed Cash Flow* generally the amount of the relevant partnership s operating cash flow for a specified time period that is distributed to its limited partners.

*GP Distributed Cash Flow* generally the amount of the relevant partnership s operating cash flow derived from its general partner interests and incentive distribution rights in the underlying master limited partnership(s) for a specified time period that is distributed to its limited partners.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, share prices for the selected companies used in the Selected Companies Analysis described below were as of February 18, 2011. Estimates of financial performance for Frontier for the calendar years ending December 31, 2011 to 2015 were based on financial information provided by Frontier management. Estimates of financial performance for Holly for the calendar years ending December 31, 2011 to 2015 were based on financial and operating data provided by Holly management and financial forecasts developed from such data based on assumptions provided by and discussed with Frontier management which the management of Frontier advised Credit Suisse, and Credit Suisse assumed, were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best available estimates and judgments of Frontier s management as to the future financial performance of Holly and were a reasonable basis on which to evaluate Holly. Estimates of financial performance for the selected companies listed below for the calendar year ending during calendar year 2011 were based on publicly available research analyst estimates for those companies.

### Selected Companies Analyses

Selected Companies Analysis Holly

Credit Suisse separately considered certain financial data for Holly s refining business, its limited partnership interests in HEP and its general partner interests HEP and selected refining companies or businesses, master limited partnerships and general partners with publicly traded equity securities Credit Suisse deemed relevant.

The financial data reviewed for Holly included:

For its refining business, Enterprise Value as a multiple of CY 2011E EBITDA and CY 2012E EBITDA

For its limited partnership interests in HEP, Current and CY 2011E LP Distributed Cash Flow Yields; and

For its general partnership interest in HEP, Current and CY 2011E GP Distributed Cash Flow Yields.

The selected company refining businesses with publicly traded equity securities reviewed for Holly were the refining businesses of:

Valero Energy Corporation;

Sunoco, Inc.;

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Tesoro Corporation;

Western Refining, Inc.; and

CVR Energy, Inc.;

The selected company master limited partnerships with publicly traded equity securities reviewed for Holly were:

Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P.;

Buckeye Partners, L.P.;

NuStar Energy L.P.;

Genesis Energy, L.P.; and

TransMontaigne Partners L.P.

Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.;

The selected company general partners with publicly traded equity securities reviewed for Holly were:

Kinder Morgan, Inc.;

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.;

Alliance Holdings GP, L.P.;

NuStar GP Holdings, LLC;

Targa Resources Corp.;

Crosstex Energy, Inc.; and

Atlas Energy, L.P.

The selected companies analysis for Holly utilizing the selected company refining companies, businesses, master limited partnerships and general partners with publicly traded equity securities indicated the following multiple and yield reference ranges for Holly and its general and limited partnership interests in HEP as of February 18, 2011, the most recent date for which stock market data was available prior to the meeting of the Frontier Board on February 21, 2011:

	Mean	-	Median
Refining Business			
Enterprise Value as a multiple of 2011E EBITDA	6.1x	-	5.5x
Enterprise Value as a multiple of 2012E EBITDA	5.4x	-	5.2x
HEP LP Interest Owned by Holly			

Current Distributed Cash Flow Yield	5.7%	-	5.8%
2011E Distributed Cash Flow Yield	5.9%	-	6.1%
HEP GP Interests Owned by Holly			
Current Distributed Cash Flow Yield	4.1%	-	3.8%
2011E Distributed Cash Flow Yield	4.5%	-	4.2%

Selected Companies Analysis Frontier

Credit Suisse considered certain financial data for Frontier and selected companies, or for the refining businesses of selected companies, with publicly traded equity securities Credit Suisse deemed relevant.

The financial data reviewed for Frontier included:

Enterprise Value as a multiple of CY 2011E EBITDA; and

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Enterprise Value as a multiple of CY 2012E EBITDA;

With respect to the selected companies analysis for Frontier, the selected refining companies or companies with refining businesses with publicly traded equity securities were:

Valero Energy Corporation;

Sunoco, Inc.;

Tesoro Corporation;

Western Refining, Inc.; and

CVR Energy, Inc.;

The selected companies analysis for Frontier indicated the following multiple reference ranges for the selected companies, or refining businesses of such companies, with publicly traded equity securities and for Frontier as of February 18, 2011, the most recent date for which stock market data was available prior to the meeting of the Frontier Board on February 21, 2011:

	Mean	-	Median
Enterprise Value as a multiple of 2011E EBITDA	6.1x	-	5.5x
Enterprise Value as a multiple of 2012E EBITDA	5.4x	-	5.2x

Selected Companies Analysis

For purposes of calculating an implied exchange ratio reference range (i) in analyzing Holly, Credit Suisse applied multiple ranges based on the selected refining companies or business analysis for Holly to corresponding financial data for Holly s refining business; the selected companies master limited partnerships to corresponding financial data for Holly s limited partnership interests in HEP; and the selected companies general partners to corresponding financial data for Holly s general partnership interests in HEP based on, in each case, financial forecasts developed from estimates based on prospective financial and operating data provided to Credit Suisse by the management of Holly and based on assumptions provided by and discussions with the management of Frontier, and (ii) in analyzing Frontier, Credit Suisse applied multiple ranges based on the selected companies analysis for Frontier to corresponding financial data for Frontier based on Frontier s management forecasts. The selected companies analyses for Holly and Frontier indicated an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.383 to 0.524 of a share of Holly common stock per share of Frontier common stock, as compared to the exchange ratio in the proposed merger of 0.4811 of a share of Holly common stock per share of Frontier common stock.

### Discounted Cash Flow Analysis

Credit Suisse also calculated implied exchange ratio reference ranges based on the net present value of Holly s free cash flows through 2015 and the net present value of Frontier s free cash flows through 2015. For purposes of this analysis, Credit Suisse used the financial forecasts for Holly developed based on assumptions provided by and discussions with the management of Frontier from estimates of prospective financial and operating data provided to Credit Suisse by the management of Holly and the financial forecasts for Frontier provided by the management of Frontier. In performing this analysis, Credit Suisse applied discount rates ranging from 9.0% to 11.5% and terminal

EBITDA multiples of 6.50x to 7.50x to the projected unlevered free cash flows from Holly s refining business; discount rates ranging from 7.5% to 9.5% and terminal LP distributed cash flow yields of 6.75% to 7.25% to the projected levered free cash flows from Holly s limited partnership interests in HEP; and discount rates ranging from 12.0% to 14.0% and terminal GP distributed cash flow yields of 4.75% to 6.00% to the projected levered free cash flows from Holly s general partnership interests in HEP, respectively. With respect to Frontier, in performing this analysis, Credit Suisse applied discount rates ranging from 9.0% to 11.5% and terminal EBITDA multiples of 6.50x to 7.50x to Frontier s projected unlevered free cash flows. This analysis indicated an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.348 to 0.499 of a share of Holly common stock per share of Frontier common stock, as compared to the exchange ratio in the proposed merger of 0.4811 of a share of Holly common stock per share of Frontier common stock.

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### **Contribution Analysis**

Credit Suisse calculated the relative contributions of Frontier and Holly to the combined businesses forecasted Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted refining EBITDA and Net Income for the calendar years 2010, 2011 and 2012, based on, with respect to Holly, financial forecasts developed from estimates based on prospective financial and operating data provided to Credit Suisse by the management of Holly and based on assumptions provided by and discussions with the management of Frontier and based on, with respect to Frontier, Frontier s management forecasts, to calculated an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.182 to 0.501 of a share of Holly common stock per share of Frontier common stock, as compared to the exchange ratio in the proposed merger of 0.4811 of a share of Holly common stock per share of Frontier common stock.

### Other Information

### Historical Trading Ratios

Credit Suisse also noted the following historical average trading price ratios as of February 18, 2011, as compared to the exchange ratio provided for in the merger of 0.4811 of a share of Holly common stock per share of Frontier common stock:

				Exchange
	Average	Clasing	Average Closing	Ratio as Premium/
	Stock	_	Stock Price	(Discount) to
	Frontier	Holly	<b>Trading Ratio</b>	Trading Ratio
As of February 18, 2011	28.12	56.11	0.5012	(4.0)%
3 trading days prior	28.33	58.92	0.4813	(0.0)%
5 trading days prior	27.45	58.81	0.4669	3.0%
10 trading days prior	25.59	57.33	0.4458	7.9%
15 trading days prior	24.26	55.21	0.4385	9.7%
20 trading days prior	22.87	52.54	0.4338	10.9%
30 trading days prior	21.36	49.17	0.4332	11.1%
3 months prior	18.99	43.35	0.4380	9.8%
6 months prior	16.11	36.62	0.4410	9.1%
1 year prior	14.83	31.69	0.4742	1.5%
2 years prior	14.23	27.83	0.5266	(8.6)%
3 years prior	16.21	29.00	0.5660	(15.0)%

### **Other Matters**

Frontier retained Credit Suisse as its financial advisor in connection with the proposed merger based on Credit Suisse s qualifications, experience and reputation as an internationally recognized investment banking and financial advisory firm. Credit Suisse will receive an aggregate fee of \$5 million for its services, a substantial portion of which is contingent upon completion of the merger. Frontier also has agreed to reimburse Credit Suisse for reasonable expenses incurred by Credit Suisse in performing its services, including reasonable fees and expenses of its legal counsel, and to indemnify Credit Suisse and related persons against liabilities, including liabilities under the federal

securities laws, arising out of or related to its engagement.

Credit Suisse and its affiliates have in the past provided investment banking and other financial services to Frontier and its affiliates for which Credit Suisse and its affiliates have received compensation, including having acted as the dealer manager in connection with an offer to purchase certain of its outstanding senior notes by the Company in 2010 and having acted as a joint bookrunning lead managing underwriter in connection with the public offering of certain senior notes by the Company in 2010. Credit Suisse and its affiliates also have in the past provided investment banking and other financial services to Holly and its affiliates, including having acted as a financial advisor to Holly in connection with a proposed business combination with Frontier in 2003 that was not consummated. Credit Suisse and its affiliates may have provided other financial advice and services, and may in the future provide financial advice and services, to Frontier, Holly and their respective affiliates for which Credit Suisse

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and its affiliates have received, and would expect to receive, compensation. Credit Suisse is a full service securities firm engaged in securities trading and brokerage activities as well as providing investment banking and other financial services. In the ordinary course of business, Credit Suisse and its affiliates may acquire, hold or sell, for its and its affiliates own accounts and the accounts of customers, equity, debt and other securities and financial instruments (including bank loans and other obligations) of Frontier, Holly and any other company that may be involved in the merger, as well as provide investment banking and other financial services to such companies. At the request in May 2011 of Frontier, Credit Suisse or one of its affiliates may act as a lender under the New Senior Credit Facility described under The Merger Credit Agreements and receive customary compensation thereunder.

### Opinion of Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

Frontier has retained Citi as a financial advisor in connection with the merger. In connection with this engagement, Frontier requested that Citi evaluate the fairness, from a financial point of view, to holders of Frontier common stock of the exchange ratio provided for in the merger agreement. On February 21, 2011, at a meeting of Frontier s board of directors at which the merger was approved, Citi rendered to Frontier s board an oral opinion, confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated February 21, 2011, to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to the matters described in its opinion, the exchange ratio was fair, from a financial point of view, to holders of Frontier common stock.

The full text of Citi s written opinion, dated February 21, 2011, which describes the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken, is attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex E and is incorporated into this joint proxy statement/prospectus by reference. The description of Citi s opinion set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Citi s opinion. Citi s opinion was provided for the information of Frontier s board of directors (in its capacity as such) in connection with its evaluation of the exchange ratio from a financial point of view and did not address any other aspects or implications of the merger. Citi expressed no view as to, and its opinion did not address, the underlying business decision of Frontier to effect the merger, the relative merits of the merger as compared to any alternative business strategies that might exist for Frontier or the effect of any other transaction in which Frontier might engage. Citi s opinion is not intended to be and does not constitute a recommendation to any shareholder as to how such shareholder should vote or act on any matters relating to the proposed merger or otherwise.

In arriving at its opinion, Citi:

reviewed the merger agreement;

held discussions with certain senior officers, the board of directors and other representatives and advisors of Frontier and certain senior officers and other representatives and advisors of Holly concerning the business, operations and prospects of Frontier and the business, operations and prospects of Holly, including Holly s 32% limited partnership interest and 2% general partnership interest in HEP;

reviewed certain publicly available business and financial information relating to Frontier and Holly;

reviewed certain financial forecasts and other information and data relating to Frontier and Holly provided to or discussed with Citi by the respective managements of Frontier and Holly, including certain information relating to dividend payments and information regarding potential strategic implications and operational benefits (including amount, timing and achievability) anticipated by the management of Frontier to result from the merger;

reviewed the financial terms of the merger as set forth in the merger agreement in relation to, among other things, current and historical market prices and trading volumes of Frontier common stock, Holly common stock and HEP s limited partnership units, Frontier s and Holly s historical and projected earnings and other operating data and Frontier s and Holly s capitalization and financial condition;

analyzed certain financial, stock market and other publicly available information relating to the businesses of other companies whose operations Citi considered relevant in evaluating those of Frontier and Holly;

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reviewed, to the extent publicly available, the financial terms of certain other transactions involving refining companies; and

conducted such other analyses and examinations and considered such other information and financial, economic and market criteria as Citi deemed appropriate in arriving at its opinion.

In rendering its opinion, Citi assumed and relied, without independent verification, upon the accuracy and completeness of all financial and other information and data publicly available or provided to or otherwise reviewed by or discussed with Citi and upon the assurances of the managements of Frontier and Holly that they were not aware of any relevant information that was omitted or remained undisclosed to Citi. As discussed, Citi considered the selected precedent transactions that it reviewed to lack sufficient comparability due to various factors and circumstances that distinguished the proposed merger from such transactions and, accordingly, did not perform a selected precedent transactions analysis in reaching its opinion. Also as Frontier was aware, Citi was not provided with internal financial forecasts relating to Holly prepared by its management other than certain operating data and other estimates and, accordingly, Citi was directed by Frontier to utilize financial forecasts relating to Holly derived from such operating data, estimates and other assumptions prepared by Frontier s management in performing its analyses. With respect to financial forecasts and other information and data relating to Frontier and Holly provided to or otherwise reviewed by or discussed with Citi, including with respect to dividend payments and as to strategic implications and operational benefits resulting from the merger, Citi was advised by the managements of Frontier and Holly, and Citi assumed, with Frontier s consent, that they were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of the managements of Frontier and Holly, as the case may be, as to the future financial performance of Frontier and Holly, such strategic implications and operational benefits and the other matters covered thereby. Citi also assumed, with Frontier s consent, that the financial results reflected in such financial forecasts and other information and data would be realized in the amounts and at the times projected. Citi relied, at Frontier s direction, upon the assessments of Frontier s management as to market and cyclical trends and prospects relating to the energy industry and the potential impact of such trends and prospects on Frontier and Holly, including the assumptions of Frontier s management as to future crude oil, refined products and other commodity prices reflected in the financial forecasts and other information and data utilized in Citi s analyses, which prices are subject to significant volatility and which, if different than as assumed, could have a material impact on Citi s analyses or opinion. Citi assumed, at Frontier s direction, that there would be no developments with respect to any of the foregoing that would be material to Citi s analyses or opinion.

Citi did not make, and it was not provided with, an independent evaluation or appraisal of the assets or liabilities, contingent or otherwise, of Frontier, Holly or any other entity, and Citi did not make any physical inspection of the properties or assets of Frontier, Holly or any other entity. In addition, Citi assumed, with Frontier s consent, that there were no material undisclosed liabilities of Frontier or Holly for which appropriate reserves or other provisions had not been made. Citi also assumed, with Frontier s consent, that the merger would be consummated in accordance with its terms without waiver, modification or amendment of any material term, condition or agreement, in the course of obtaining the necessary regulatory or third party approvals, consents, releases and waivers for the merger, no delay, limitation, restriction or condition would be imposed that would have an adverse effect on Frontier, Holly or the contemplated benefits of the merger and no such adverse effect would result in the event that the merger is effected through an alternative structure as permitted under the terms of the merger agreement. Citi further assumed, with Frontier s consent, that the merger would qualify for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Citi s opinion relates to the relative values of Frontier and Holly. Citi did not express any opinion as to what the value of Holly common stock actually would be when issued pursuant to the merger or the prices at which Frontier common stock or Holly common stock would trade at any time.

Citi s opinion did not address any terms (other than the exchange ratio to the extent expressly specified in its opinion) or other aspects or implications of the merger, including, without limitation, the form or structure of the merger or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding to be entered into in connection with or contemplated by the merger or otherwise. Citi was not requested to, and it did not, solicit third-party indications of interest in the possible acquisition of all or a part of Frontier. Citi expressed no view as to, and its opinion did not address, the fairness (financial or otherwise) of the amount or nature or any other aspect of any compensation to any officers, directors or employees of any parties to the merger, or any class of such persons, relative to the exchange ratio or

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otherwise. Citi s opinion was necessarily based on information available to Citi, and financial, stock market and other conditions and circumstances existing and disclosed to Citi, as of the date of its opinion. As Frontier was aware, the credit, financial and stock markets have been experiencing unusual volatility and Citi expressed no opinion or view as to any potential effects of such volatility on Frontier, Holly or the contemplated benefits of the merger. Except as described in this summary, Frontier imposed no other instructions or limitations on Citi with respect to the investigations made or procedures followed by Citi in rendering its opinion.

In preparing its opinion, Citi performed a variety of financial and comparative analyses, including those described below. This summary of the analyses is not a complete description of Citi s opinion or the analyses underlying, and factors considered in connection with, Citi s opinion. The preparation of a financial opinion is a complex analytical process involving various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances and, therefore, a financial opinion is not readily susceptible to summary description. Citi arrived at its ultimate opinion based on the results of all analyses undertaken by it and assessed as a whole, and did not draw, in isolation, conclusions from or with regard to any one factor or method of analysis for purposes of its opinion. Accordingly, Citi believes that its analyses must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analyses and factors or focusing on information presented in tabular format, without considering all analyses and factors or the narrative description of the analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the processes underlying its analyses and opinion.

In its analyses, Citi considered industry performance, general business, economic, market and financial conditions and other matters existing as of the date of its opinion, many of which are beyond the control of Frontier and Holly. No company, business or transaction reviewed is identical to Frontier, Holly or the merger. An evaluation of these analyses is not entirely mathematical; rather, the analyses involve complex considerations and judgments concerning financial and operating characteristics and other factors that could affect the public trading or other values of the companies, business segments or transactions reviewed.

The estimates contained in Citi s analyses and the valuation ranges resulting from any particular analysis are not necessarily indicative of actual values or predictive of future results or values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those suggested by its analyses. In addition, analyses relating to the value of businesses or securities do not purport to be appraisals or to reflect the prices at which businesses or securities actually may be sold. Accordingly, the estimates used in, and the results derived from, Citi s analyses are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty.

Citi was not requested to, and it did not, recommend the specific consideration payable in the merger. The type and amount of consideration payable in the merger was determined through negotiations between Frontier and Holly and the decision to enter into the merger was solely that of Frontier s board of directors. Citi s opinion was only one of many factors considered by Frontier s board of directors in its evaluation of the merger and should not be viewed as determinative of the views of Frontier s board of directors or management with respect to the merger or the exchange ratio provided for in the merger agreement.

The following is a summary of the material financial analyses presented to Frontier s board of directors in connection with Citi s opinion. The financial analyses summarized below include information presented in tabular format. In order to fully understand Citi s financial analyses, the tables must be read together with the text of each summary. The tables alone do not constitute a complete description of the financial analyses. Considering the data below without considering the full narrative description of the financial analyses, including the methodologies and assumptions underlying the analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view of Citi s financial analyses.

Selected Public Companies Analysis

*Frontier*. Citi performed a selected publicly traded companies analysis of Frontier by comparing certain financial and stock market information of Frontier with Holly and the following five selected publicly traded independent refining companies, referred to as the selected refining companies:

CVR Energy, Inc.

Sunoco, Inc.

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**Tesoro Corporation** 

Valero Energy Corporation

Western Refining, Inc.

Citi reviewed, among other things, enterprise values of the selected refining companies, calculated as equity value (based on closing stock prices on February 18, 2011) plus debt, less cash and other adjustments, as a multiple of calendar years 2011 and 2012 estimated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, referred to as EBITDA. Citi reviewed refining firm values of the selected refining companies, calculated as enterprise value less non-refinery assets, referred to as refining values, as multiples of total daily refining capacity per barrel and daily refining capacity per complexity barrel based on the Nelson complexity index as of September 30, 2010, referred to as capacity and complexity barrels, respectively. Citi also reviewed equity values of the selected companies, based on closing stock prices on February 18, 2011, as a multiple of calendar years 2011 and 2012 estimated earnings per share, referred to as EPS. Citi then applied selected ranges of calendar years 2011 and 2012 estimated EBITDA and EPS multiples and refining values to capacity and complexity barrels derived from Holly s refinery assets and the selected refining companies to corresponding data of Frontier. Financial data of the selected refining companies were based on publicly available research analysts estimates, public filings and other publicly available information. Financial data of Frontier were based on internal estimates of Frontier s management.

Holly. Citi performed a sum-of-the-parts selected publicly traded companies analysis of Holly by performing separate selected publicly traded companies analyses of Holly s (i) refinery assets, (ii) general partnership interest in HEP, referred to as the GP interest, and (iii) limited partnership interest in HEP, referred to as the LP interest. Financial data of Holly were based on internal financial information relating to Holly s fiscal year-ended December 31, 2010 provided by Holly s management and financial forecasts relating to Holly derived from certain internal operating data and estimates provided by Holly s management and other assumptions prepared by Frontier s management.

Refinery Assets. In its selected publicly traded companies analysis of Holly s refinery assets, Citi compared certain financial and stock market information of Holly with Frontier and the selected refining companies reviewed in connection with Citiss selected publicly traded companies analysis of Frontier. Citis reviewed, among other things, enterprise values of the selected refining companies, calculated as equity value (based on closing stock prices on February 18, 2011) plus debt, less cash and other adjustments, as a multiple of calendar years 2011 and 2012 estimated EBITDA, refining values of the selected refining companies as multiples of capacity and complexity barrels as of September 30, 2010 and equity values of the selected companies as a multiple of calendar years 2011 and 2012 estimated EPS. Citi then applied selected ranges of calendar years 2011 and 2012 estimated EBITDA and EPS multiples and refining value to capacity and complexity barrels derived from Frontier and the selected refining companies to corresponding data of Holly s refinery assets.

*GP Interest.* In its selected publicly traded companies analysis of Holly s GP interest, Citi compared certain financial information of the GP interests with the following six selected publicly traded general partnerships in the energy industry, referred to as the selected GPs:

Alliance Holdings GP, L.P.

Crosstex Energy, Inc.

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.

Kinder Morgan, Inc.

NuStar GP Holdings, LLC

Targa Resources Corp.

Citi reviewed, among other information, indicative yields of the selected GPs, calculated as the most recently declared annualized distributions as of February 18, 2011, and estimated distributions of the selected GPs for calendar year 2011 divided by such selected GPs closing unit prices as of February 18, 2011, referred to as estimated yields. Citi then applied ranges of selected indicative yields and calendar year 2011 estimated yields

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derived from the selected GPs to corresponding data from Holly s GP interest. Financial data of the selected GPs were based on publicly available research analysts estimates, public filings and other publicly available information.

*LP Interest.* In its selected publicly traded companies analysis of HEP, Citi compared certain financial information of HEP with the following five publicly traded oil pipeline, transportation and distribution master limited partnerships, referred to as the selected MLPs:

Buckeye Partners, L.P.

Genesis Energy, L.P.

Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P.

NuStar Energy L.P.

Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.

Citi reviewed, among other information, indicative yields of the selected MLPs as of February 18, 2011 and estimated yields of the selected MLPs for calendar year 2011. Citi reviewed equity values of the selected MLPs, based on closing unit prices on February 18, 2011, as a multiple of calendar years 2011 and 2012 estimated distributable cash flow. Citi also reviewed enterprise values of the selected MLPs, calculated as equity value (based on closing unit prices on February 18, 2011) plus debt, less cash and other adjustments, as a multiple of calendar years 2011 and 2012 estimated EBITDA. Citi then applied ranges of selected indicative yields as of February 18, 2011 and estimated yields for calendar year 2011, and calendar years 2011 and 2012 estimated distributable cash flow and EBITDA multiples, derived from the selected MLPs to corresponding data of HEP. Financial data of the selected MLPs were based on publicly available research analysts—estimates, public filings and other publicly available information.

These analyses indicated the following implied exchange ratio reference range, as compared to the exchange ratio provided for in the merger agreement:

### **Implied Exchange Ratio Reference Range**

**Exchange Ratio** 

0.379x - 0.526x

0.4811x

### Discounted Cash Flow Analysis

Frontier. Citi performed a discounted cash flow analysis of Frontier by calculating the estimated present value of the standalone unlevered, after-tax free cash flows that Frontier was forecasted to generate during fiscal years 2011 through 2015 based on internal estimates of Frontier s management. Estimated terminal values for Frontier were calculated by applying a range of terminal value EBITDA multiples of 6.5x to 7.75x to Frontier s fiscal year 2015 estimated EBITDA. The cash flows and terminal values were then discounted to present value using discount rates ranging from 9.31% to 10.92%.

Holly. Citi performed a sum-of-the-parts discounted cash flow analysis of Holly by performing separate discounted cash flow analyses of Holly s (i) refinery assets, (ii) GP interest and (iii) LP interest. Financial data of Holly were based on internal financial information relating to Holly s fiscal year-ended December 31, 2010 provided by Holly s management and financial forecasts relating to Holly derived from certain internal operating data and estimates provided by Holly s management and other assumptions prepared by Frontier s management.

Refinery Assets. In its discounted cash flow analysis of Holly's refinery assets, Citi calculated the estimated present value of the standalone unlevered, after-tax free cash flows forecasted to be generated from such assets during fiscal years 2011 through 2015. Estimated terminal values for Holly's refinery assets were calculated by applying a range of terminal value EBITDA multiples of 6.5x to 7.75x to the fiscal year 2015 estimated EBITDA of Holly's refinery assets. The cash flows and terminal values were then discounted to present value using discount rates ranging from 9.31% to 10.92%.

*GP Interest*. In its discounted cash flow analysis of Holly s GP interest, Citi calculated the estimated present value of the standalone after-tax distributions that Holly was forecasted to receive in respect of its GP interest

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during fiscal years 2011 through 2015. Estimated terminal values for Holly s GP interest were calculated by applying a range of terminal value distribution yields of 5.0% to 6.0% to the fiscal year 2015 estimated after-tax distributions in respect of such GP interests. The distributions and terminal values were then discounted to present value using discount rates ranging from 9.26% to 11.64%.

LP Interest. In its discounted cash flow analysis of HEP, Citi calculated the estimated present value of the standalone distributable cash flow per unit that HEP was forecasted to generate during fiscal years 2011 through 2015. Estimated terminal values for HEP were calculated by applying a range of terminal value distributable cash flow yields of 6.25% to 7.0% to HEP s fiscal year 2015 estimated distributable cash flow per unit. The distributable cash flow and terminal values were then discounted to present value using discount rates ranging from 7.76% to 9.14%.

These analyses indicated the following implied exchange ratio reference range, as compared to the exchange ratio provided for in the merger agreement:

### **Implied Exchange Ratio Reference Range**

**Exchange Ratio** 

 $0.347x \quad 0.487x$ 

0.4811x

Other Information. Citi also reviewed, for informational purposes, among other things, the following:

relative contributions of Frontier and Holly to various financial and operating metrics of the pro forma combined company, without giving effect to potential synergies, noting that such relative contributions indicated an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.182x to 0.501x;

implied historical exchange ratios for Frontier and Holly derived by dividing daily closing stock prices of Frontier common stock and Holly common stock, noting that the range of implied historical exchange ratios averaged over various periods was 0.433x to 0.566x and that the high and low implied exchange ratios during the 52-week period ended February 18, 2011 was 0.396x to 0.565x; and

stock price targets for Frontier and Holly in recently published, publicly available Wall Street research analyst reports, noting that the low and high stock price targets for Frontier and Holly implied an exchange ratio reference range of 0.234x to 0.825x.

### Miscellaneous

Under the terms of Citi s engagement, Frontier has agreed to pay Citi for its financial advisory services in connection with the merger an aggregate fee of \$5 million, a portion of which was payable upon delivery of Citi s opinion and a significant portion of which is contingent upon completion of the merger. Frontier also has agreed to reimburse Citi for reasonable expenses incurred by Citi in performing its services, including reasonable fees and expenses of its legal counsel, and to indemnify Citi and related persons against liabilities, including liabilities under the federal securities laws, arising out of its engagement. In the ordinary course of business, Citi and its affiliates may actively trade or hold the securities of Frontier, Holly and their respective affiliates, including HEP, for its own account or for the account of its customers and, accordingly, may at any time hold a long or short position in those securities. At the request of Frontier made in May 2011, Citi or one of its affiliates may act as a lender under the New Senior Credit Facility described under The Merger Credit Agreements and receive customary compensation thereunder. In addition, Citi and its affiliates, including Citigroup Inc. and its affiliates, may maintain relationships with Frontier, Holly and their respective affiliates, including Citigroup Inc. and its affiliates, may maintain relationships with Frontier, Holly and their respective affiliates, including HEP.

Frontier selected Citi as its financial advisor in connection with the merger based on Citi s reputation and experience. Citi is an internationally recognized investment banking firm which regularly engages in the valuation of businesses and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions, negotiated underwritings, competitive bids, secondary distributions of listed and unlisted securities, private placements and valuations for estate, corporate and other purposes. The issuance of Citi s opinion was authorized by Citi s fairness opinion committee.

# **Certain Prospective Financial Information Reviewed by Frontier**

Frontier does not as a matter of course make projections as to future sales, earnings or other results available to the public and avoids making projections for extended periods due to the unpredictability of the underlying

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assumptions and estimates. However, in connection with its evaluation of the proposed merger, certain non-public financial projections regarding Holly s and Frontier s anticipated future operations were prepared by Frontier for the years 2011 through 2015. In the case of Frontier s projections of Holly s future performance, Frontier s management based these projections in part on estimates of certain limited financial and operating data provided by Holly to Frontier. The projections were reviewed by the Frontier board of directors and provided by management to Frontier s financial advisors in connection with the proposed merger. The projections were independently prepared by Frontier management based on assumptions that Frontier management believed to be reasonable and were not provided to and were not reviewed by Holly or its financial advisors.

The accompanying prospective financial information was not prepared with a view toward public disclosure, or with a view toward complying with the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with respect to prospective financial information, but, in the view of Frontier s management, was prepared on a reasonable basis, reflects the best estimates and judgments available at the time the prospective financial information was prepared, and presents, to the best of management s knowledge and belief, the expected course of action and the expected future financial performance of Frontier. However, this information is not fact and should not be relied upon as being necessarily indicative of actual future results, and readers of this joint proxy statement/prospectus are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the prospective financial information.

Neither Frontier s independent auditors, nor any other independent accountants, have compiled, examined, or performed any procedures with respect to the prospective financial information contained herein, nor have they expressed any opinion or any other form of assurance on such information or its achievability, and assume no responsibility for, and disclaim any association with, the prospective financial information.

Earnings for the independent refining industry are highly volatile. The financial projections were based on numerous variables and assumptions (including but not limited to those related to industry performance, competition, general business, economic, market and financial conditions) that are inherently uncertain and are beyond the control of Frontier and Holly. Financial projections for both Holly and Frontier are subject to many risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the impact of general economic factors outside Frontier's control, volatility in crack spreads, crude oil differentials and other operating conditions and other risks and uncertainties relating to Holly's and Frontier's business (including their ability to achieve strategic goals, objectives and targets over applicable periods) and other factors described under Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements, all of which are subject to change. The projections also did not give effect to the merger. As a result, actual results may differ materially from those contained in the financial projections.

The inclusion of a summary of the financial projections in this joint proxy statement/prospectus should not be regarded as an indication that any of Frontier, Holly or their respective affiliates, officers, directors or other representatives consider the financial projections to be necessarily predictive of actual future events, and the financial projections should not be relied upon as such. None of Frontier, Holly or their respective affiliates, officers, directors or other representatives can give you any assurance that actual results will not differ materially from the financial projections, and none of them undertakes any obligation to update or otherwise revise or reconcile the financial projections to reflect circumstances existing after the date the financial projections were generated or to reflect the occurrence of future events, even in the event that any or all of the assumptions underlying the projections are shown to be in error. None of Frontier, Holly or their respective affiliates, officers, directors or other representatives has made or makes any representation to any shareholder or other person regarding Frontier s or Holly s ultimate performance compared to the information contained in the financial projections or that the projected results will be achieved. The summary of the financial projections included below is not being included to influence your decision whether to vote for the merger and the transactions contemplated in connection with the merger, but are being provided because the financial projections were considered in connection with the merger.

Frontier has made no representations to Holly, and Holly has made no representations to Frontier, in the merger agreement or otherwise, concerning the financial projections or the estimates on which they are based. Frontier and Holly urge all stockholders to review Frontier s and Holly s most recent SEC filings for a description of Frontier s and Holly s reported financial results.

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### Frontier Prospective Financial Information: (\$ in millions, rounded to the nearest whole number)

	Fiscal Year Ending December 31,				
	<b>2011E</b>	<b>2012E</b>	<b>2013E</b>	<b>2014E</b>	<b>2015E</b>
Revenue	\$ 7,069	\$ 7,346	\$ 7,150	\$ 7,236	\$ 7,312
Capital Expenditures	\$ 106	\$ 71	\$ 96	\$ 75	\$ 75
EBITDA	\$ 404	\$ 358	\$ 347	\$ 360	\$ 379

EBITDA represents income before interest expense, interest income, income tax, and depreciation and amortization.

### Holly Prospective Financial Information: (\$ in millions, rounded to the nearest whole number)

	Fiscal Year Ending December 31,				
	<b>2011E</b>	<b>2012E</b>	<b>2013E</b>	<b>2014E</b>	2015E
Refining Revenue	\$ 10,184	\$ 10,322	\$ 10,434	\$ 10,255	\$ 10,427
Refining Capital Expenditures	\$ 218	\$ 185	\$ 126	\$ 50	\$ 50
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 450	\$ 424	\$ 442	\$ 434	\$ 457
Refining EBITDA	\$ 408	\$ 375	\$ 388	\$ 375	\$ 392

Refining EBITDA represents income before interest expense, interest income, income tax, depreciation and amortization for Holly s refining operations only.

Adjusted EBITDA represents Refining EBITDA plus cash distributions received from HEP LP and GP interests.

The EBITDA projections with respect to Holly, prepared by Frontier s management, are based on the equity accounting method for HEP, reflecting distributions to Holly by HEP, and were prepared on a basis different from the basis of the projections with respect to Holly prepared by Holly s management and described on page 58.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, which Frontier refers to as EBITDA, is calculated as net income plus (i) interest expense, net of interest income, (ii) income tax provision, and (iii) depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is not a calculation provided for under GAAP; however, the amounts included in the EBITDA calculation are derived from amounts included in our consolidated financial statements. EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income or operating income as an indication of our operating performance or as an alternative to operating cash flow as a measure of liquidity. EBITDA is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. EBITDA is presented here because it is a widely used financial indicator used by investors and analysts to measure performance. EBITDA is also used by Frontier s management for internal analysis and as a basis for financial covenants.

### Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Holly

The Holly board of directors has approved, subject to Holly stockholder approval and completion of the merger, an amended and restated certificate of incorporation to (i) provide for an increase in the number of authorized shares of capital stock of Holly from 161,000,000 to 325,000,000, which shall consist of 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock (increased from 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock) and 320,000,000 shares of common stock (increased from 160,000,000 shares of common stock) authorized for issuance by Holly, (ii) change Holly s name to HollyFrontier

Corporation, (iii) remove the limitation that Holly s principal business be limited to certain activities in connection with petroleum and other sources of energy, (iv) clarify that no vote of Holly preferred stockholders or common stockholders is required in connection with the issuance of preferred stock as authorized by the Holly board of directors, complying with the conditions contained in Holly's certificate of incorporation, (v) provide that the election of directors need not be by written ballot and (vi) provide for the indemnification of, and advancement of expenses to, any defendant or witness to any action by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of Holly or serving at Holly's request. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the form of amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Holly, which is included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex F. Holly has agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to

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take all action necessary in accordance with applicable law and its certificate of incorporation and bylaws to obtain the approval of this amended and restated certificate of incorporation at the Holly special meeting, but the approval of this amended and restated certificate of incorporation is not a condition to completion of the merger. In the event this proposal is approved and adopted by Holly stockholders but the merger is not completed, this amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Holly will not become effective.

As of May 20, 2011, Holly had no shares of Holly preferred stock and approximately [ ] shares of Holly common stock issued and outstanding. As of May 20, 2011, there were approximately [ ] shares of Holly common stock reserved for issuance. Based on the number of shares of Frontier common stock outstanding as of such date, if the merger is completed, Holly would be required to issue approximately [ ] additional shares of Holly common stock to the Frontier shareholders. In addition, upon completion of the merger, Holly would likely reserve for issuance approximately [ ] million additional shares of Holly common stock to cover, among other things, stock options and restricted stock assumed from Frontier. Although the number of shares of common stock currently authorized under Holly s certificate of incorporation will be sufficient to complete the merger and Holly s management currently has no definitive plans for the issuance of any additional authorized shares, the authorization of additional shares would permit the issuance of shares for future stock dividends, stock splits, possible acquisitions, equity incentive plans and other appropriate corporate purposes. The additional shares of Holly common stock will not be entitled to preemptive rights nor will existing stockholders have any preemptive right to acquire any of those shares when issued.

### Amended and Restated Bylaws of Holly

The Holly board of directors has approved, subject to completion of the merger, an amendment and restatement of Holly s bylaws to, among other things, (i) increase the maximum number of director positions available on Holly s board of directors from eleven to fourteen, (ii) provide for Executive Chairman, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer officer positions and specify the respective qualifications, powers and duties of each such position, (iii) specify the required timing of any record date to determine stockholders entitled to act by written consent without a meeting, (iv) specify the stockholder vote required in order to remove any director at any meeting of the stockholders and (v) make other clarifying changes deemed appropriate by the Holly board of directors. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the form of amended and restated bylaws of Holly, which is included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Exhibit C of Annex A. The amended and restated bylaws of Holly will be effective time of the merger. In the event the merger is not completed, the amended and restated bylaws of Holly will not become effective.

### **Interests of Holly Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger**

In considering the recommendation of the Holly board of directors that you vote to approve the proposals submitted for the Holly stockholder vote set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, you should be aware that some of Holly s directors and executive officers have financial interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, those of Holly s stockholders generally. The Holly board of directors was aware of and considered these potential interests, among other matters, in evaluating the merger agreement and the merger, and in recommending to you that you approve the proposals submitted for the Holly stockholder vote set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

The dates and share prices used below to quantify these interests have been selected for illustrative purposes only. They do not necessarily reflect the date on which certain events will occur and do not represent a projection about the future value of Holly s common stock.

### Positions with the Combined Company

Following the completion of the merger, it is anticipated that Matthew P. Clifton will serve as the Executive Chairman of the board, David L. Lamp will serve as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Bruce R. Shaw will serve as the Senior Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development and all of the members of Holly s board of directors immediately prior to the merger will continue to serve as directors of the combined company, as described under Board of Directors and Management Following the Merger.

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### Equity Awards

Holly has granted outstanding equity awards to its directors and executive officers under the Holly Corporation Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan. Holly s non-employee directors hold outstanding restricted stock units that have been granted under the plan and that will automatically vest in full upon the occurrence of a change in control. In addition, settlement of vested restricted stock units in shares of Holly common stock will occur upon the earliest of: (a) the month following the director s cessation of service as a member of the board for any reason, (b) within thirty (30) days following the death of the director, (c) within thirty (30) days following a change in control, or (d) on the third anniversary of the date of the grant. For purposes of the restricted stock unit awards, a change in control includes the acquisition by a person or group of ownership of 35% or more of the total voting power of Holly s stock. For these purposes, persons will be considered to be acting as a group if they are owners of a corporation that enters into a merger, consolidation, purchase or acquisition of stock, or similar business transaction, with Holly. Since Frontier s shareholders will acquire more than 35% of the voting power of the combined company in the merger, the merger will constitute a change in control for purposes of the restricted stock unit awards held by non-employee directors. Accordingly, upon completion of the merger, (i) the unvested restricted stock units held by each non-employee director of Holly will automatically vest in full and (ii) all outstanding restricted stock units will be settled in shares of Holly common stock within thirty (30) days following the merger s completion. The following table sets forth the estimated value of the outstanding restricted stock units held by each non-employee director as of May 18, 2011.

Name of Non-Employee Director(1)	Number of Restricted Stock Units(2)	Estimated Value of Restricted Stock Units(3)
Buford P. Berry	11,590	\$ 692,734
Leldon E. Echols	11,590	\$ 692,734
Kevin Hardage	2,137	\$ 127,728
Robert G. McKenzie	11,590	\$ 692,734
Jack P. Reid	11,590	\$ 692,734
Tommy A. Valenta	6,660	\$ 398,068

- (1) As of May 18, 2011, Paul T. Stoffel, who previously served as a non-employee director but did not stand for re-election at Holly s most recent annual meeting, held 9,453 outstanding restricted stock units, which will be paid to him in June 2011, the month following his cessation of service as a member of the Holly board.
- (2) All outstanding restricted stock units held by non-employee directors and included in the table above were fully vested as of May 18, 2011, other than the annual restricted stock unit grants made to the non-employee directors on May 12, 2011. Pursuant to the 2011 annual restricted stock unit grants, 2,137 restricted stock units were granted to each non-employee director. These 2011 grants will become fully vested upon completion of the merger and will, along with all other outstanding restricted stock units held by the non-employee directors, be settled in shares of Holly common stock within thirty (30) days of the merger s completion.
- (3) Calculated based on the number of outstanding restricted stock units multiplied by a Holly common stock price of \$59.77 per share, which was the closing price per share of Holly common stock on May 18, 2011.

The restricted stock and performance share unit awards that have been issued to executive officers under the plan contain double trigger vesting provisions and are generally eligible for accelerated vesting in full in the event that, within 60 days prior to or at any time following a change in control, the executive officer s employment is terminated

either by Holly without cause or by the executive officer as a result of an adverse change in the employment relationship. The governing award agreements refer to this situation as a special involuntary termination.

Restricted Stock subject to Time-based Vesting. Upon a special involuntary termination, the outstanding restricted stock awards that are subject to time-based vesting will vest in full.

Restricted Stock subject to Performance-based Vesting. Upon a special involuntary termination, the outstanding restricted stock awards that are subject to performance-based vesting will remain eligible to

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vest in full based on the performance actually attained at the end of the applicable performance period as if the executive officer had remained employed through the last day of the performance period.

*Performance Share Units.* Upon a special involuntary termination, the outstanding performance share units will remain eligible to vest in full based on the performance actually attained at the end of the applicable performance period as if the executive officer had remained employed through the last day of the performance period.

For purposes of the outstanding equity awards held by executive officers, a change in control means, subject to certain specific exceptions set forth in the governing award agreements: (i) a person or group of persons becomes the beneficial owner of more than 40% of the combined voting power of Holly s then outstanding securities, (ii) a majority of the members of Holly s board of directors is replaced by directors who were not endorsed by two-thirds of the Holly board members prior to their appointment, (iii) the consummation of a merger or consolidation of Holly or any of its subsidiaries other than (A) a merger or consolidation resulting in Holly s voting securities outstanding immediately prior to the transaction continuing to represent at least 60% of the combined voting power of Holly s voting securities or the voting securities of the combined company outstanding immediately after the transaction, or (B) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of Holly in which no person or group becomes the beneficial owner of Holly s securities representing more than 40% of the combined voting power of Holly s then outstanding securities, or (iv) Holly s stockholders approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution or an agreement for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of Holly s assets. Since Holly s stockholders will hold less than 60% of the voting power of the voting securities of the combined company following the merger, the merger will constitute a change in control for purposes of the restricted stock and performance share unit awards. Accordingly, the first trigger of the special involuntary termination definition will be pulled upon the completion of the merger such that, except as Waiver Agreements, any subsequent termination of an executive officer s employment either described below under by the combined company without cause or by the executive officer due to an adverse change will result in accelerated vesting of the awards in the manner described above.

For purposes of the outstanding equity awards held by executive officers, (A) cause means (i) an act of dishonesty constituting a felony or serious misdemeanor and resulting (or intended to result in) personal gain or enrichment to the executive at Holly s expense, (ii) gross or willful and wanton negligence in the performance of the executive s material duties, or (iii) conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude; and (B) adverse change means, without the consent of the executive, (i) a material change in the geographic location at which the executive is required to work regularly, (ii) a material reduction in the duties performed by the executive, or (iii) a material reduction in the executive s base compensation (other than bonuses and other forms of discretionary compensation, or a general reduction applicable generally to executives). At this time, it is not anticipated that any of the executive officers of Holly will incur a special involuntary termination in connection with the merger. The table below sets forth the number of outstanding equity awards granted under Holly s Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan and held by each of the executive officers as of May 18, 2011; however, because the value of the outstanding performance-based restricted stock awards and performance-share units remains contingent upon the ultimate performance attained at the end of the applicable performance period and because it is not anticipated that any of the executive officers will incur a special involuntary termination resulting in any accelerated vesting, no estimated values have been assigned to the awards contained in the table below.

	Number of	
	Restricted	
Number of		
Restricted	Shares with	Number of
	Performance-Rased	Performance

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# **Shares with Time-Based**

Name of Executive Officer	Vesting	Vesting	<b>Share Units</b>
Matthew P. Clifton		52,970	75,163
David L. Lamp		29,275	40,981
Denise C. McWatters	3,603		6,027
George J. Damiris	9,975		16,672
Bruce R. Shaw	7,482		12,505

HEP has also granted similar outstanding equity awards under its Long-Term Incentive Plan to certain of Holly s executive officers who perform services for HEP, which awards are subject to similar accelerated vesting

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provisions upon a special involuntary termination event. While the merger also constitutes a change in control for purposes of the outstanding equity awards granted under the Holly Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan, the HEP plan is administered by the board of directors of Holly Logistics Services, L.L.C., and Holly does not bear any of the costs associated with the outstanding HEP equity awards.

# Waiver Agreements

Following the merger, certain current executive officers of Holly will receive different titles and will serve in different positions with the combined company. Specifically, (i) Mr. Matthew P. Clifton s title will change from Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Holly to Executive Chairman of the Board of Holly and Chief Executive Officer of HEP, (ii) Mr. Bruce Shaw s title will change from Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Holly to Senior Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development of Holly, and (iii) Mr. David L. Lamp s title will change from President of Holly to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Holly. Each of these executive officers has entered into a Waiver Agreement with Holly pursuant to which each such executive officer agrees that neither the change in title, nor any associated changes in the executive officer s employment authority, duties or responsibilities following the completion of the merger that are consistent with such change in title, will constitute a material reduction or other change in the executive officer s authority, duties or responsibilities for purposes of the definition of adverse change contained in any award agreement governing an outstanding equity award held by the executive officer under Holly s Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan or HEP s Long-Term Incentive Plan. However, each such executive officer could still incur an adverse change (and hence a special involuntary termination entitling him to accelerated vesting as discussed above) in the event of any material reduction in salary, benefits, bonus targets and/or long-term incentive grants that does not apply generally to executives of Holly and its subsidiaries (including, following the completion of the merger, Frontier and its subsidiaries).

### Change in Control Agreements

Holly has entered into Change in Control Agreements with its executive officers that provide for certain payments and benefits in the event of a change in control. Like the equity awards granted to executive officers that are described above, the Change in Control Agreements contain double trigger payment provisions. Specifically, the Change in Control Agreements provide that if, in connection with or within two years after a change in control, the executive is terminated without cause, leaves voluntarily for good reason, or is terminated as a condition of the occurrence of the transaction constituting the change in control, then the executive will receive the following cash severance amounts: (i) a cash payment, paid within 10 days following the executive s termination, equal to his accrued and unpaid salary, reimbursement of expenses and accrued vacation pay, and (ii) a lump sum amount, paid within 15 days following the executive s termination, equal to a specified multiple for such executive times: (A) his annual base salary as of his date of termination or the date immediately prior to the change in control, whichever is greater, plus (B) his or her annual bonus amount, calculated as the average annual bonus paid to him or her for the prior three years. In addition, the executive (and his dependents, as applicable) will receive the continuation of their medical and dental benefits for a specified number of years for such executive.

For purposes of the Change in Control Agreements, the term change in control means, subject to certain specific exceptions set forth in the Change in Control Agreements: (i) a person or group of persons becomes the beneficial owner of more than 50% of the combined voting power of Holly s then outstanding securities or more than 50% of Holly s outstanding common stock, (ii) a majority of the members of Holly s board of directors is replaced during a 12 month period by directors who were not endorsed by a majority of the board members prior to their appointment, (iii) the consummation of a merger or consolidation of Holly or one of its subsidiaries other than (A) a merger or consolidation resulting in Holly s voting securities outstanding immediately prior to the transaction continuing to represent at least 50% of the combined voting power of Holly s voting securities or the voting securities of the surviving entity outstanding immediately after the transaction, or (B) a merger or consolidation effected to implement

a recapitalization of Holly in which no person or group becomes the beneficial owner of Holly securities representing more than 50% of the combined voting power of Holly s then outstanding securities, or (iv) Holly s stockholders approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of Holly or an agreement for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of Holly s assets. Since Holly s stockholders will continue to hold 50%

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or more of the combined voting power of the combined company, the merger will not constitute a change in control for purposes of the Change in Control Agreements. Hence, none of Holly s executive officers will become entitled to payments or benefits under the Change in Control Agreements in connection with the merger.

### Retirement Restoration Plan

Holly sponsors a Retirement Restoration Plan that provides for additional payments to certain executive officers so that total pension plan benefits are not limited to the maximums set in the Code and as allowed under the Holly Retirement Restoration Plan. In the event of a change in control, each participant s benefit under the Retirement Restoration Plan will be paid immediately after such change in control (or, in the case of any post-409A benefits, on the 30th day following the change in control date), in the form of an annuity contract issued by a legal reserve life insurance company and a cash payment. The annuity contract will be for an amount equal to the benefits otherwise due the recipient under the Retirement Restoration Plan reduced by the amount of the cash payment, which will equal the reasonable estimate of the federal income tax liability resulting from the annuity contract and the payment. The Retirement Restoration Plan defines a change in control (i) with respect to pre-409A benefits, as any transaction that results in Holly s stockholders immediately prior to the transaction owning, immediately after the transaction, directly or indirectly, less than 40% of the effective voting power with respect to Holly s business operations conducted immediately prior to the transaction and (ii) with respect to post-409A benefits, as the date on which any person or group acquires ownership of Holly stock that, together with stock held by such person or group, constitutes more than 60% of the total voting power of Holly s stock. Since Holly s stockholders will continue to hold 50% or more of the effective voting power of the combined company, the merger will not constitute a change in control for purposes of the Retirement Restoration Plan. Accordingly, no benefits under the Retirement Restoration Plan will be triggered in connection with the merger.

### **Interests of Frontier Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger**

In considering the recommendation of the board of directors of Frontier that you vote for the proposal to approve the merger agreement, you should be aware that Frontier s directors and executive officers have financial interests in the merger that may be different from, or in addition to, those of Frontier stockholders generally. The board of directors of Frontier was aware of and considered these potential interests, among other matters, in evaluating and negotiating the merger agreement and the merger as well as in recommending to you that you vote for the proposal to approve the merger agreement.

As described in more detail below, these interests include certain payments and benefits that may be provided to the executive officers upon the closing of the merger or termination of their employment under certain circumstances following the merger, including accelerated vesting of annual and long-term incentive awards, benefits and certain other termination benefits that the completion of the merger would not affect.

The dates and share prices used below to quantify these interests have been selected for illustrative purposes only. They do not necessarily reflect the dates on which certain events will occur and do not represent a projection about the future value of Frontier s common stock.

### Treatment of Frontier Common Stock, Stock Options and other Stock-Based Awards

As of May 20, 2011, the record date for the Frontier special meeting, the directors and executive officers of Frontier and their affiliates beneficially owned and were entitled to vote [ ] shares of Frontier common stock, collectively representing approximately [ ]% of the shares of Frontier common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. It is expected that Frontier s directors and executive officers and their affiliates will vote their shares FOR the approval of the merger agreement, although none of them has entered into any agreement requiring them to do so.

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Frontier has granted the following types of equity awards and options to its executive officers under the Frontier stock plan, and the treatment of such options and equity awards upon completion of the merger is as follows:

Options to Acquire Frontier Common Stock. Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding option to acquire Frontier common stock will be converted into fully vested and immediately exercisable options to purchase shares of Holly common stock. The number of shares of Holly common stock which will be subject to such Holly stock options will be the number of shares of Frontier common stock subject to each such Frontier stock option multiplied by 0.4811, rounded down to the nearest whole share of Holly common stock. The exercise price per share of Holly common stock under such Holly stock options will be equal to the exercise price per share of Frontier common stock for such Frontier stock option divided by 0.4811, rounded up to the nearest whole cent. All of the previously outstanding Frontier stock options expired in April 2011, before the completion of the merger.

Frontier Stock Units. Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding Frontier stock unit (except Frontier stock units issued in 2011) will vest and will be converted into (1) a number of shares of fully vested Holly common stock equal to 125% of the number of shares of Frontier common stock subject to such Frontier stock units that are then credited to the holder, multiplied by 0.4811, rounded down to the nearest whole share of Holly common stock, and (2) an amount of cash equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents that would have been credited to the holder under the Frontier stock plan if the Frontier stock units instead had been issued as shares of Frontier restricted stock. Frontier stock units issued in 2011 will convert into comparable Holly stock units on the same terms and conditions as were applicable under such Frontier stock units, taking into account the exchange ratio.

Frontier Restricted Stock. Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding share of Frontier restricted stock (except for Frontier restricted stock held by Messrs. Jennings and Aron and Frontier restricted stock issued in 2011) will vest and will be converted into the right to receive 0.4811 fully vested shares of Holly common stock. In addition, each holder of Frontier restricted stock will be paid an amount in cash equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents then credited to each such holder with respect to such Frontier restricted stock. As discussed further below under Retention and Assumption Agreements, Messrs. Jennings and Aron have each agreed to waive, upon the closing of the merger, current rights to accelerated vesting of their Frontier restricted stock where such acceleration is based solely on one or more of the following:

the closing of the merger,

the voluntary termination of employment upon the relocation of Frontier s headquarters to Dallas, Texas, or

voluntary termination of employment during the 60-day period following the one year anniversary of the merger s closing.

Upon completion of the merger,

Messrs. Jennings and Aron's Frontier restricted stock will be converted into 0.4811 shares of Holly restricted stock, rounded down to the nearest whole share of Holly restricted stock, on the same terms and conditions as were applicable to such Frontier restricted stock (but taking into account any changes set forth in the retention agreements (described below)), and

Messrs. Jennings and Aron will be paid an amount of cash equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents then credited to each of them with respect to such Frontier restricted stock.

Frontier restricted stock issued in 2011 will convert into comparable Holly restricted stock on the same terms and conditions as were applicable under such Frontier restricted stock, and taking into account the exchange ratio.

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Frontier has granted its non-employee directors Frontier restricted stock units under the Frontier stock plan and the treatment of such restricted stock units upon the completion of the merger is as follows:

Frontier Restricted Stock Units. Upon the completion of the merger, each outstanding Frontier restricted stock unit will vest and will be converted into the right to receive 0.4811 fully vested shares of Holly common stock.

The following table sets forth the estimated value of the outstanding restricted stock units held by each non-employee director as of May 18, 2011.

Name of Non-Employee Director	Number of Restricted Stock Units	Estimated Value of Restricted Stock Units(1)
Douglas Y. Bech	7,060	\$ 202,198.40
Robert J. Kostelnik	7,060	\$ 202,198.40
James H. Lee	7,060	\$ 202,198.40
Paul B. Loyd	7,060	\$ 202,198.40
Franklin Myers	7,060	\$ 202,198.40
Michael E. Rose	7,060	\$ 202,198.40

(1) Calculated based on the number of outstanding restricted stock units multiplied by a Frontier common stock price of \$28.64 per share, which was the closing price of Frontier common stock on May 18, 2011.

# Change in Control Severance Agreements

Frontier has existing Change in Control Severance Agreements, or CIC agreements, with each of its executive officers. These CIC agreements require Frontier to make payments or provide benefits to its executive officers upon certain types of termination of employment in connection with a change in control of Frontier.

Each of the CIC agreements initially has a three-year term. However, if a change in control occurs during the term, (1) in the case of Messrs. Jennings and Aron, the agreement provides that it shall terminate 60 days after the first anniversary of the change in control date, subject to their right to extend the term for a period of three years after the change in control, and (2) for the other executives, the agreement provides that it will terminate two years after the change in control. As discussed further below under

Retention and Assumption Agreements, Mr. Jennings has elected to extend, upon the completion of the merger, the term of his CIC agreement to three years following the merger.

The completion of the merger will constitute a change in control for purposes of Frontier's CIC agreements. Upon a change in control, severance benefits continue to accrue until the executive officer experiences a termination of employment for one of the following reasons: (1) the executive s employment is terminated by Frontier for a reason other than for cause (as defined in the CIC agreement) or disability or (2) the executive terminates his employment for certain specified reasons (any event described in clause (1) or (2), a qualifying termination). Cause generally encompasses certain acts of dishonesty by the executive or the executive s failure to devote full time efforts to Frontier or abide by the confidentiality provisions of the agreement, if such failures result in material injury to Frontier.

The specified reasons for which the executive may terminate his employment include (1) failure to elect or reelect the executive to, or removal of the executive from, the offices designated in the CIC agreement, (2) significant changes in the executive s powers and duties, or reductions in the executive s compensation and benefits, (3) a determination under

certain circumstances that the executive is unable to carry out the authorities and duties attached to his position, (4) a breach by Frontier of any material provision of the CIC agreement that is not remedied within a certain specified time period, or (5) the failure of a successor to assume all duties and obligations of Frontier under the CIC agreement.

The CIC agreements for Messrs. Jennings and Aron also include a walk-away provision. The walk-away provision permits the executive to either (1) leave voluntarily within 60 days after the first anniversary of the change in control event and receive the remainder of his severance pay or (2) elect to extend the agreement to 36 months

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following a change in control event. As discussed further below under Retention and Assumption Agreements, Mr. Jennings has agreed to waive, upon the closing of the merger, this right to voluntarily terminate his employment with severance benefits during the 60-day period following the first anniversary of the closing of the merger solely based on the walk-away provision described above, and has elected, upon the closing of the merger, to extend his agreement to 36 months following the merger, in return for which Frontier and Holly agreed that Mr. Jennings right to severance, if otherwise triggered under the CIC agreement, will be calculated without a currently applicable offset for prior compensation. In addition, as discussed further below under Retention and Assumption Agreements, both Messrs. Jennings and Aron agreed to waive, upon the closing of the merger, their rights to terminate employment with severance benefits based solely upon the relocation of Frontier's headquarters to Dallas, Texas.

If an executive officer experiences a qualifying termination upon or following the completion of the merger during the applicable term of the CIC agreement, he or she will receive the following compensation and benefits in accordance with the terms of the applicable CIC agreement:

Severance. Each executive officer will receive a cash severance payment ranging from one to six times the executive officer s annual base salary and, except for Mr. Jennings (as discussed further below under and Assumption Agreements), such severance payment will be reduced by any salary and annual bonus payment paid for the period commencing after the merger.

Options and Other Stock-Based Awards. All outstanding Frontier stock options and other equity-based compensation awards (including any awards granted in 2011) held by the executive at the time of his termination of employment which were granted prior to the closing of the merger will automatically vest in full, all performance periods will end with all performance goals deemed met at the highest level and, if applicable, any such options shall remain exercisable for the remainder of their terms as if the executive s employment had not terminated. All of the previously outstanding Frontier stock options expired in April 2011 before the closing of the merger.

Tax Gross-Up. If any payments or benefits made pursuant to the terms of the CIC agreements or otherwise result in the executive being subject to any income, excise, or other tax (excess tax amounts) at a rate above the rate ordinarily applicable to wages and salaries paid in the ordinary course of business, whether as a result of the provisions of Sections 280G, 4999 or 409A of the Code, or any similar or analogous provisions of the Code or any other statute, then the amount due to the executive shall be increased by an amount such that the net amount received by the executive after paying any applicable tax and any federal, state or other taxes on such additional amount, shall be equal to the amount that the executive would have received if such excess tax amounts were not applicable.

If an executive officer incurs a qualifying termination during the six month period preceding the completion of the merger (provided the merger constitutes a change in control event for purposes of Section 409A of the Code), then, not later than 30 days following the merger, the executive officer will receive a lump sum payment equal to the sum of (i) his annual base salary times the applicable multiplier (applicable multipliers range from one to six), plus (ii) the fair market value of any shares subject to Frontier equity compensation awards that were held by the executive officer immediately prior to his termination but that were forfeited in connection with such termination (less the amount of any applicable exercise prices), minus (iii) the amount of any severance payment received by the executive officer pursuant to a severance agreement (described below).

### **Executive Severance Agreements**

Frontier also has existing Executive Severance Agreements ( severance agreements ) with each of its executive officers that operate following certain terminations of employment unrelated to a change in control, but otherwise similar to a

qualifying termination under the CIC agreements. These severance agreements provide for (i) continuation of base salary for a period of time (12 months for Vice Presidents and 18 months for Executive Vice Presidents and higher), (ii) payment of a pro-rated annual incentive amount for the year of termination, (iii) payment by Frontier of COBRA health care premiums (for up to 12 months for Vice Presidents and 18 months for Executive Vice Presidents and above), (iv) outplacement assistance (not to exceed \$15,000), (v) vesting of all equity-based compensation awards held by the executive (except that performance awards intended to satisfy

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Section 162(m) of the Code will be paid pro rata based on performance actually attained or upon the occurrence of a change in control), and (vi) continued coverage under existing life insurance programs (for up to 12 months for Vice Presidents and 18 months for Executive Vice Presidents), if permitted by the applicable contract.

# Retention and Assumption Agreements

Mr. Michael C. Jennings, Frontier s President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Doug S. Aron, Frontier s Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, entered into certain Retention and Assumption Agreements which will be effective immediately before the merger (the retention agreements), whereby each agreed to waive, upon the closing of the merger, current rights to accelerated vesting of Frontier restricted stock where such acceleration is based solely on one or more of the following:

the closing of the merger (which would otherwise have triggered full vesting on account of a change in control);

voluntary termination on account of the relocation of Frontier s headquarters to Dallas, Texas (which would otherwise have triggered full vesting); or

voluntary termination during the 60-day period following the first anniversary of the closing of the merger (which would otherwise have triggered full vesting).

Messrs. Jennings and Aron also agreed to waive, upon the closing of the merger, certain other rights under their respective CIC agreements. Messrs. Jennings and Aron each agreed to waive, upon the closing of the merger, their rights to terminate employment with severance benefits based solely upon the relocation of Frontier's headquarters to Dallas, Texas. In addition, Mr. Jennings has agreed to waive, upon the closing of the merger, his right to voluntarily terminate his employment with severance benefits during the 60-day period following the first anniversary of the closing of the merger solely based on the walk-away provision of the CIC agreement described above, and has elected to extend the term of his CIC agreement to 36 months following the merger, in return for which Frontier and Holly agreed that Mr. Jennings right to severance, if otherwise triggered under the CIC agreement, will be calculated without a currently applicable offset for prior compensation.

Other rights to accelerated equity awards and severance benefits are retained. The retention agreements do not affect rights in respect of Frontier stock units or dividends and dividend equivalent amounts accrued in respect of Frontier stock units and Frontier restricted stock immediately before the merger. As previously described, the Frontier stock units held by Messrs. Jennings and Aron will be converted into a number of shares of fully vested Holly common stock equal to 125% of the number of shares of Frontier common stock subject to such Frontier stock units that are then credited to the holder, multiplied by 0.4811, rounded down to the nearest whole share of Holly common stock. Further, Messrs. Jennings and Aron will be paid an amount in cash equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents credited with respect to their Frontier stock units and Frontier restricted stock.

Pursuant to the retention agreements, Holly agreed to assume Frontier's obligations in respect of all Frontier restricted stock held by Messrs. Jennings and Aron (which will become restricted stock of Holly). Any dividends with respect to Holly restricted stock held by Messrs. Jennings and Aron pursuant to agreements assumed by Holly will be paid as and when such dividends are paid to holders of unrestricted stock of the same class. Holly also will assume both of Messrs. Jennings and Aron's CIC agreements, subject to the modifications in the retention agreements. Holly separately undertook to reimburse Messrs. Jennings and Aron for any exposure to adverse tax results arising under Section 409A of the Code. This protection is currently in place under the CIC agreements.

Upon termination of the merger agreement for any reason, the retention agreements will terminate and have no effect.

The table below sets forth the number and estimated value of outstanding equity awards held by each of Messrs. Jennings and Aron as of May 18, 2011. Upon completion of the merger, performance-based stock units will vest and be converted into fully vested shares of Holly common stock, and restricted stock will be converted into shares of Holly restricted stock, in each case, in accordance with the exchange ratio. See 

Treatment of Frontier Stock Options and Other Stock-Based Awards.

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	Number of Shares of	Value of Shares of	Number of Performance-	Value of Performance-
Name of Executive Officer	Restricted Stock	Restricted Stock(1)	<b>Based Stock Units</b>	Based Stock Units(2)
Michael C. Jennings Doug S. Aron	235,921 95,295	\$ 6,756,777 \$ 2,729,249	103,433 39,933	\$ 3,702,901 \$ 1,429,601

- (1) Calculated based on the number of outstanding shares of restricted stock multiplied by a Frontier common stock price of \$28.64 per share, which was the closing price of Frontier common stock on May 18, 2011.
- (2) Calculated based on the number of outstanding performance-based stock units, multiplied by 125% as provided in the merger agreement, multiplied by the price of \$28.64 per share, which was the closing price of Frontier common stock on May 18, 2011.

# **Board of Directors and Management Following the Merger**

Immediately following the effective time of the merger, the board of directors of the combined company will be expanded from its current size of seven members to fourteen members, seven of whom will be chosen by the current Holly directors (at least six of whom will be independent for purposes of the rules of the NYSE) and seven of whom will be chosen by the current Frontier directors (at least six of whom will be independent for purposes of the rules of the NYSE). Mr. Clifton will be one of the seven Holly directors and will serve as Executive Chairman of the board. As of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, it is anticipated that all of the members of Holly s and Frontier s respective boards of directors immediately prior to the merger will continue to serve as directors of the combined company. Upon completion of the merger, Mr. Clifton, currently Chairman of the Holly board of directors and Chief Executive Officer of Holly, will serve as Executive Chairman of the board of directors, and Mr. Jennings, currently Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Frontier, will serve as President and Chief Executive Officer. The combined company s executive management team is expected to also include Mr. Aron, currently Frontier s Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Lamp, currently Holly s President, as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Mr. Shaw, currently Holly s Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, as Senior Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development.

### **Regulatory Clearances Required for the Merger**

Under the HSR Act, Holly and Frontier must file notifications with the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division and observe a mandatory pre-merger waiting period before completing the merger. On March 7, 2011, each of Holly and Frontier filed its notification under the HSR Act. On March 18, 2011, Holly and Frontier were notified of the early termination of the pre-merger waiting period under the HSR Act.

In addition to the HSR Act related filings and clearances, Holly and Frontier have agreed to use their reasonable best efforts to obtain as promptly as practicable applicable state and other federal antitrust regulatory approvals required to complete the merger, except where the failure to obtain any such approval would not reasonably be expected to delay or prevent the completion of the merger or have a material adverse effect on the expected benefits of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement to Holly. Holly and Frontier have agreed to cooperate with one another to determine which regulatory filings or approvals are required to be made or obtained prior to the effective date of the merger and to timely make all such filings and seek all such approvals. Holly and Frontier are currently reviewing which such regulatory filings and approvals, if any, are required and expect to timely make all such filings and seek

all such approvals.

Holly and Frontier cannot assure you that other government agencies or private parties will not initiate actions to challenge the merger before or after it is completed. Any such challenge to the merger could result in a court order enjoining the merger or in restrictions or conditions that would have a material adverse effect on the combined company following the merger if the merger is completed. Such restrictions and conditions could include requiring the divestiture or spin-off of assets or businesses. Under the terms of the merger agreement, each of Holly and Frontier is required to commit to any divestitures or similar arrangements with respect to its assets, or conduct of business arrangements, if that divestiture or arrangement (i) is a condition to obtain any clearance or approval from any governmental entity in order to complete the merger, (ii) is contingent upon the completion of the merger and

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(iii) would not materially impair the business operations of Holly, Frontier and their subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as combined in the merger in the manner intended by Holly and Frontier. No additional stockholder approval is expected to be required or sought for any decision by Holly or Frontier after the Holly special meeting and the Frontier special meeting to agree to any terms and conditions necessary to resolve any regulatory objections to the merger.

### **Exchange of Shares in the Merger**

Prior to the effective time of the merger, Holly will appoint an exchange agent to handle the exchange of shares of Frontier common stock for shares of Holly common stock. At the effective time of the merger, shares of Frontier common stock will be converted into the right to receive shares of Holly common stock without the need for any action by the holders of Frontier common stock.

Promptly after the effective time of the merger, but in no event later than three business days after the closing of the merger, Holly will cause the exchange agent to mail to each holder of a Frontier stock certificate a letter of transmittal specifying, among other things, that delivery will be effected, and risk of loss and title to any certificates representing Frontier common stock shall pass, only upon proper delivery of such certificates to the exchange agent. The letter will also include instructions explaining the procedure for surrendering Frontier stock certificates in exchange for shares of Holly common stock. Frontier shareholders should <u>not</u> return Frontier stock certificates with the enclosed proxy card. Holders of uncertificated shares of Frontier common stock in book-entry form will automatically receive the merger consideration and will not be required to deliver a certificate or an executed letter of transmittal to the exchange agent.

After the effective time of the merger, shares of Frontier common stock will no longer be outstanding, will be automatically canceled and will cease to exist and each certificate, if any, that previously represented shares of Frontier common stock will represent only the right to receive the merger consideration as described above. With respect to such shares of Holly common stock deliverable upon the surrender of Frontier stock certificates, until holders of such Frontier stock certificates have surrendered such stock certificates to the exchange agent for exchange, those holders will not receive dividends or distributions with respect to such shares of Holly common stock with a record date after the effective time of the merger.

Frontier shareholders will not receive any fractional shares of Holly common stock pursuant to the merger. Instead of any fractional shares, Frontier shareholders will be paid an amount in cash for such fraction calculated by multiplying the fractional share interest to which such holder would otherwise be entitled by the closing price for a share of Holly common stock as reported on the NYSE on the first trading day immediately following the date on which the merger is effective.

Holly stockholders need not take any action with respect to their stock certificates.

### **Treatment of Frontier Stock Options and Other Stock-Based Awards**

Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding option to acquire Frontier common stock will be converted into fully vested and immediately exercisable options to purchase shares of Holly common stock. The number of shares of Holly common stock which will be subject to such Holly stock options will be the number of shares of Frontier common stock subject to each such Frontier stock option multiplied by 0.4811, rounded down to the nearest whole share of Holly common stock. The exercise price per share of Holly common stock for such Holly stock option will equal the exercise price per share of Frontier common stock for such Frontier stock option divided by 0.4811, rounded up to the nearest whole cent. All of the previously outstanding Frontier stock options expired in April 2011 before the completion of the merger.

Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding Frontier stock unit (except Frontier stock units issued in 2011) will vest and will be converted into (1) a number of shares of fully vested Holly common stock equal to 125% of the number of shares of Frontier common stock subject to such Frontier stock units that are then credited to the holder, multiplied by 0.4811, rounded down to the nearest whole share of Holly common stock, and (2) an amount of cash equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents that would have been credited to the holder under the Frontier stock plan if the Frontier stock units instead had been issued as shares of Frontier

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restricted stock. Frontier stock units issued in 2011 will convert into comparable Holly stock units on the same terms and conditions as were applicable under such Frontier stock units, taking into account the exchange ratio.

Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding share of Frontier restricted stock (except for Frontier restricted stock held by Messrs. Jennings and Aron and Frontier restricted stock issued in 2011) will vest and will be converted into the right to receive 0.4811 fully vested shares of Holly common stock. In addition, each holder of Frontier restricted stock will be paid an amount in cash equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents then credited to each such holder with respect to such Frontier restricted stock. As discussed above under Interests of Frontier Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Retention and Assumption Agreements, Messrs. Jennings and Aron have each agreed to waive, upon the closing of the merger, current rights to accelerated vesting of their Frontier restricted stock where such acceleration is based solely on one or more of the following: (1) the closing of the merger, (2) the voluntary termination of employment on account of the relocation of Frontier s headquarters to Dallas, Texas, or (3) the voluntary termination of employment during the 60-day period following the one year anniversary of the merger s closing.

Upon completion of the merger, (1) each share of Messrs. Jennings and Aron's Frontier restricted stock will be converted into 0.4811 shares of Holly restricted stock, rounded down to the nearest whole share of Holly restricted stock on the same terms and conditions as were applicable to such Frontier restricted stock (but taking into account any changes set forth in the retention agreements (described above)), and (2) Messrs. Jennings and Aron will be paid an amount of cash equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents then credited to each of them with respect to such Frontier restricted stock.

Frontier restricted stock issued in 2011 will convert into comparable Holly restricted stock on the same terms and conditions as were applicable under such Frontier restricted stock, taking into account the exchange ratio.

Upon the completion of the merger, each outstanding Frontier restricted stock unit will vest and will be converted into the right to receive 0.4811 fully vested shares of Holly common stock.

### Structure of the Combined Company Following the Merger

In connection with planning the integration of the businesses of Holly and Frontier after the merger, the management teams of Frontier and Holly have been evaluating and expect to continue evaluating an internal restructuring of certain Holly and Frontier legal entities after completing the merger, which may include an internal merger of Frontier into HollyFrontier Corporation. Although the internal restructuring is not required to complete the merger, the management of each of Holly and Frontier currently believes that implementing the internal restructuring as soon as possible following completion of the merger could better facilitate a successful integration of Holly and Frontier. Such internal restructuring would be subject to the continuing evaluation of such restructuring and the approval of the board of directors of HollyFrontier Corporation following the merger. In order to facilitate the internal restructuring, Frontier has commenced consent solicitations to amend the indentures governing Frontier s senior notes, as described under

Treatment of Other Debt. The internal restructuring of the combined company would be subject to, among other things, the continuing evaluation of such restructuring and the approval of the board of directors of the combined company following the completion of the merger.

### **Credit Agreements**

It is currently anticipated that, upon the effective time of the merger, Frontier s revolving credit facility will be terminated and any indebtedness thereunder repaid. As of April 30, 2011, there was no indebtedness outstanding under Frontier s credit facility and there were approximately \$267.4 million in outstanding letters of credit, as to which no amounts had been drawn. As of April 30, 2011, there was no indebtedness outstanding under Holly s credit facility

and there were approximately \$80.4 million in outstanding letters of credit, as to which no amounts had been drawn. The amount of indebtedness and letters of credit outstanding under the Frontier credit facility and the Holly credit facility at the effective time of the merger may be significantly more or less than the above listed amounts. To the extent that there is any indebtedness outstanding under either the Frontier credit facility or the Holly credit facility, the combined company currently plans to fund the repayment of the indebtedness thereunder from cash on hand or borrowings under the new revolving credit facility of the combined company at the effective time of the merger.

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In addition, it is a condition to the closing of the merger that, subject only to completion of the merger, the combined company enter into a new revolving credit facility. Holly and Frontier currently anticipate that the combined company will enter into a new five-year senior secured revolving credit facility (the <a href="New Senior Credit Facility">New Senior Credit Facility</a>), which is currently expected to be in an amount of up to \$1 billion and to be secured by substantially all of the current assets of the combined company. Holly and Frontier have entered into an engagement letter (the <a href="Engagement Letter">Engagement Letter</a>) with Union Bank, N.A. (<a href="Union Bank">Union Bank</a>), BNP Paribas, and BNP Paribas Securities Corp. (<a href="BNP Securities">BNP Securities</a>), pursuant to which Union Bank and BNP Securities have agreed to use their best efforts to arrange the New Senior Credit Facility. At the request of Holly or Frontier made in May 2011, Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, Holly s financial advisors in connection with the merger, and Credit Suisse and Citi, Frontier s financial advisors in connection with the merger, or their respective affiliates may act as lenders under the New Senior Credit Facility and receive customary compensation thereunder. The amount and terms of the New Senior Credit Facility remain subject to the syndication process. If the parties are unable to negotiate a new revolving credit facility for the combined company, it is not known whether both of the parties would waive this condition.

The merger will have no effect on the revolving credit facility of HEP, which will remain in place after the effective time of the merger.

### **Treatment of Other Debt**

The completion of the merger will result in a change of control for purposes of the indentures governing Frontier s \$150.0 million 6.875% senior notes due 2018 and \$200.0 million 8.5% senior notes due 2016. Following the merger, Frontier will be required to offer to repurchase those senior notes at a cash purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the senior notes plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Frontier senior notes currently trade at prices in excess of 101%. Frontier intends to fund any repurchases pursuant to such offer from working capital, including cash on hand or borrowings under the new revolving credit facility of the combined company.

In order to facilitate the internal restructuring of certain legal entities of the combined company following the merger Structure of the Combined Company Following the Merger, Frontier has commenced consent as described under solicitations for the consents of the holders of the Frontier senior notes to amend the indentures governing each series of the Frontier senior notes. If the consent solicitations are consummated, the proposed amendments would, among other things, result in HEP and its subsidiaries being excluded from certain of the restrictive covenants in the Frontier indentures to the same extent as HEP and its subsidiaries are excluded from certain of the restrictive covenants in the indenture governing Holly s outstanding senior notes, including any requirement for HEP and its subsidiaries to guarantee the Frontier senior notes in the event Frontier were to be merged into HollyFrontier Corporation. Additionally, the proposed amendments would amend the transactions with affiliates and additional guarantor covenants in the Frontier indentures. The consent of holders representing not less than a majority of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of each series of the Frontier senior notes is required to approve the proposed amendments. If the consent solicitation is consummated, Frontier will pay customary consent fees to the holders of the Frontier senior notes. The effectiveness of the proposed amendments is conditioned upon, among other things, the completion of the merger. The closing of the merger is not conditioned on the receipt of the requisite consents in the consent solicitations. However, if the requisite consents in the consent solicitations are not obtained, the combined company may be unable to consummate some or all of the internal restructuring while the Frontier senior notes remain outstanding, in which case the combined company may pursue an alternative structure, may effect some but not all of the internal restructuring or may not undergo an internal restructuring. If the internal restructuring is not consummated and Frontier remains a wholly owned subsidiary of HollyFrontier Corporation, HollyFrontier Corporation will not be required to assume or guarantee the Frontier senior notes following the merger, but if the internal restructuring is consummated as currently anticipated, HollyFrontier Corporation will be the issuer of the Frontier senior notes.

The completion of the merger will not result in a change of control for purposes of the indenture governing Holly s \$300.0 million 9.875% senior notes due 2017. Holly anticipates that Frontier and certain of its subsidiaries will guarantee Holly s senior notes and the new credit facility of the combined company following the merger.

The merger will have no effect on HEP  $\,$  s \$185 million 6.25% senior notes due 2015 or HEP  $\,$  s \$150 million 8.25% senior notes due 2018.

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# **Dividend Policy**

Holly currently pays quarterly cash dividends on shares of its common stock and currently intends to consider the declaration of a dividend on a quarterly basis. Any future determination regarding dividend or distribution payments will be at the discretion of the Holly board of directors, subject to applicable limitations under Delaware law, and will depend upon many factors, including results of operations, financial condition, earnings, capital requirements and other legal requirements. Holly s credit agreement and senior notes limit the payment of dividends. Frontier s senior notes may restrict the payment of dividends based on covenants related to interest coverage and restricted payments. Future debt agreements of the combined company following the merger may also restrict the combined company s ability to pay dividends.

### **Listing of Holly Common Stock**

It is a condition to the completion of the merger that the shares of Holly common stock to be issued to Frontier shareholders pursuant to the merger and the shares of Holly common stock reserved for issuance pursuant to Holly stock options (including those shares of Holly common stock to be issued upon conversion of the Frontier restricted stock) be authorized for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance. It is expected that following the merger, if Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation is approved and adopted to, among other things, change the name of Holly to HollyFrontier Corporation, Holly will change the trading symbol of Holly common stock on the NYSE.

### **De-Listing and Deregistration of Frontier Stock**

Upon completion of the merger, the Frontier common stock currently listed on the NYSE will cease to be listed on the NYSE and will subsequently be deregistered under the Exchange Act.

### **No Appraisal Rights**

Under Delaware and Wyoming law, as well as the certificates of incorporation and bylaws of each company, neither the holders of Holly capital stock nor the holders of Frontier capital stock, respectively, are entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the merger. See the section entitled No Appraisal Rights beginning on page 130.

### Litigation Related to the Merger

Twelve substantially similar shareholder lawsuits styled as class actions have been filed by alleged Frontier shareholders challenging the merger and naming as defendants Frontier, its board of directors and, in certain instances, Holly and Merger Sub as aiders and abettors. To date, such shareholder actions have been filed in Harris County, Texas, Laramie County, Wyoming, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

The lawsuits filed in the District Courts of Harris County, Texas are entitled: Adam Walker, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated vs. Frontier Oil Corporation, et al. (filed February 22, 2011), Andrew Goldberg, on Behalf of Himself and All Other Similarly Situated Shareholders of Frontier Oil Corporation v. Frontier Oil Corporation, et al. (filed February 24, 2011), L.A. Murphy, On Behalf of Herself and All Others Similarly Situated v. Paul B. Loyd, Jr., et al. (filed February 24, 2011), Zhixin Huang v. Frontier Oil Corp., et al. (filed February 24, 2011), Robert Pettigrew, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Frontier Oil Corporation, et al. (filed February 25, 2011), Walter E. Ryan, Jr., On Behalf of Himself and All Others Similarly

Situated v. Frontier Oil Corporation, et al. (filed February 25, 2011), Christopher Borrelli, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Frontier Oil Corporation, et al. (filed March 2, 2011), and Randy Whitman, Individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Frontier Oil Corporation, et al. (filed on March 8, 2011). The lawsuit filed in the District Court of Laramie County, Wyoming is entitled Thomas Greulich, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Frontier Oil Corporation, et al. (filed March 1, 2011). The lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas is entitled Angelo Chiarelli, On Behalf of Himself and All Others Similarly Situated v. Holly Corporation, et al. (filed on March 2, 2011). The lawsuits filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas are entitled Tim Wilcox, Individually and

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on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Frontier Oil Corporation, et al. (filed on March 7, 2011), and Jackie A. Rhymes, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated v. Michael Jennings, et al. (filed on March 17, 2011).

These lawsuits generally allege that (1) the consideration to be received by Frontier s shareholders in the merger is inadequate, (2) the Frontier directors breached their fiduciary duties by, among other things, approving the merger at an inadequate price under circumstances involving certain alleged conflicts of interest, (3) the merger agreement includes preclusive deal protection provisions, and (4) Frontier, and in some cases Holly and Merger Sub, aided and abetted Frontier s board of directors in breaching its fiduciary duties to Frontier s shareholders. The shareholder actions seek various remedies, including enjoining the transaction from being consummated in accordance with its agreed-upon terms, compensatory damages, and costs and disbursements relating to the lawsuits.

In the cases pending in Texas state court, on March 21, 2011, plaintiff in the *Walker* lawsuit filed an amended petition alleging that Frontier s current directors also breached their fiduciary duties by failing to disclose material information or making materially inadequate disclosures concerning the proposed merger in the registration statement on Form S-4. On March 25, 2011, the lawsuits pending in the District Court of Harris County, Texas, were consolidated under the style *In re: Frontier Oil Corp.*, Cause No. 2011-11451, and interim class counsel was appointed on April 12, 2011. On May 9, 2011, Holly answered the consolidated amended petition, generally denying the allegations and asserting affirmative defenses. Discovery is in the early stages.

With respect to the federal lawsuits, on March 24, 2011, plaintiffs in the lawsuits pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas filed a motion to consolidate the *Wilcox* and *Rhymes* cases pending in that district and to appoint interim lead counsel. On April 7, 2011, plaintiffs in the *Wilcox* and *Rhymes* cases filed substantially similar amended complaints. In addition to the claims described in general above, these lawsuits also allege that the defendants violated Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act by making untrue statements of material fact and omitting to state material facts necessary to make the statements that were made not misleading in the registration statement on Form S-4. On April 21, 2011, Holly and Merger Sub moved to dismiss the amended class action complaints filed in the *Wilcox* and *Rhymes* cases. On May 3, 2011, the Frontier defendants filed a motion to dismiss the original class action complaint filed in the *Chiarelli* case. On May 6, 2011, Holly also moved to dismiss the original class action complaint filed in the *Chiarelli* case; Merger Sub was not named as a defendant in that action.

The defendants intend to vigorously defend these and any future lawsuits, as they believe that they have valid defenses to all claims and that the lawsuits are entirely without merit.

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### THE MERGER AGREEMENT

The following section summarizes material provisions of the merger agreement, which is included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex A and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The rights and obligations of Holly and Frontier are governed by the express terms and conditions of the merger agreement and not by this summary or any other information contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Holly and Frontier stockholders are urged to read the merger agreement carefully and in its entirety as well as this joint proxy statement/prospectus before making any decisions regarding the merger, including the approval of the merger agreement, the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders pursuant to the merger and the approval and adoption of Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation.

The merger agreement is included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus to provide you with information regarding its terms and is not intended to provide any factual information about Holly or Frontier. The merger agreement contains representations and warranties by each of the parties to the merger agreement. These representations and warranties have been made solely for the benefit of the other parties to the merger agreement and:

may not be intended as statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk between the parties in the event that the statements therein prove to be inaccurate;

have been qualified by certain disclosures that were made between the parties in connection with the negotiation of the merger agreement, which disclosures are not reflected in the merger agreement itself; and

may apply standards of materiality in a way that is different from what may be viewed as material by you or other investors.

Accordingly, the representations and warranties and other provisions of the merger agreement should not be read alone, but instead should be read together with the information provided elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 133.

This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the merger agreement.

### Terms of the Merger; Merger Consideration

The merger agreement provides that, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the merger agreement and in accordance with the Wyoming Business Corporation Act (the WBCA), at the effective time of the merger, Merger Sub will merge with and into Frontier. Frontier will be the surviving corporation in the merger and will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Holly. At the effective time of the merger, each outstanding share of Frontier common stock (other than shares owned by Frontier, Holly or Merger Sub or any subsidiary of Frontier or Holly, which will be canceled and cease to exist) will be converted into the right to receive 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock.

Holly will not issue fractional shares of Holly common stock pursuant to the merger agreement. Instead, each Frontier shareholder who otherwise would have been entitled to receive a fraction of a share of Holly common stock will receive in lieu thereof and, upon surrender of his or her shares of Frontier common stock, an amount in cash for such fraction calculated by multiplying the fractional share interest to which such holder would otherwise be entitled by the closing price for a share of Holly common stock, as reported on the NYSE on the first trading day immediately following the date on which the merger is effective.

The exchange ratio will be adjusted accordingly to provide Frontier common shareholders the same economic effect as contemplated by the merger agreement prior to any reorganization, reclassification, recapitalization, stock split, split-up, stock dividend or stock distribution, combination or exchange of shares with respect to the shares of either Holly common stock or Frontier common stock prior to the effective time of the merger.

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#### **Alternative Structures**

The merger agreement provides that the parties will reasonably cooperate in the consideration and implementation of alternative structures to effect the business combination contemplated by the merger agreement, including, without limitation, merging Frontier with and into Merger Sub or merging Frontier into Holly, as long as such alternative structure does not impose any material delay on, or condition to, the consummation of the merger, does not cause any closing condition contained in the merger agreement not to be capable of being fulfilled and does not adversely affect any of the parties or either Holly s or Frontier s stockholders. The merger agreement provides that the fact that a direct merger of Frontier into Holly would require the approval of a majority of the holders of outstanding shares of Holly common stock will not be deemed to have any of the effects mentioned above.

### **Completion of the Merger**

Unless the parties agree otherwise, the closing of the merger will take place on the first business day immediately following the day on which the last condition to the completion of the merger has been satisfied or waived or such other date as Holly and Frontier may agree in writing. The merger will be effective at the date and time the parties agree and specify in the articles of merger, which will be filed with the Wyoming Secretary of State. Holly s amended and restated certificate of incorporation will be filed with the Delaware Secretary of State immediately prior to the filing of the certificate of merger and will become effective at the same time as the merger.

Holly and Frontier currently expect the closing of the merger to occur in the third quarter of 2011. However, as the merger is subject to various regulatory clearances and the satisfaction or waiver of other conditions described in the merger agreement, it is possible that factors outside the control of Holly and Frontier could result in the merger being completed at an earlier time, a later time or not at all.

### **Exchange of Shares in the Merger**

Prior to the effective time of the merger, Holly will appoint an exchange agent to handle the exchange of shares of Frontier common stock for shares of Holly common stock. At the effective time of the merger, shares of Frontier common stock will be converted into the right to receive shares of Holly common stock without the need for any action by the holders of Frontier common stock.

Promptly after the effective time of the merger (and in no event later than three business days after the closing date of the merger), Holly will cause the exchange agent to send a letter of transmittal to each record holder of Frontier common stock as of the effective time of the merger specifying, among other things, that delivery will be effected, and risk of loss and title to any certificates representing Frontier shares will pass, only upon proper delivery of such certificates to the exchange agent. The letter will also include instructions explaining the procedure for surrendering Frontier stock certificates in exchange for shares of Holly common stock. Any uncertificated shares of Frontier common stock in book-entry form will be deemed surrendered to the exchange agent at the effective time of the merger.

After the effective time of the merger, shares of Frontier common stock will no longer be outstanding, will be automatically canceled and will cease to exist and each certificate, if any, that previously represented shares of Frontier common stock will represent only the right to receive the merger consideration as described above, any cash in lieu of fractional shares of Holly common stock and any dividends or other distributions to which the holders of the certificates become entitled upon surrender of such certificates. With respect to such shares of Holly common stock deliverable upon the surrender of Frontier stock certificates, until holders of such Frontier stock certificates have

surrendered such stock certificates to the exchange agent for exchange, those holders will not receive dividends or distributions with respect to such shares of Holly common stock with a record date after the effective time of the merger.

# **Representations and Warranties**

The merger agreement contains reciprocal representations and warranties. Each of Holly and Frontier have made representations and warranties regarding, among other things:

organization, good standing and corporate power;

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authority with respect to the execution and delivery of the merger agreement, and the due and valid execution and delivery and enforceability of the merger agreement; capital structure; ownership of subsidiaries; absence of conflicts with, or violations of, organizational documents, other contracts and applicable laws; compliance with permits; required regulatory filings and consents and approvals of governmental entities; SEC documents and financial statements; absence of certain litigation; absence of undisclosed liabilities: absence of certain changes and events since the end of the third fiscal quarter of 2010; tax matters; benefits matters and ERISA compliance; collective bargaining agreements and other labor matters; environmental matters: intellectual property; title to properties and condition of assets; insurance; brokers fees payable in connection with the merger; opinions from financial advisors; material contracts: inapplicability of state takeover statutes; internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures; and compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

The merger agreement also contains certain representations and warranties of Holly with respect to its wholly owned subsidiary, Merger Sub, including, without limitation, corporate organization, absence of material assets or liabilities, lack of prior business activities, capitalization, and authority with respect to the execution and delivery of the merger agreement.

Many of the representations and warranties in the merger agreement are qualified by a materiality or material adverse effect standard (that is, they will not be deemed to be untrue or incorrect unless their failure to be true or correct, individually or in the aggregate, would, as the case may be, be material or have a material adverse effect). For purposes of the merger agreement, a material adverse effect means, with respect to a party, any change, effect, occurrence, state of facts or development that, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affects (i) the business, assets and liabilities (taken together), results of operations or financial condition of such party and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis or (ii) the ability of such party to consummate the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement or fulfill the conditions to closing the merger set forth in the

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merger agreement, except in the case of clause (i) that the definition of material adverse effect excludes any change, effect, occurrence, state of facts or development that results from:

general economic, regulatory or political conditions in the U.S. or the other countries in which such party operates (except to the extent such conditions affect such party disproportionately relative to other participants in the petroleum refining industry);

financial or securities market fluctuations or conditions (except to the extent such fluctuations or conditions affect such party disproportionately relative to other participants in the petroleum refining industry);

changes in, or conditions affecting, the petroleum refining industry generally (except to the extent such changes affect such party disproportionately relative to other participants in the petroleum refining industry);

the announcement or pendency of the merger or the compliance with the covenants regarding the conduct of the parties business prior to the effective time of the merger described in the subsection entitled Conduct of Business below:

any stockholder class action or other litigation arising from allegations of a breach of fiduciary duty relating to the merger agreement;

any failure, in and of itself, by such party to meet any internal or published projections, forecasts, estimates or predictions in respect of revenues, earnings or other financial or operating metrics for any period (however, the facts or occurrences giving rise to or contributing to such failure may be deemed to constitute or be taken into account in determining whether there has been or will be a material adverse effect);

any change, in and of itself, in the market price, credit rating or trading volume of such party s securities (however, the facts or occurrences giving rise to or contributing to such a change may be deemed to constitute or be taken into account in determining whether there has been or will be a material adverse effect); and

any change in applicable law, regulation or GAAP (or authoritative interpretation thereof) (except to the extent such change affects such party disproportionately relative to other participants in the petroleum refining industry).

### **Conduct of Business**

Each of Holly and Frontier has agreed to certain covenants in the merger agreement restricting the conduct of its business between the date of the merger agreement and the effective time of the merger. In general, each of Holly and Frontier has agreed to (i) conduct its operations in the ordinary course in substantially the same manner as conducted before the date of the merger agreement, (ii) use reasonable best efforts to preserve intact its business organization, maintain satisfactory business relationships and retain the services of its officers and employees and (iii) take no action that is likely to delay or materially or adversely affect the ability of either party to obtain any necessary regulatory or other governmental approvals required to consummate the merger.

In addition, each of Holly and Frontier has agreed to specific restrictions relating to the conduct of its business between the date of the merger agreement and the effective time of the merger, including, but not limited to, the following (subject, in each case, to exceptions specified below and in the merger agreement or previously disclosed in writing to the other party as provided in the merger agreement or as consented to in advance by the other party):

amending its charter or bylaws;

issuing shares of its capital stock or otherwise changing its capital structure;

granting any option, warrant or other right to acquire shares of its capital stock;

increasing compensation or benefits paid to any officer, director, employee or agent, or entering into or amending any employment or severance agreement;

adopting or amending in any material respect any employee benefit plan;

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declaring or paying dividends or other distributions on its capital stock (other than specified ordinary and special dividends);

redeeming or otherwise acquiring its own or its subsidiaries capital stock or other equity interests;

selling, leasing or otherwise disposing of its assets for an amount in excess of \$10,000,000, individually or in the aggregate, other than in the ordinary course of business and for fair value;

making certain acquisitions and investments;

changing its accounting principles or practices other than as required by a change in law or in GAAP;

taking certain actions relating to tax matters;

incurring or guaranteeing indebtedness;

entering into or materially extending or amending any material lease, mortgage, lien, security interest or other encumbrance in connection with any indebtedness, other than in the ordinary course of business;

making certain capital expenditures;

terminating, amending or waiving any confidentiality or standstill agreement;

entering into or amending any agreement with any holder of its capital stock with respect to holding, voting or disposing of shares;

causing the acceleration of rights, benefits or payments under any employee benefit plan;

entering into, amending or terminating any hedge contracts other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

splitting, combining, subdividing or reclassifying its outstanding shares of capital stock;

purchasing any securities of the other party;

doing business in any country in which such party is not doing business as of the date of the merger agreement;

entering into joint ventures;

settling certain material claims, actions or proceedings;

with respect to Holly, transferring, pledging or otherwise disposing of any of its equity interests in HEP; and

agreeing to take any of the foregoing actions.

### **No Solicitation of Alternative Proposals**

Each of Holly and Frontier has agreed that, from the time of the execution of the merger agreement until the earlier of the termination of the merger agreement or the completion of the merger, it and its subsidiaries will not and it will cause its and their directors and officers, and will use its reasonable best efforts to cause its controlled affiliates, employees, agents and representatives, not to, directly or indirectly, (i) solicit, initiate or knowingly encourage or facilitate any inquiry, proposal or offer regarding, or that would reasonably be expected to lead to, an acquisition proposal (as defined below), (ii) participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding, or furnish to any person any information with respect to, or cooperate with any person in connection with, or take any other action to knowingly facilitate any inquiries or the making of any proposal that constitutes or may reasonably be expected to lead to, any acquisition proposal or (iii) enter into any letter of intent, understanding or agreement (oral or written) regarding, or that is intended to result in, or would be reasonably expected to lead to, an acquisition proposal.

An acquisition proposal with respect to a party means any inquiry, proposal or offer regarding, or that would reasonably be expected to lead to, (i) a transaction, including any share issuance, tender offer, exchange offer or share exchange, pursuant to which any person or group (other than the other party to the merger agreement and its

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affiliates), directly or indirectly, acquires or would acquire beneficial ownership of 10% or more of such party s outstanding common stock or voting power or, with respect to Holly, any of the equity interests in the MLP or the general partner of the MLP owned by Holly or its subsidiaries, (ii) a merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination or transaction pursuant to which any person or group (other than the other party to the merger agreement and its affiliates) or such person s stockholders would beneficially own 10% or more of the outstanding common stock or voting power of such party or, if applicable, any surviving entity or parent entity resulting from any such transaction or, with respect to Holly, any of the equity interests in the MLP or the general partner of the MLP owned by Holly or its subsidiaries, (iii) any transaction pursuant to which any person or group (other than the other party to the merger agreement and its affiliates), directly or indirectly, acquires or would acquire control of assets (including equity securities of subsidiaries) of such party or its subsidiaries representing 10% or more of consolidated revenues, net income or EBITDA for the last 12 full calendar months or the fair market value of all of the assets of such party and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole immediately prior to such transaction, (iv) a recapitalization of such party or any of its subsidiaries or any transaction similar to a transaction referred to in clause (ii) above pursuant to which any third person or group (other than the other party to the merger agreement and its affiliates) or the stockholders of such third person, would beneficially own 10% or more of the outstanding common stock or voting power of such party or, if applicable, the parent entity resulting from any such transaction (or, with respect to Holly, 10% or more of the limited partner interests in the MLP, any of the incentive distribution rights of the MLP or any of the general partner interests of the MLP), (v) with respect to Holly, the sale or transfer, directly or indirectly, of any equity interests in the MLP or the general partner of the MLP owned by Holly or its subsidiaries or (vi) any combination of the foregoing (in each case, other than the merger contemplated by the merger agreement).

Notwithstanding the restrictions described above, prior to obtaining the relevant stockholder approval, the board of directors of each of Holly and Frontier is permitted to furnish information with respect to Holly or Frontier (pursuant to a confidentiality agreement), as applicable, and enter into negotiations or discussions with, and only with, a person who has made an unsolicited bona fide written acquisition proposal if the board of directors of such party determines in good faith (after consultation with its outside legal counsel and financial advisors) that such acquisition proposal is a superior proposal (as defined below) and the failure to furnish information or to enter into discussions regarding such proposal would be inconsistent with the fiduciary obligations of such board under applicable law. A superior proposal with respect to a party means an unsolicited bona fide written acquisition proposal that the board of directors of such party (after consultation with its outside legal counsel and financial advisors) determines in good faith is reasonably likely to result in a transaction more favorable to such party s stockholders from a financial point of view than the merger, taking into account all legal, financial, regulatory and other aspects of the acquisition proposal, the likelihood of consummation and any changes to the terms of the merger agreement proposed by the other party in response to such proposal. The merger agreement requires a party to provide at least 48 hours notice to the other party of its intent to furnish information to, or enter into negotiations or discussions with, a third person pursuant to this exception.

The merger agreement requires that the parties notify each other promptly (and in any event within 24 hours) of, among other things, the receipt of any acquisition proposal or request for information that is reasonably likely to lead to an acquisition proposal. Any such notification shall include a copy, or, if not in writing, a summary of the material terms and conditions, of any such acquisition proposal. In addition, the merger agreement requires the parties to continue to update each other of material changes to any acquisition proposal. The merger agreement also requires both Holly and Frontier to cease, and cause to be terminated, all discussions, inquiries or negotiations with any person conducted prior to the execution of the merger agreement with respect to any acquisition proposal and request the prompt return or destruction of all confidential information previously furnished in connection therewith.

### **Changes in Board Recommendations**

The board of directors of each of Holly and Frontier has agreed that it will not (i) withdraw, withhold, modify or change in a manner adverse to the other party the recommendation, approval or declaration of advisability by such board of the matters required to be submitted to such party s stockholders, as applicable, (ii) recommend, approve or declare advisable any acquisition proposal or (iii) resolve, agree or propose publicly to take any such

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actions or approve, adopt, recommend or declare advisable, or cause or permit such party to enter into, any agreement constituting or related to, or that is intended to or would be reasonably expected to lead to an acquisition proposal or requiring, or reasonably expected to cause, such party to abandon, terminate, delay or fail to consummate, or that would otherwise impede, interfere with or be inconsistent with, the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement (any action in (i), (ii) or (iii) above, an adverse recommendation change ).

Notwithstanding the restrictions described above, at any time prior to obtaining the relevant stockholder approval, the board of directors of Holly or Frontier, as applicable, may make an adverse recommendation change (other than in connection with an acquisition proposal) if such board determines in good faith (after consultation with its outside legal counsel) that the failure to take such action would be inconsistent with the board s fiduciary duties under applicable law. At any time prior to obtaining the relevant stockholder approval, the board of directors of Holly or Frontier, as applicable, may make an adverse recommendation change in connection with an acquisition proposal if such board determines in good faith (after consultation with its outside legal counsel) that the acquisition proposal is an unsolicited bona fide written acquisition proposal made after the date of the merger agreement and not in breach of such party s non-solicitation restrictions contained in the merger agreement and that such acquisition proposal constitutes a superior proposal and the failure to make an adverse recommendation change would be inconsistent with the board s fiduciary duties under applicable law. Prior to taking any such action, the withdrawing party must (a) inform the other party in writing that its board of directors intends to take such action and specifying the reasons for such action, (b) if any superior proposal is the basis of such action, provide a copy of such proposal or, if no written proposal exists, a summary of the material terms and conditions of such proposal, (c) allow five business days to elapse following the other party s receipt of such written notice and (d) if requested by the non-withdrawing party, negotiate in good faith with the non-withdrawing party with respect to any changes to the merger agreement proposed by the non-withdrawing party.

If the board of directors of Holly or Frontier withdraws or modifies its recommendation, where the merger agreement is terminated, such board of directors will nonetheless continue to be obligated to hold its stockholders meeting and submit the proposals described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus to its stockholders for their vote, as applicable.

#### **Efforts to Obtain Required Stockholder Votes**

Holly has agreed to take all action necessary in accordance with applicable law and its certificate of incorporation and bylaws to hold its special stockholders meeting for purposes of obtaining stockholder approval for the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock constituting merger consideration to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger.

The Holly board of directors has approved the issuance of shares of Holly common stock constituting merger consideration to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger and adopted resolutions directing that the issuance of shares of Holly common stock constituting merger consideration to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger be submitted to the Holly stockholders for their consideration. The Holly board of directors has also approved an amended and restated certificate of incorporation in the form attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex F to, among other things, increase the number of authorized shares of capital stock and to change its corporate name at the effective time of the merger, and has adopted resolutions directing that such proposals be submitted to Holly stockholders for their consideration. Although Holly has agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to obtain stockholder approval for the proposal relating to the amended and restated certificate of incorporation, obtaining such approval is not a condition to the merger.

The Holly board of directors also agreed to approve an amendment to the Holly Corporation Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock available for issuance and to recommend the approval of such amendment to Holly stockholders. Holly and Frontier have subsequently concluded

that such an amendment to the Holly Corporation Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan is unnecessary and Frontier has granted Holly a waiver with respect to, among other things, seeking stockholder approval of such an amendment.

Frontier has also agreed to take all action necessary in accordance with applicable law and its certificate of incorporation and bylaws to hold its special shareholders meeting for purposes of obtaining shareholder approval

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for the proposal to approve the merger agreement. The board of directors of Frontier has adopted the merger agreement and declared the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the merger, advisable and in the best interests of Frontier and its shareholders and adopted resolutions directing that the merger agreement be submitted to the Frontier shareholders for their consideration.

### **Efforts to Complete the Merger**

Holly and Frontier have each agreed to:

promptly (and in any event within 15 business days from the date of the merger agreement) make their respective filings under the HSR Act, with respect to the merger and make any other required submissions under the HSR Act;

use their reasonable best efforts to satisfy the conditions to closing in the merger agreement as promptly as practicable and to cooperate with one another in timely making all filings and obtaining all consents, approvals, permits or authorizations that are required to be made or obtained prior to the effective time of the merger with or from any governmental or regulatory authorities;

promptly notify each other of any communication concerning the merger from any governmental authority and permit the other party to review in advance any proposed communication to any governmental entity;

not participate in any meeting or discussion with any governmental authority concerning the merger unless it consults with the other party in advance and, to the extent permitted by such governmental authority, gives the other party the opportunity to attend and participate;

furnish the other party with copies of all correspondence, filings and communications with any government or regulatory authority with respect to the merger (other than copies of their respective filings under the HSR Act); and

furnish the other party with such necessary information and reasonable assistance as such other parties and their respective affiliates may reasonably request in connection with their preparation of necessary filings, registrations or submissions of information to any governmental or regulatory authorities.

In addition, Holly and Frontier have each agreed to:

use its reasonable best efforts to avoid the entry of, or to have vacated or terminated, any decree, order or judgment that would restrain, prevent or delay the closing of the merger, including defending through litigation on the merits any claim asserted in any court by any party; and

use its reasonable best efforts to avoid or eliminate each and every impediment under any antitrust, competition or trade regulation law that may be asserted by any governmental entity with respect to the merger so as to enable the closing of the merger to occur as soon as reasonably possible.

Frontier and Holly have agreed to consent to any divestitures, licenses, hold separate arrangements or similar matters required by any governmental entity as a condition to resolving such governmental entity s objections to the merger or obtaining its approval of the merger and that are contingent upon consummation of the merger. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Holly and Frontier are not required under the merger agreement to agree to any such divestitures, licenses, hold separate arrangements or similar matters that would materially impair the business operations of Holly, Frontier and their subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as combined in the manner currently intended by the parties.

## **Governance Matters After the Merger**

Upon completion of the merger, the board of directors of Holly will consist of fourteen members, including: (i) seven directors chosen by the current Holly directors (at least six of whom will be independent for purposes of the rules of the NYSE), whom we refer to as Holly designees, and (ii) seven directors chosen by the current Frontier directors (at least six of whom will be independent for purposes of the rules of the NYSE), whom we refer to as Frontier designees. As of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, it is anticipated that all of the members of Holly s and Frontier s respective boards of directors immediately prior to the merger will continue to serve as

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directors of the combined company. Upon completion of the merger, each standing committee of the Holly board of directors will be comprised of equal numbers of Frontier designees and Holly designees.

Upon completion of the merger, (i) Mr. Clifton will serve as the Executive Chairman of the Board of Holly, (ii) Mr. Jennings will serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Holly, (iii) Mr. Aron will serve as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Holly, (iv) Mr. Lamp will serve as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Holly, and (v) Mr. Shaw will serve as the Senior Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development of Holly.

On or prior to the effective time of the merger, the bylaws of Holly will be amended and restated in the form attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Exhibit C of Annex A.

Upon completion of the merger, Holly will change its name to HollyFrontier Corporation, subject to obtaining approval from Holly stockholders to amend Holly strestated certificate of incorporation for this purpose. HollyFrontier Corporation s executive headquarters will be located in the Dallas, Texas area.

### **Employee Benefits Matters**

Holly and Frontier have agreed that:

from the date of completion of the merger until December 31, 2011, the surviving corporation will assume and maintain all of Frontier s employee benefit plans as in effect immediately prior to the completion of the merger, and will not amend any such plan to reduce any benefits provided under such plans;

any discretionary employer contributions for 2011 for any Frontier qualified defined contribution plans will be made at approximately the same percentage of compensation (or employee or salary deferral contribution in the case of a discretionary matching contribution) of eligible participants as was made to such plan for 2010, except for any adjustments necessary to comply with applicable law and regulations;

with respect to Frontier employees who become employees of the combined company following the merger without any gap in employment, such employees will be credited with service with Frontier prior to the merger for purposes of eligibility, vesting and benefit determinations under any employment benefit plan of Holly or the surviving corporation, other than determination of accrual of service under any defined benefit pension plan that did not cover the employee immediately prior to the effective time of the merger or any determination of the right to receive, or the amount of, any retiree or other post-retirement medical coverage (except for COBRA medical continuation coverage or any arrangement covering the employee prior to the merger); and

notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, subject to compliance with applicable local law, neither party is restricted from modifying or terminating any plan, at or after the effective time of the merger, with respect to persons employed at operations outside the United States.

Holly and Frontier have also entered into written retention agreements, which will be effective at the effective time of the merger, with each of Messrs. Jennings and Aron, and Holly has entered into waiver agreements with each of Messrs. Clifton, Shaw and Lamp, which the parties agreed will not be amended without the prior written consent of the other party. The written retention agreements and waiver agreements are described in the section entitled. The Merger Interests of Frontier Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Retention and Assumption Agreements and The Merger Interests of Holly Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Waiver Agreements of this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

## Treatment of Frontier Stock Options and Other Stock Based Awards and Programs

Stock Options. Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding option to purchase Frontier common stock granted pursuant to the Frontier Oil Corporation Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan, which we refer to as the Frontier stock plan, whether or not the option is exercisable or vested, will be converted pursuant to the merger agreement into a fully vested and immediately exercisable stock option to acquire shares of Holly common stock on the same terms and conditions as were applicable immediately prior to the merger. The number of shares of Holly common stock underlying each such Holly stock option will be determined by multiplying the number of shares of

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Frontier common stock subject to the Frontier stock option immediately prior to the merger by the exchange ratio, and rounding down to the nearest whole share of Holly common stock. The exercise price per share of each such Holly stock option will be determined by dividing the per share exercise price of such stock option by the exchange ratio, and rounding up to the nearest whole cent. All of the previously outstanding Frontier stock options expired in April 2011, before the completion of the merger.

Restricted Stock. Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding (or earned but not yet granted to the holder after the end of an applicable performance period) share of Frontier restricted stock held by Messrs. Jennings and Aron will be converted into (i) 0.4811 shares of restricted stock of Holly (rounded down to the nearest whole share) on the same terms and conditions as were applicable immediately prior to the merger, and (ii) the right to receive a cash amount equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents then credited to the holder with respect to such share.

Upon completion of the merger, except with respect to the awards described in the preceding paragraph, each outstanding (or earned but not yet granted to the holder after the end of an applicable performance period) share of Frontier restricted stock that is subject to restrictions or other conditions which have not lapsed immediately prior to the merger will be converted into (i) fully vested shares of Holly common stock at the same exchange ratio and with the same rights and subject to the same conditions as other outstanding shares of Frontier common stock and (ii) the right to receive a cash amount equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents then credited to the holder with respect to such share.

Stock Units. Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding Frontier stock unit with respect to which the applicable performance period has not ended will be converted into (i) the number of shares of fully vested Holly common stock equal to 125% of the number of shares of Frontier common stock subject to such Frontier stock units that are then credited to the holder, multiplied by the exchange ratio (rounded down to the nearest whole share of Holly common stock), and (ii) the right to receive a cash amount equal to the amount of cash and stock dividends and dividend equivalents that would have been credited to the holder under the Frontier stock plan if the Frontier stock units instead had been issued as shares of Frontier restricted stock.

Restricted Stock Units. Immediately prior to the merger, each outstanding Frontier restricted stock unit with respect to which the applicable vesting period has not ended will become fully vested and converted into the same number of shares of Frontier common stock, and shall be treated at the effective time of the merger as, and shall be afforded the same rights and subject to the same conditions as, other outstanding shares of Frontier common stock with the right to receive the merger consideration at the same exchange ratio.

The number of shares and, if applicable, the exercise price, under each Frontier stock option, share of Frontier restricted stock and Frontier stock unit will be adjusted appropriately in the event of a reorganization, recapitalization, stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction to provide the holders the same economic effect prior to the occurrence of such event; provided that no such adjustment will be made to the extent such adjustment would result in a Frontier stock option becoming nonqualified deferred compensation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code. As soon as practicable following the effective time of the merger, Holly will file a registration statement on Form S-8 (or other appropriate form if Form S-8 is not available) with respect to the shares of Holly common stock subject to such Holly stock options, Holly stock units and Holly restricted stock and shall maintain the effectiveness of such registration statement for so long as such equity awards remain outstanding.

#### **Other Covenants and Agreements**

The merger agreement contains certain other covenants and agreements, including covenants relating to:

cooperation between Holly and Frontier in the preparation of this joint proxy statement/prospectus;

confidentiality and access by each party to certain information about the other party during the period prior to the effective time of the merger;

listing on the NYSE of the shares of Holly common stock to be issued in the merger;

the use of each party s reasonable best efforts to cause the merger to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of the Code;

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coordination between Frontier and Holly with respect to the declaration, setting of record dates and payment dates of dividends on the shares of Frontier common stock;

the delivery of accounting comfort letters;

cooperation between Holly and Frontier in negotiating and entering into a new or amended credit facility to be effective at the effective time of the merger; and

cooperation between Holly and Frontier in connection with public announcements.

Holly has also agreed to maintain officers and directors liability insurance, for six years following the effective time of the merger, for Frontier's current and former directors and employees who are currently covered by the liability insurance coverage currently maintained by Frontier on terms substantially no less advantageous to the indemnified parties than Frontier's existing insurance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the surviving corporation will not be required to pay annual premiums in excess of 250% of the annual premium amount payable by Frontier for the policy year that includes the date of the merger agreement.

### **Conditions to Completion of the Merger**

The obligations of Holly and Frontier to complete the merger are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

approval of the merger agreement by a majority of the votes cast at the Frontier special meeting;

approval of the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders pursuant to the merger by holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Holly capital stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the Holly special meeting;

the expiration or earlier termination of the waiting period (and any extension thereof) applicable to the merger under the HSR Act:

the expiration of any mandatory waiting period and receipt of any required consent under any other applicable United States federal or state antitrust laws, except where the failure to observe such waiting period or obtain such consent would not reasonably be expected to delay or prevent the consummation of the merger or have a material adverse effect on the expected benefits of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement to Holly;

absence of any injunction, decree, order, statute, rule or regulation by a court or other governmental entity that makes unlawful or prohibits the consummation of the merger;

effectiveness of the registration statement of which this joint proxy statement/prospectus forms a part and the absence of a stop order or proceedings threatened or initiated by the SEC for that purpose;

authorization for the listing on the NYSE of the shares of Holly common stock to be issued in connection with the merger and upon conversion of the Frontier restricted stock and the shares of Holly common stock reserved for issuance pursuant to Holly stock options, subject to official notice of issuance; and

the entry into and effectiveness of the new credit facility, subject only to the consummation of the merger.

In addition, each of Holly s and Frontier s obligations to effect the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following additional conditions:

the representations and warranties of the other party, other than the representations related to the shares of capital stock authorized, issued and outstanding or reserved for issuance and the absence of any outstanding voting debt, (i) to the extent qualified by material adverse effect, will be true and correct, and (ii) to the extent not qualified by material adverse effect, will be true and correct except where the failure to be true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on such party, in the case of (i) and (ii), as of the date of the merger agreement and as of the closing date (except for those representations and warranties that were made as of a specified date, which need be true and correct only as of such specified date);

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the representations and warranties of the other party relating to the shares of capital stock authorized, issued and outstanding or reserved for issuance and the absence of any outstanding voting debt will be true and correct in all respects (other than de minimis inaccuracies) as of the date of the merger agreement and as of the closing date (except for representations or warranties made as of a specified date, which need be true and correct only as of such specified date);

the other party having performed, in all material respects, its covenants and agreements contained in the merger agreement required to be performed on or prior to the closing date;

receipt of a certificate executed by the other party s chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer as to the satisfaction of the conditions described in the preceding three bullets; and

receipt of a tax opinion from the party s tax counsel to the effect that (i) with respect to the tax opinion provided to Holly, the merger will be treated for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code and that each of Holly, Frontier and Merger Sub will be a party to the reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(b) of the Code and (ii) with respect to the tax opinion provided to Frontier, the merger will be treated for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code and that no gain or loss will be recognized by Frontier or the shareholders of Frontier to the extent that they receive Holly common stock in exchange for Frontier common stock pursuant to the merger.

## **Termination of the Merger Agreement**

The merger agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the effective time of the merger, even after the receipt of the required stockholder approvals, under the following circumstances:

by mutual written consent of Holly and Frontier approved by their respective boards of directors;

by either Holly or Frontier:

if the merger is not consummated by September 30, 2011, provided that if the only condition to closing that has not been satisfied by such date is the execution, delivery and effectiveness of the new credit facility and neither party is in material breach of its covenants in the merger agreement regarding the new credit facility, then such date will automatically be extended to the final outside date (as defined below);

if Holly stockholders fail to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders in connection with the merger at the Holly special meeting;

if Frontier shareholders fail to approve the merger agreement at the Frontier special meeting;

if any U.S. governmental entity issues a final and nonappealable order permanently enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of the merger; or

if the new credit facility is not entered into and effective, subject only to the consummation of the merger, by the later of September 30, 2011 or the final outside date;

by Holly upon a breach of any covenant or agreement on the part of Frontier, or if any representation or warranty of Frontier becomes untrue, in either case such that the conditions to Holly s obligations to complete

the merger would not then be satisfied and such breach is not curable or, if curable, is not cured within 30 days after written notice;

by Frontier upon a breach of any covenant or agreement on the part of Holly, or if any representation or warranty of Holly becomes untrue, in either case such that the conditions to Frontier s obligations to complete the merger would not then be satisfied and such failure is not curable or, if curable, is not cured within 30 days after written notice:

by Holly if, prior to obtaining approval of the Frontier shareholders, the board of directors of Frontier makes an adverse recommendation change;

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by Frontier if, prior to obtaining approval of the Holly stockholders, the board of directors of Holly makes an adverse recommendation change;

by Holly if, prior to obtaining approval of the Holly stockholders, the board of directors of Holly makes an adverse recommendation change in connection with a superior proposal; and

by Frontier if, prior to obtaining approval of the Frontier shareholders, the board of directors of Frontier makes an adverse recommendation change in connection with a superior proposal.

The final outside date is the date that is the later of September 30, 2011 or the date that is sixty (60) days after the satisfaction of the last of the conditions to closing relating to required stockholder approvals, the waiting periods and consents under U.S. antitrust laws, the effectiveness of the registration statement of which the joint proxy statement/prospectus forms a part and absence of stop orders, and the authorization for listing on the NYSE of shares of Holly common stock to be issued or reserved for issuance in connection with the merger.

### **Expenses and Termination Fees; Liability for Breach**

Each party has agreed to pay all fees and expenses incurred by it in connection with the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, except that the parties will share equally all fees and expenses (excluding each party s internal costs and the fees and expenses of attorneys, accountants and financial and other advisors) in relation to the printing, filing and mailing of this joint proxy statement/prospectus and registration statement and any filing fees in connection with the merger pursuant to the HSR Act, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and any other applicable laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority.

Holly will be obligated to pay a termination fee of \$80 million to Frontier and reimburse Frontier for up to \$12 million in expenses incurred by Frontier in connection with the merger agreement if:

either Holly or Frontier terminates the merger agreement because the merger has not been completed by September 30, 2011 or the final outside date, as applicable (only to the extent that the Holly special stockholders meeting has not been held), or because the issuance of the shares of Holly common stock in the merger is not approved at the Holly stockholders meeting duly convened for such purpose, in either case, if prior to the time of the stockholders meeting or prior to the termination of the merger agreement, an acquisition proposal with respect to Holly becomes publicly known and within twelve months after such termination Holly enters into a definitive agreement to consummate an acquisition proposal or an acquisition proposal is consummated (provided that for purposes of this clause, all references in the definition of acquisition proposal to 10% will instead be deemed to refer to 40%);

Frontier terminates the merger agreement because, prior to obtaining the approval of the Holly stockholders, the board of directors of Holly makes an adverse recommendation change;

Holly terminates the merger agreement because, prior to obtaining the approval of the Holly stockholders, the board of directors of Holly makes an adverse recommendation change in connection with a superior proposal;

Frontier terminates the merger agreement as a result of Holly s material breach of its non-solicitation covenant in the merger agreement; or

Frontier terminates the merger agreement after the final outside date for failure to obtain the new credit facility as a result of Holly s material breach of its obligations under the merger agreement relating to the new credit

facility.

In addition, Holly will be obligated to reimburse Frontier for up to \$12 million in expenses incurred by Frontier in connection with the merger agreement if either Frontier or Holly terminate the merger agreement because the Holly stockholders fail to approve the issuance of shares of Holly common stock to Frontier shareholders pursuant to the merger at the Holly stockholder meeting duly convened for such purpose even if Frontier is not entitled to a termination fee.

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Frontier will be obligated to pay a termination fee of \$80 million to Holly and reimburse Holly for up to \$12 million in expenses incurred by Holly in connection with the merger agreement if:

either Holly or Frontier terminates the merger agreement because the merger has not been completed by September 30, 2011 or the final outside date, as applicable (only to the extent that the Frontier shareholders meeting has not been held), or because the merger agreement is not approved at the Frontier shareholders meeting duly convened for such purpose, in either case, if prior to the time of the shareholders meeting or prior to the termination of the merger, an acquisition proposal with respect to Frontier becomes publicly known and within twelve months after such termination Frontier enters into a definitive agreement to consummate an acquisition proposal or an acquisition proposal is consummated (provided that for purposes of this clause, all references in the definition of acquisition proposal to 10% will instead be deemed to refer to 40%);

Holly terminates the merger agreement because, prior to obtaining the approval of the Frontier shareholders, the board of directors of Frontier makes an adverse recommendation change;

Frontier terminates the merger agreement because, prior to obtaining the approval of the Frontier shareholders, the board of directors of Frontier makes an adverse recommendation change in connection with a superior proposal;

Holly terminates the merger agreement as a result of Frontier s material breach of its non-solicitation covenant in the merger agreement; or

Holly terminates the merger agreement after the final outside date for failure to obtain the new credit agreement as a result of Frontier s material breach of its obligations under the merger agreement relating to the new credit facility.

#### **Amendments, Extensions and Waivers**

The merger agreement may be amended by the parties, by action taken or authorized by the board of directors of Holly and Frontier, at any time before or after receipt of the approvals of the Holly or Frontier stockholders required to consummate the merger. However, after any such stockholder approval, there may not be, without further approval of Holly stockholders and Frontier shareholders, any amendment of the merger agreement which by applicable law requires further stockholder approval.

At any time prior to the effective time of the merger, any party may (i) extend the time for performance of any obligations or other acts of the other party, (ii) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties of the other party contained in the merger agreement and (iii) waive compliance by the other party with any of the agreements or conditions contained in the merger agreement.

### No Third Party Beneficiaries

While the merger agreement is not intended to confer upon you or any person other than Holly, Frontier and Merger Sub any rights or remedies, it provides limited exceptions. Frontier s and Holly s directors and officers will continue to have indemnification and liability insurance coverage after the completion of the merger. Furthermore, each party will have the right, on behalf of its stockholders, to pursue damages and other relief, including equitable relief, for the other party s willful and material breach of any of its representations and warranties in the merger agreement or willful and material breach of any covenant in the merger agreement. However, this right is enforceable on behalf of Frontier shareholders only by Frontier in its sole and absolute discretion or on behalf of Holly stockholders only by Holly in its sole and absolute discretion, and any and all interests in such claims shall attach to shares of Frontier common stock or

Holly common stock, as applicable, and subsequently trade and transfer with those shares. As a result, any damages, settlements or other amounts recovered by a party with respect to such claims may, in such party s sole and absolute discretion, be (i) distributed, in whole or in part, by such party to its stockholders as of any date determined by such party or (ii) retained by such party for the use and benefit of such party on behalf of its stockholders as such party deems fit.

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## **Specific Performance**

Holly and Frontier acknowledged and agreed in the merger agreement that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of the merger agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached, and that monetary damages, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy. In addition, the parties agreed that they will be entitled to seek an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of the merger agreement and to enforce specifically the performance of terms and provisions of the merger agreement without proof of actual damages. The parties further agreed not to assert that a remedy of specific performance is unenforceable, invalid, contrary to law or inequitable for any reason, nor to object to a remedy of specific performance on the basis that a remedy of monetary damages would provide an adequate remedy for any such breach. Each party further acknowledged and agreed that the agreements relating to specific performance are an integral part of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and that, without these agreements, the other party would not have entered into the merger agreement. Each party further agreed that no other party or any other person will be required to obtain, furnish or post any bond or similar instrument in connection with or as a condition to obtaining any remedy relating to specific performance, and each party irrevocably waived any right it may have to require the obtaining, furnishing or posting of any such bond or similar instrument.

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## MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

#### General

The following discussion addresses the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger.

This discussion addresses only holders of Frontier common stock who hold that stock as a capital asset and are U.S. persons, as defined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. For these purposes a U.S. person is:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or any other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust that (i) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

This discussion does not address any non-income taxes or any foreign, state or local tax consequences of the merger. This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to a holder of Frontier common stock in light of that holder s particular circumstances or to a holder subject to special rules (such as a controlled foreign corporation, passive foreign investment company, company that accumulates earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax, foreign tax-exempt organization, financial institution, broker or dealer in securities, insurance company, regulated investment company, real estate investment trust, person who holds Frontier common stock as part of a hedging or conversion transaction or as part of a short-sale or straddle, partnership or other pass-through entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes or a person who acquired Frontier common stock pursuant to the exercise of options or otherwise as compensation). This discussion is based on the Code, applicable Treasury regulations, administrative interpretations and court decisions, each as in effect as of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect.

If a partnership (or an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds Frontier common stock, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partners of partnerships holding Frontier common stock should consult their own tax advisors.

We urge you to consult your own tax advisors as to the specific tax consequences to you of the merger, including the applicability and effect of federal, state, local and foreign income and other tax laws in light of your particular circumstances.

#### **Tax Opinions**

As a condition to the completion of the merger, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., counsel to Holly, will have delivered an opinion, dated as of the closing date of the merger, to the effect that the merger will be treated for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code and that each of Holly, Frontier and Merger Sub will be a party to the reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(b) of the Code.

Completion of the merger is also conditioned upon the receipt by Frontier of an opinion of Andrews Kurth LLP, counsel to Frontier, dated as of the closing date of the merger, to the effect that the merger will be treated for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code and that no gain or loss will be recognized by Frontier or the shareholders of Frontier to the extent that they receive Holly common stock in exchange for Frontier common stock pursuant to the merger.

Neither Holly nor Frontier intends to waive these conditions. The opinions regarding the merger will not address any state, local or foreign tax consequences of the merger. The opinions will be based on certain assumptions and representations as to factual matters from Holly and Frontier, as well as certain covenants and undertakings by Holly and Frontier. If any of the assumptions, representations, covenants or undertakings is incorrect, incomplete, inaccurate or is violated in any material respect, the validity of the conclusions reached by counsel in their opinions would be jeopardized and the tax consequences of the merger could differ from those

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described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Neither Holly nor Frontier is currently aware of any facts or circumstances that would cause the assumptions, representations covenants and undertakings to be incorrect, incomplete, inaccurate or violated in any material respect.

An opinion of counsel represents counsel s best legal judgment but is not binding on the IRS or any court, so there can be no certainty that the IRS will not challenge the conclusions reflected in the opinion or that a court would not sustain such a challenge. Neither Holly nor Frontier intends to obtain a ruling from the IRS on the tax consequences of the merger. If the IRS were to successfully challenge the reorganization status of the merger, the tax consequences would be very different from those set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The following discussion assumes that the merger will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code.

### **Tax Consequences to Holders of Frontier Common Stock**

Subject to the discussion below relating to the receipt of cash in lieu of factional shares, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger are as follows:

a holder of Frontier common stock will not recognize any gain or loss upon the exchange of the holder s shares of Frontier common stock for shares of Holly common stock in the merger;

a holder of Frontier common stock will have a tax basis in the Holly common stock received in the merger equal to the tax basis of the Frontier common stock surrendered by the holder in exchange for that Holly common stock in the merger; and

a holder of Frontier common stock will have a holding period for shares of Holly common stock received in the merger that includes its holding period for its shares of Frontier common stock surrendered by the holder in exchange for that Holly common stock in the merger.

No fractional shares of Holly common stock will be distributed to holders of Frontier common stock in connection with the merger. A holder that receives cash in lieu of a fractional share of Holly common stock as a part of the merger will generally recognize capital gain or loss measured by the difference between the cash received for such fractional share and the holder s tax basis in the fractional share above. An individual U.S. holder will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a reduced rate with respect to such capital gain, assuming that the U.S. holder has held all of its Frontier common stock for more than one year.

Backup withholding, currently at 28%, may apply with respect to certain payments, such as cash received for fractional shares, unless the holder of the Frontier common stock receiving such payments (i) is an exempt holder (generally, corporations, tax-exempt organizations, qualified pension and profit-sharing trusts, individual retirement accounts, or nonresident aliens who, when required, provide certification as to their status) or (ii) provides a certificate containing the holder s name, address, correct federal taxpayer identification number and a statement that the holder is exempt from backup withholding. Backup withholding does not constitute an additional tax, but is merely an advance payment that may be credited against a holder s U.S. federal income tax liability if the required information is supplied to the IRS.

#### Reporting Requirements

Each holder of Frontier common stock who receives shares of Holly common stock in the merger is required to retain records pertaining to the merger pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.368-3(d). Each holder of Frontier common stock who receives shares of Holly common stock in the merger and who owns immediately before the merger 5% or more, by vote or value, of Frontier stock will be required to file a statement with his or her federal income tax return

for the year of the merger. As provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.368-3(b), the statement must set forth the holder s basis in, and the fair market value of, the shares of Frontier common stock surrendered in the merger, the date of the merger and the name and employer identification number of Holly, Frontier and Merger Sub.

## Tax Consequences to Holly, Frontier and Merger Sub

None of Holly, Frontier or Merger Sub will recognize any gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the merger.

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## **ACCOUNTING TREATMENT**

Holly prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The merger will be accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting with Holly being considered the acquirer of Frontier for accounting purposes. This means that Holly will allocate the purchase price to the fair value of Frontier stangible and intangible assets and liabilities at the acquisition date, with the excess purchase price being recorded as goodwill. Under the acquisition method of accounting, goodwill is not amortized but is tested for impairment at least annually.

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#### UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet combines the historical consolidated balance sheets of Holly and Frontier, giving effect to the merger as if it had been consummated on March 31, 2011. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statements of Income for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010 combine the historical consolidated statements of income of Holly and Frontier, giving effect to the merger as if it had been consummated on January 1, 2010, the beginning of the earliest period presented. The historical consolidated financial statements of Frontier have been adjusted to reflect certain reclassifications in order to conform with Holly s financial statement presentation.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements were prepared using the acquisition method of accounting with Holly considered the acquirer of Frontier. Accordingly, consideration given by Holly to complete the merger with Frontier will be allocated to assets and liabilities of Frontier based upon their estimated fair values as of the date of completion of the merger. As of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, Holly has not completed the detailed valuation studies necessary to arrive at the required estimates of the fair value of the Frontier assets to be acquired and the liabilities to be assumed and the related allocations of purchase price, nor has it identified all adjustments necessary to conform Frontier's accounting policies to Holly's accounting policies. A final determination of the fair value of Frontier s assets and liabilities will be based on the actual net tangible and intangible assets and liabilities of Frontier that exist as of the date of completion of the merger and, therefore, cannot be made prior to the completion of the transaction. In addition, the value of the consideration to be given by Holly to complete the merger will be determined based on the trading price of Holly s common stock at the time of the completion of the merger. Accordingly, the pro forma purchase price adjustments are preliminary and are subject to further adjustments as additional information becomes available and as additional analyses are performed. The preliminary pro forma purchase price adjustments have been made solely for the purpose of providing the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements presented below. Holly estimated the fair value of Frontier s assets and liabilities based on discussions with Frontier s management, preliminary valuation studies, due diligence and information presented in public filings. Until the merger is completed, both companies are limited in their ability to share information. Upon completion of the merger, final valuations will be performed. Increases or decreases in the fair value of relevant balance sheet amounts will result in adjustments to the balance sheet and/or statement of income. There can be no assurance that such finalization will not result in material changes.

These Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements have been developed from and should be read in conjunction with the respective audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements of Holly and Frontier contained in their respective Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 and their respective Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2011, respectively, which are incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and do not purport to represent what the actual consolidated results of operations or the consolidated financial position of Holly would have been had the merger occurred on the dates assumed, nor are they necessarily indicative of future consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial position.

Holly expects to incur significant costs associated with integrating the operations of Holly and Frontier. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements do not reflect the costs of any integration activities or benefits that may result from realization of future cost savings from operating efficiencies or revenue synergies expected to result from the merger.

# UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED BALANCE SHEET March 31, 2011

(In thousands, except share data)

		Historical Holly Frontier			Pro Forma Adjustments		Pro Forma Condensed Combined	
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Current assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	224,114	\$	685,375	\$	(17,154)(a)	\$	892,335
Marketable securities		48,947						48,947
Accounts receivable, net: Product and								
transportation		349,509		261,630				611,139
Crude oil resales		802,745				346,000(b)		1,148,745
		1,152,254		261,630		346,000		1,759,884
Inventories: Crude oil and refined								
products		424,785		274,679		429,697(c)		1,129,161
Materials and supplies		48,671		25,203		20,689(c)		94,563
		473,456		299,882		450,386		1,223,724
Income taxes receivable		2,042		30,634		<b>,</b>		32,676
Deferred income taxes		4,791		13,757		(18,548)(d)		
Prepayments and other		10,150		11,807				21,957
Total current assets		1,915,754		1,303,085		760,684		3,979,523
Properties, plants and equipment, at cost		2,282,634		1,550,417		(535,417)(e)		3,297,634
Accumulated depreciation		(481,082)		(536,278)		536,278(e)		(481,082)
		1,801,552		1,014,139		861		2,816,552
Marketable securities (long-term)		19,550		-,,				19,550
Other assets: Turnaround costs		69,409		51,177		(51,177)(e)		69,409
Goodwill		81,602				1,722,174(f)		1,803,776
Deferred income taxes				5,450		(5,450)(b)		
Intangibles and other		101,893		11,815		44,088(g)		157,796
		272,454		68,442		1,709,635		2,050,531
Total assets	\$	3,989,760	\$	2,385,666	\$	2,471,180	\$	8,846,606
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Current liabilities: Accounts payable	\$	1,498,508	\$	557,981	\$	346,000(b)	\$	2,402,489
Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Income taxes payable	Ф	76,734	Ф	34,043 57,607	Φ	3 <del>4</del> 0,000(0 <i>)</i>	Φ	110,777 57,607
Deferred income taxes				,		152,599(d)		152,599

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Total current liabilities Long-term debt Deferred income taxes	1,575,242 834,213 131,698	649,631 350,667 231,246	498,599 24,050(h) (5,450)(b) (11,506)(d)	2,723,472 1,208,930 345,988
Other long-term liabilities  Equity: Stockholders equity: Preferred stock	80,657	62,763	(11,500)( <b>u</b> )	143,420
Common stock	763	57,736	(57,736)(i) 514(j)	1,277
Additional capital	193,121	266,870	(266,870)(i) 3,073,486(j)	3,266,607
Retained earnings	1,283,021	1,171,414	(1,171,414)(i) (17,154)(a)	1,265,867
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(25,866)	(6,491)	6,491(i)	(25,866)
Common stock held in treasury	(677,253)	(398,170)	398,170(i)	(677,253)
Total stockholders equity	773,786	1,091,359	1,965,487	3,830,632
Noncontrolling interest	594,164	1,071,337	1,505,107	594,164
Total equity	1,367,950	1,091,359	1,965,487	4,424,796
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 3,989,760	\$ 2,385,666	\$ 2,471,180	\$ 8,846,606

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.

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# **UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENT OF INCOME For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2011**

(In thousands, except share data)

	Histo Holly	l Frontier	o Forma justments	Co	o Forma ondensed ombined
Sales and other revenues Operating costs and expenses:	\$ 2,326,585	\$ 1,908,654	\$	\$	4,235,239
Cost of products sold (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)  Operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation	1,984,617	1,561,403			3,546,020
and amortization) General and administrative expenses (exclusive	134,743	75,807			210,550
of depreciation and amortization)	16,818	10,603	(10.072)( )		27,421
Depreciation and amortization Gain on sale of assets	31,308	26,968 (21)	(12,873)(e)		45,403 (21)
<b>Total operating costs and expense</b>	2,167,486	1,674,760	(12,873)		3,829,373
Income from operations Other income (expense):	159,099	233,894	12,873		405,866
Equity in earnings of SLC Pipeline	740				740
Interest income	85	347			432
Interest expense	(16,204)	(8,634)	953(h)		(23,885)
Merger transaction costs	(3,698)	(5,148)	8,846(k)		
	(19,077)	(13,435)	9,799		(22,713)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes Income tax provision:	140,022	220,459	22,672		383,153
Current	49,489	60,951			110,440
Deferred	(478)	19,642	8,615(d)		27,779
	49,011	80,593	8,615		138,219
Net income Less net income attributable to noncontrolling	91,011	139,866	14,057		244,934
interest	6,317				6,317
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 84,694	\$ 139,866	\$ 14,057	\$	238,617
Earnings attributable to common stockholders:			<b>243</b>		
Basic	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.34	(1)	\$	2.28

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Diluted	\$ 1.58	\$ 1.32	(1)	\$ 2.27
Average number of common shares				
outstanding:				
Basic	53,307	104,580	(1)	104,729
Diluted	53,633	105,765	(1)	105,138

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.

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# **UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENT OF INCOME For the Year Ended December 31, 2010**

	Hol	ly	rontier	Adj	o Forma justments per share data	C	ro Forma Condensed Combined
Sales and other revenues	\$ 8,32	2,929	\$ 5,884,906	\$		\$	14,207,835
Operating costs and expenses:	, ,	,	, ,				, ,
Cost of products sold (exclusive of							
depreciation and amortization)	7,36	7,149	5,367,278				12,734,427
Operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	50	4,414	291 702				796 207
General and administrative expenses	30	4,414	281,793				786,207
(exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	7	0,839	47,192				118,031
Depreciation and amortization		7,529	104,821		(48,442)(e)		173,908
Gain on sale of assets			(1)				(1)
Total operating costs and expense	8,05	9,931	5,801,083		(48,442)		13,812,572
Income from operations	26	2,998	83,823		48,442		395,263
Other income (expense):							
Equity in earnings of SLC Pipeline		2,393					2,393
Interest income		1,168	2,345				3,513
Interest expense	(7	4,196)	(32,581)		3,134(h)		(103,643)
	(7	0,635)	(30,236)		3,134		(97,737)
Income from continuing operations before							
income taxes	19	2,363	53,587		51,576		297,526
Income tax provision:							
Current		5,472	13,839		40.700(1)		49,311
Deferred	2	3,840	1,963		19,599(d)		45,402
	5	9,312	15,802		19,599		94,713
Net income	13	3,051	37,785		31,977		202,813
Less net income attributable to							
noncontrolling interest	2	9,087					29,087
Net income attributable to common							
stockholders	\$ 10	3,964	\$ 37,785	\$	31,977	\$	173,726
Earnings per share attributable to							
common stockholders:							
Basic	\$	1.95	\$ 0.36		(1)	\$	1.66
Diluted	\$	1.94	\$ 0.36		(1)	\$	1.65

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## Average number of common shares outstanding:

Basic	53,218	104,261	(1)	104,640
Diluted	53,609	105,726	(1)	105,114

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.

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#### NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1. Basis of Presentation

On February 21, 2011, Holly and Frontier entered into the merger agreement whereby Frontier will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holly. Under the terms of the merger agreement, each outstanding share of Frontier common stock will be exchanged for 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock.

The accompanying Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification Topic 805 using the acquisition method of accounting with Holly considered the acquirer of Frontier.

The accompanying Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements present the pro forma consolidated financial position and results of operations of the combined company based upon the historical financial statements of Holly and Frontier, after giving effect to the merger and adjustments described in these notes, and are intended to reflect the impact of the merger on Holly's consolidated financial statements. The accompanying Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements are presented for illustrative purposes only and do not reflect the costs of any integration activities or benefits that may result from realization of future cost savings due to operating efficiencies or revenue synergies expected to result from the merger.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet gives effect to the merger as if it had been consummated on March 31, 2011 and includes estimated pro forma adjustments for the preliminary valuations of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. These adjustments are subject to further revision as additional information becomes available and additional analyses are performed. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statements of Income for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010 give effect to the merger as if it had been consummated on January 1, 2010, the beginning of the earliest period presented.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet has been adjusted to reflect the preliminary allocation of the purchase price to identifiable net assets acquired with the excess purchase recorded as goodwill. The purchase price allocation in these Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements is based upon a purchase price of approximately \$3.1 billion. This amount was derived as described below in accordance with the merger agreement, based on the outstanding shares of Frontier common stock at May 18, 2011, the exchange ratio of 0.4811 shares of Holly common stock for each Frontier share and a price per Holly common share of \$59.77, which represents the closing price of Holly shares of common stock on May 18, 2011. The actual number of shares of Holly common stock issued in the merger will be based upon the actual number of Frontier shares outstanding when the merger closes, and the valuation of those shares will be based on the trading price of Holly s common stock when the merger closes. This is inclusive of Frontier common stock expected to be issued upon the immediate vesting of outstanding Frontier equity awards. Substantially all of the Frontier restricted stock and stock unit awards that were issued prior to February 21, 2011 (date of merger agreement) and outstanding at May 18, 2011 will become fully vested as of the date of merger.

Under the terms of Frontier's senior notes having an aggregate principal amount of \$350 million outstanding at March 31, 2011, the merger will represent a change in control that provides the note holders the right to require Holly to repurchase the Frontier senior notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the notes. Holly does not anticipate that it will be required to repurchase a significant amount of the notes because the Frontier senior notes currently trade at prices in excess of 101%. Accordingly, no adjustment is included in the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements to reflect any repurchase of the Frontier senior notes.

## NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The preliminary purchase price is calculated as follows:

	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Assumed outstanding shares of Frontier common stock to be exchanged(1) Exchange ratio		106,885 0.4811		
Assumed shares of Holly common stock to be issued Price per share	\$	51,422 59.77		
Fair value of Holly shares expected to be issued	\$	3,074,000(2)		

- (1) Inclusive of Frontier common stock expected to be issued upon the immediate vesting of outstanding Frontier restricted stock and stock unit awards immediately prior to the consummation of the merger.
- (2) Estimated fair value is rounded to the nearest million.

The preliminary purchase price will fluctuate with changes in the trading price of Holly common stock until the merger is completed. A 25% increase or decrease in the \$59.77 price of Holly common stock used in the preliminary purchase price calculation above would increase or decrease the purchase price by approximately \$770 million.

The table below represents a preliminary allocation of the total consideration to Frontier s tangible and intangible assets and liabilities based on Holly management s preliminary estimate of their respective fair values as of March 31, 2011:

	(In	thousands)
Cash	\$	685,375
Inventories		750,268
Other current assets		650,071
Properties, plants and equipment		1,015,000
Goodwill		1,722,174
Intangibles and other non-current assets		55,903
Long-term debt and capital leases		(374,717)
Deferred income taxes, including current		(371,680)
Other liabilities assumed		(1,058,394)
Total estimated purchase price	\$	3,074,000

Upon completion of the fair value assessment after the merger, it is anticipated that the ultimate purchase price allocation will differ from the preliminary assessment outlined above. Any changes to the initial estimates of the fair value of the assets and liabilities will be recorded as adjustments to those assets and liabilities and residual amounts will be allocated to goodwill.

## Note 2. Pro Forma Adjustments

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statements of Income do not include any material non-recurring charges that will arise in subsequent periods as a result of the merger. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements reflect the following adjustments:

(a) <u>Cash</u>. A \$17.2 million decrease to cash and retained earnings to reflect estimated remaining merger transaction costs. These represent estimated one-time investment banking, legal and professional fees and are not presented net of tax due to the insignificance of the estimated tax impact. Additionally, these costs are not

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## NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

included in the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statements of Income as they are non-recurring expenses.

- (b) <u>Conforming Reclassifications</u>. Reclassifications consist of (i) a \$346 million increase to accounts receivable and payable balances to gross-up crude oil resale receivable and payable balances attributable to the same counterparty and are recorded and settled on a net basis to conform to Holly s policy of recording such receivable and payable balances on a gross basis, and (ii) the reclassification of \$5.5 million in non-current deferred income tax assets against non-current deferred income tax liabilities to conform with Holly s policy of presenting all non-current deferred income tax amounts on a net basis.
- (c) <u>Inventories</u>. A \$429.7 million increase to crude oil and refined products inventory and a \$20.7 million increase to materials and supplies to reflect the fair value of Frontier s inventories.
- (d) <u>Income Taxes</u>. To record the income tax effects of the purchase accounting adjustments.
- (e) <u>Properties, Plants and Equipment</u>. The estimated fair value of Frontier's owned properties, plants and equipment including property and equipment recorded under capital leases approximates Frontier's net book value. This estimated value is preliminary and is subject to further adjustments based on the final fair value determinations to be completed upon completion of the merger. Additionally, Frontier's deferred turnaround and catalyst costs of \$51.2 million are eliminated. These costs previously incurred by Frontier relate to periodic overhauls and refurbishments to Frontier's petroleum refinery processing units and costs of catalysts used in the refining process. These costs are implicit in the estimated fair value assigned to Frontier's refining facilities as they contribute to the physical and operating condition of the refineries and have been factored into the estimated fair value of Frontier's refineries.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income reflect a net decrease in depreciation and amortization of \$48.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 and \$12.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. This reflects a decrease in depreciation expense resulting from adjustments to useful lives that primarily relate to refinery, pipeline, terminal and building facilities having an estimated fair value of \$995 million and estimated remaining useful lives of 25 years and the elimination of approximately \$24 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 and \$5.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011 in amortization attributable to deferred turnaround and catalyst costs, partially offset by a \$16 million increase for the year ended December 31, 2010 and a \$4 million increase for the three months ended March 31, 2011 in amortization expense resulting from fair value adjustments to Frontier s intangibles and other assets. In future years, significant turnaround and catalyst costs are expected to be incurred periodically in order to maintain and operate the Frontier refineries. Such costs will be deferred and amortized over their expected useful lives and the amortization expense related thereto could approximate such amounts reflected in Frontier s historical financial statements.

- (f) <u>Goodwill</u>. To record the goodwill attributable the merger. Goodwill is not amortized, but rather is assessed for impairment at least annually or more frequently whenever events or circumstances indicate that goodwill might be impaired.
- (g) <u>Intangibles and Other Assets</u>. A \$44.1 million increase to reflect the estimated fair value of Frontier s intangibles and other assets. This represents an off-take agreement having an estimated fair value of \$50 million and remaining life of 3.1 years, net of the elimination of Frontier s deferred financing costs of \$5.9 million.

(h) <u>Long-Term Debt</u>. A \$24.1 million increase to reflect the fair value of Frontier's long-term debt and capital lease obligations. The difference between the fair value and the face amount of each borrowing is amortized to interest expense over the remaining term of the borrowings based on the maturity dates. As a result of these adjustments, the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statements of Income reflect lower interest expense of \$3.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 and \$1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

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## NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

- (i) <u>Frontier Oil Stockholders Equity</u>. The elimination of all of Frontier's stockholders equity including \$57.7 million of common stock, \$266.9 million of additional capital, \$1,171.4 million of retained earnings, \$398.2 million of treasury stock and \$6.5 million of accumulated other comprehensive loss as a result of the acquisition method of accounting.
- (j) <u>Holly Common Stock Issuance</u>. An assumed 51.4 million shares of Holly common stock will be issued to Frontier stockholders using an assumed per share price of \$59.77 totaling \$3.1 billion.
- (k) <u>Merger Transaction Costs</u>. To eliminate \$8.8 million in one-time direct merger related costs incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2011.
- (1) *Earnings Per Share*. The pro forma combined basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010 are calculated as follows:

	Pro Forma Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 (In thousands, exc			Pro Forma  Year Ended December 31, 2010 cept per share data)		
Pro forma net income attributable to common stockholders Holly weighted average shares outstanding basic Estimated shares of Holly common stock to be issued:	\$	238,617 53,307	\$	173,726 53,218		
Frontier shares issued and outstanding(1)  Total weighted shares outstanding basic  Dilutive effect of unvested equity awards		51,422 104,729 409		51,422 104,640 474		
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted		105,138		105,114		
Pro forma earnings per share basic	\$	2.28	\$	1.66		
Pro forma earnings per share diluted	\$	2.27	\$	1.65		

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents estimated shares of Holly common stock to be issued after giving effect to the 0.4811 exchange ratio as set forth in the merger agreement.

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## COMPARATIVE STOCK PRICE DATA AND DIVIDENDS

#### **Stock Prices**

Shares of Holly common stock are listed for trading on the NYSE under the symbol HOC. Shares of Frontier common stock are listed for trading on the NYSE under the symbol FTO. The following table sets forth the closing sales prices per share of Holly common stock and Frontier common stock, on an actual and equivalent per share basis, on the NYSE, on the following dates:

February 18, 2011, the last full trading day prior to the public announcement of the merger, and

May [ ], 2011, the last trading day for which this information could be calculated prior to the filing of this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

			Frontier Equivalent
	Holly Common Stock	Frontier Common Stock	Per Share(1)
February 18, 2011	\$ 56.11	\$ 28.12	\$ 26.99
May [ ], 2011	\$ [ ]	\$ [ ]	\$ [ ]

<sup>(1)</sup> The equivalent per share data for Frontier common stock has been determined by multiplying the market price of one share of Holly common stock on each of the dates by the exchange ratio of 0.4811.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices per share of Holly common stock and Frontier common stock on the NYSE composite transaction reporting system. For current price information, you should consult publicly available sources.

	From	Holly		
Calendar Period	High	Low	High	Low
Year ended December 31, 2009				
First Quarter	\$ 16.84	\$ 11.80	\$ 27.42	\$ 18.15
Second Quarter	18.40	12.09	31.63	17.23
Third Quarter	15.15	12.00	26.22	16.71
Fourth Quarter	16.54	11.03	33.53	