UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 23, 2017

LendingTree, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **001-34063** (Commission File Number) **26-2414818** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

11115 Rushmore Drive, Charlotte, NC

(Address of principal executive offices)

28277 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 541-5351

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

LendingTree, Inc. (the "Company") entered into the Second Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of May 23, 2017, among the Company, its subsidiary, LendingTree, LLC, the lenders that are a party thereto, and SunTrust Bank, as administrative agent (the "Second Amendment"). The Second Amendment amends the Credit Agreement, originally dated as of October 22, 2015, among the Company, LendingTree, LLC, the lenders that are a party thereto, and Sun Trust Bank, as administrative agent (the "Credit Agreement"). A copy of the Original Credit Agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015 filed with the SEC on October 26, 2015. The Credit Agreement was previously amended by the First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of February 25, 2016, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.30 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, which was filed with the SEC on February 28, 2017.

Among other things, the Second Amendment provides that the warrant transactions and convertible hedge transactions referred to in the Press Release (as defined below) will constitute permitted restricted payments under the Credit Agreement. In addition, the Second Amendment provides that a real estate term loan we anticipate entering into (the "Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction"), will be permitted indebtedness for purposes of the Credit Agreement. The Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction is expected to consist of an aggregate principal amount of no more than (a) \$20.0 million which shall be used to finance all or a portion of the purchase price of certain real estate purchased in December 2016 and located in Charlotte, North Carolina, and (b) \$25.0 million which shall be used to finance post-acquisition improvements to such real estate, related equipment, and related hedging obligations. While the Company currently expects to enter into the Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction during the second or third calendar quarter of 2017, no assurances can be provided regarding the timing of the closing of, or the precise amount of indebtedness to be incurred in connection with, such Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction.

Certain of the lenders under the Credit Agreement and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, other commercial dealings with the Company or its affiliates in the ordinary course of business, including in connection with the offering of the convertible senior notes referred to in the Press Release. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for those transactions.

The foregoing description of the Second Amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Second Amendment attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 23, 2017, the Company issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing its intention to offer, subject to market and other conditions, \$200 million aggregate principal amount of its convertible senior notes due 2022 in a private placement. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit Description |
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| 99.1 | Second Amendment to Credit Agreement by and among LendingTree, LLC, LendingTree, Inc. and SunTrust Bank, dated May 23, 2017. |
| 99.2 | Press release, dated May 23, 2017. |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 23, 2017

LENDINGTREE, INC.

By: /s/ Gabriel Dalporto

Gabriel Dalporto Chief Financial Officer

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SECOND AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of May 23, 2017, by and among LENDINGTREE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), LENDINGTREE, INC., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Parent</u>"), the other Loan Parties (as defined in the Credit Agreement referred to below), the Lenders (as defined below) party hereto, and SUNTRUST BANK, as the administrative agent for itself and on behalf of the Lenders (in such capacity, the "<u>Administrative Agent</u>").

$\underline{WITNESSETH}$:

WHEREAS, the Borrower, Parent, the financial institutions from time to time party thereto (the "<u>Lenders</u>"), and the Administrative Agent have executed and delivered that certain Credit Agreement dated as of October 22, 2015, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of February 25, 2016 (as the same may be further amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"); and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested that the Lenders agree to amend certain provisions of the Credit Agreement as set forth herein, and the Administrative Agent and the Lenders party hereto have agreed to such amendments, in each case subject to the terms and conditions hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, each of the parties hereto hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions. Unless otherwise specifically defined herein, each term used herein (and in the recitals above) which is defined in the Credit Agreement shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Credit Agreement. Each reference to "hereof," "hereunder," "herein," and "hereby" and each other similar reference and each reference to "this Agreement" and each other similar reference contained in the Credit Agreement shall from and after the date hereof refer to the Credit Agreement as amended hereby.

SECTION 2. <u>Amendments to Credit Agreement</u>.

(a) <u>Amendments to Section 1.1. Section 1.1</u> of the Credit Agreement is amended by adding the following definitions thereto in appropriate alphabetical order:

"<u>Bail-In Action</u>" shall mean the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable EEA Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an EEA Financial Institution.

"<u>Bail-In Legislation</u>" shall mean, with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule.

"<u>EEA Financial Institution</u>" shall mean (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in clauses (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

"EEA Member Country" shall mean any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

"<u>EEA Resolution Authority</u>" shall mean any public administrative authority or any person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

"<u>EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule</u>" shall mean the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person), as in effect from time to time.

"<u>Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction</u>" shall mean any call or capped call option (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) relating to the Parent's common stock (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Parent) purchased by the Parent in connection with the issuance of the Specified Convertible Indebtedness and settled in common stock of the Parent (or such other securities or property), cash or a combination thereof (such amount of cash determined by reference to the price of the Parent's common stock or such other securities or property), and cash in lieu of fractional shares of common stock of the Parent.

"<u>Permitted Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction</u>" shall mean any Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction that satisfies the following conditions:

(i) the principal amount of Indebtedness of the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries incurred in connection with any Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction, when combined with all other Indebtedness incurred under any other Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction, shall not exceed \$45,000,000 in the aggregate, of which an aggregate principal amount of no more than (a) \$20,000,000 for all such Specified Real Estate Finance Transactions shall be used to finance all or a portion of the purchase price of the Specified Real Estate and (b) \$25,000,000 for all such Specified Real Estate Finance Transactions shall be used to finance post-acquisition improvements to the Specified Real Estate, related equipment, and Hedging Obligations;

(ii) the Liens granted by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with the Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction shall (a) secure only the Indebtedness described in the foregoing clause (i), including, without limitation, all principal, interest, indemnity, cost and expense reimbursements, and any other payment obligations owed in connection therewith and (b) not extend to any assets other than the Specified Real Estate and related improvements, easements, fixtures, leases and rents, other customary related assets, and proceeds thereof;

(iii) before and after giving effect to the Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction, (a) no Default or Event of Default shall exist and (b) all representations and warranties of each Loan Party set forth in the Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects (other than those representations and warranties that are expressly qualified by a Material Adverse Effect or other materiality, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects);

(iv) after giving effect to the Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction (including, without limitation, all Indebtedness incurred or to be incurred in connection therewith), the Parent shall be in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in Article VI hereof, calculated on a Pro Forma Basis as of the last day of the most recently ended Fiscal Quarter for which financial statements are required to have been delivered pursuant to Sections 5.1(a) or (b) hereof;

(v) at least three (3) business days (or such shorter timeframe as may be agreed in writing by the Administrative Agent) prior to the date of the consummation of the Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction, the Parent shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent draft copies of all financing agreements, construction loan agreements, mortgages or deeds of trust, and all related material transaction documents for the Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction, together with all schedules thereto (all of which shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent), followed by any materially different drafts of such documents promptly as the same are available to the Borrower and fully executed copies thereof within five (5) Business Days (or such other timeframe as may be agreed in writing by the Administrative Agent) after the consummation of the Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction;

(vi) the Parent shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent a certificate, which shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, executed by a Responsible Officer certifying that each of the conditions set forth above has been satisfied, including, without limitation, calculations evidencing the condition in clause (iv) above.

"<u>Permitted Warrant Transaction</u>" shall mean any call option, warrant or right to purchase (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) relating to the Parent's common stock (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Parent) sold by the Parent substantially concurrently with any purchase by the Parent of the Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction and settled in common stock of the Parent (or such other securities or property), cash or a combination thereof (such amount of cash determined by reference to the price of the Parent's common stock or such other securities or property), and cash in lieu of fractional shares of common stock of the Parent.

"<u>Specified Convertible Indebtedness</u>" shall mean the senior, unsecured Indebtedness of the Parent, expected to be issued by the Parent in the second calendar quarter of 2017 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$300,000,000 (inclusive of any additional Indebtedness issued by the Parent pursuant to any option to purchase any additional Indebtedness granted to the initial purchasers of such Indebtedness) that is convertible into shares of common stock of the Parent (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Parent), cash or a combination thereof (such amount of cash determined by reference to the price of the Parent's common stock or such other securities or property), and cash in lieu of fractional shares of common stock of the Parent.

"<u>Specified Real Estate</u>" shall mean certain office buildings located at 2100 and 2115 Rexford Road, Charlotte, NC, which were purchased by Rexford Office Holdings, LLC, a Subsidiary of the Borrower, on or about December 28, 2016 and which are intended to be used as office space by the Parent and its Subsidiaries.

"<u>Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction</u>" shall mean one or more secured real estate financing facilities separate from this Agreement and the Obligations made for the purpose of financing or refinancing the Specified Real Estate.

"<u>Write-Down and Conversion Powers</u>" shall mean, with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule.

(b) <u>Amendment to Definition of "Restricted Payment". Section 1.1</u> of the Credit Agreement is amended by amending and restating the following definition:

"Restricted Payment" shall mean, for any Person, any dividend or distribution on any class of its Capital Stock, or any payment on account of, or set apart assets for a sinking or other analogous fund for, any shares of its Capital Stock, any Indebtedness subordinated to the Obligations or any Guarantee thereof or any options, warrants or other rights to purchase such Capital Stock or such Indebtedness, whether now or hereafter outstanding, any payment or similar fees, or any payments in cash (including, without limitation, any premiums paid) in respect of the Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction or the Permitted Warrant Transaction.

(c) <u>Amendment to Definition of "Indebtedness".</u> The definition of "Indebtedness" in <u>Section 1.1</u> of the Credit Agreement is amended by adding the following at the end of such definition:

For the avoidance of doubt, the obligations of the Parent under the Permitted Warrant Transaction shall not constitute Indebtedness.

(d) <u>Amendments to Section 6.1</u>. Section 6.1 of the Credit Agreement is amended and restated in its entirety so that it reads as follows:

Section 6.1 <u>Consolidated Leverage Ratio</u>. Parent and the Borrower shall not permit the Consolidated Leverage Ratio as of the end of any Fiscal Quarter to be greater than (a) for each Fiscal Quarter ending on or prior to December 31, 2018, 4.00 to 1.00 and (b) for each Fiscal Quarter ending thereafter, 3.50 to 1.00.

(e) <u>Amendments to Section 7.1. Section 7.1</u> of the Credit Agreement is amended by (i) deleting "and" at the end of clause (r) thereof, (ii) replacing "." with "; and" at the end of clause (s) thereof, and (iii) inserting the following new clause (t) immediately after clause (s) thereof:

(t) Indebtedness incurred in connection with the Permitted Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction.

(f) <u>Amendments to Section 7.2. Section 7.2</u> of the Credit Agreement is amended by (i) deleting "and" at the end of clause (m) thereof, (ii) replacing "." with "; and" at the end of clause (n) thereof, and (iii) inserting the following new clause (o) immediately after clause (n) thereof:

(o) Liens to secure Indebtedness incurred in connection with the Permitted Specified Real Estate Finance Transaction.

(g) <u>Amendments to Section 7.4. Section 7.4</u> of the Credit Agreement is amended by (i) deleting "and" at the end of clause (n) thereof, (ii) replacing "." with "; and" at the end of clause (o) thereof, and (iii) inserting the following new clause (p) immediately after clause (o) thereof:

(p) the purchase of the Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction by the Parent and the performance of its obligations thereunder.

(h) <u>Amendments to Section 7.5. Section 7.5</u> of the Credit Agreement is amended by (i) replacing "." with ";" at the end of clause (f) thereof and (ii) inserting the following new clauses (g), (h) and (i) immediately after clause (f) thereof:

(g) the Parent may make any payments and/or deliveries required by the terms of, and otherwise perform its obligations under, the Specified Convertible Indebtedness (including, without limitation, making payments of interest and principal thereon, making payments due upon required repurchase thereof and/or making payments and deliveries due upon conversion thereof);

(h) the Parent may pay the premium in respect of, and otherwise perform its obligations under, the Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction; and

(i) the Parent may make any payments and/or deliveries required by the terms of, and otherwise perform its obligations under, the Permitted Warrant Transaction (including, without limitation, making payments and/or deliveries due upon exercise and settlement or termination thereof).

(i) <u>Amendments to Section 7.6. Section 7.6</u> of the Credit Agreement is amended by (i) deleting "or" at the end of clause (g) thereof, (ii) replacing "." with "; or" at the end of clause (i) thereof, and (iii) inserting the following new clause (j) immediately after clause (i) thereof:

(j) the unwinding or termination of the Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction by the Parent and the performance of its obligations thereunder.

(j) <u>Amendments to Section 7.10. Section 7.10</u> of the Credit Agreement is amended and restated in its entirety so that it reads as follows:

Section 7.10 Hedging Transactions. Parent and the Borrower will not, and will not permit any of their respective Subsidiaries to, enter into any Hedging Transaction, other than (x) Hedging Transactions entered into by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business to hedge or mitigate risks to which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is exposed in the conduct of its business or the management of its liabilities, (y) the Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction or (z) the Permitted Warrant Transaction. Solely for the avoidance of doubt, Parent and the Borrower acknowledge that a Hedging Transaction entered into for speculative purposes or of a speculative nature (which shall be deemed to include any Hedging Transaction under which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is or may become obliged to make any payment (i) in connection with the purchase by any third party of any Capital Stock or any Indebtedness or (ii) as a result of changes in the market value of any Capital Stock or any Indebtedness) is not a Hedging Transaction entered into in the ordinary course of business to hedge or mitigate risks.

(k) <u>Amendments to Section 8.1(g)</u>. Section 8.1(g) of the Credit Agreement is amended and restated in its entirety so that it reads as follows:

(g) (i) Parent or any of its Subsidiaries (whether as primary obligor or as guarantor or other surety) shall fail to pay any principal of, or premium or interest on, any Material Indebtedness (other than any Hedging Obligation) that is outstanding, when and as the same shall become due and payable (whether at scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand or otherwise), and such failure shall continue after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in the agreement or instrument evidencing or governing such Indebtedness; or any other event shall occur or condition shall exist under any agreement or instrument relating to any Material Indebtedness and shall continue after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in such agreement or instrument, if the effect of such event or condition is to accelerate, or permit the acceleration of, the maturity of such Indebtedness (other than (x) any event that permits holders of the Specified Convertible Indebtedness to convert such Indebtedness or (y) the conversion of the Specified Convertible Indebtedness, in either case, into common stock of the Parent (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Parent), cash or a combination thereof); or any Material Indebtedness shall be declared to be due and payable, or required to be prepaid or redeemed (other than by a regularly scheduled required prepayment or redemption), purchased or defeased, or any offer to prepay, redeem, purchase or defease

such Indebtedness shall be required to be made, in each case prior to the stated maturity thereof (other than (x) any event that permits holders of the Specified Convertible Indebtedness to convert such Indebtedness or (y) the conversion of the Specified Convertible Indebtedness, in either case, into common stock of the Parent (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Parent), cash or a combination thereof) or (ii) there occurs under any Hedging Transaction an Early Termination Date (as defined in such Hedge Transaction) resulting from (A) any event of default under such Hedging Transaction as to which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is the Defaulting Party (as defined in such Hedging Transaction) and the Hedge Termination Value owed by Parent or such Subsidiary as a result thereof is greater than the Threshold Amount or (B) any Termination Event (as so defined) under such Hedging Transaction as to which Parent or any Subsidiary is an Affected Party (as so defined) and the Hedge Termination Value owed by Parent or such Subsidiary as a result thereof is greater than the Threshold Amount or (B) any Termination Value owed by Parent or such Subsidiary as a result thereof is greater than the Threshold Amount or any Subsidiary is an Affected Party (as so defined) and the Hedge Termination Value owed by Parent or such Subsidiary as a result thereof is greater than the Threshold Amount and is not paid; or

(l) <u>Amendments to Article 10. Article 10</u> of the Credit Agreement is amended by inserting the following new <u>Section 10.17</u> after <u>Section</u> <u>10.16</u> thereof:

Section 10.17. <u>Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of EEA Financial Institutions</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any EEA Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the write-down and conversion powers of an EEA Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

(a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by an EEA Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an EEA Financial Institution; and

(b) the effects of any Bail-in Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:

(i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;

(ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such EEA Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or

(iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the write-down and conversion powers of any EEA Resolution Authority.

SECTION 3. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. This Agreement shall become effective only upon satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions precedent except as otherwise agreed between the Borrower, Parent, and the Administrative Agent:

(a) the Administrative Agent's receipt of this Agreement duly executed by each of (i) the Loan Parties, (ii) the Required Lenders, and (iii) the Administrative Agent; and

(b) the Borrower shall have paid all fees, costs and expenses owed by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates, without limitation, reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 4. <u>Miscellaneous Terms</u>.

(a) <u>Loan Document</u>. For avoidance of doubt, the Loan Parties, the Lenders party hereto, and the Administrative Agent each hereby acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement is a Loan Document.

(b) <u>Effect of Agreement</u>. Except as set forth expressly hereinabove, all terms of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall be and remain in full force and effect, and shall constitute the legal, valid, binding, and enforceable obligations of the Loan Parties.

(c) <u>No Novation or Mutual Departure</u>. The Loan Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that (i) there has not been, and this Agreement does not constitute or establish, a novation with respect to the Credit Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, or a mutual departure from the strict terms, provisions, and conditions thereof, other than with respect to

the amendments contained in <u>Section 2</u> above and (ii) nothing in this Agreement shall affect or limit the Administrative Agent's or any Lender's right to demand payment of liabilities owing from any Loan Party to the Administrative Agent or the Lender under, or to demand strict performance of the terms, provisions, and conditions of, the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents, to exercise any and all rights, powers, and remedies under the Credit Agreement or the other Loan Documents, in the foregoing, immediately at any time after the occurrence of a Default or an Event of Default under the Credit Agreement or the other Loan Documents.

(d) <u>Ratification</u>. Each Loan Party hereby (i) restates, ratifies, and reaffirms all of its obligations and covenants set forth in the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party effective as of the date hereof and (ii) restates and renews each and every representation and warranty heretofore made by it in the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents as fully as if made on the date hereof and with specific reference to this Agreement and any other Loan Documents executed or delivered in connection herewith (except with respect to representations and warranties made as of an expressed date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such date).

(e) <u>No Default</u>. To induce Lenders to enter into this Agreement, Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees that, as of the date hereof, and after giving effect to the terms hereof, there exists (i) no Default or Event of Default and (ii) no right of offset, defense, counterclaim, claim, or objection in favor of Borrower or arising out of or with respect to any of the Loans or other obligations of Borrower owed to Lenders under the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(f) <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which counterparts, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

(g) <u>Fax or Other Transmission</u>. Delivery by one or more parties hereto of an executed counterpart of this Agreement via facsimile, telecopy, or other electronic method of transmission pursuant to which the signature of such party can be seen (including, without limitation, Adobe Corporation's Portable Document Format) shall have the same force and effect as the delivery of an original executed counterpart of this Agreement. Any party delivering an executed counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic method of transmission shall also deliver an original executed counterpart, but the failure to do so shall not affect the validity, enforceability, or binding effect of this Agreement.

(h) <u>Recitals Incorporated Herein</u>. The preamble and the recitals to this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

(i) <u>Section References</u>. Section titles and references used in this Agreement shall be without substantive meaning or content of any kind whatsoever and are not a part of the agreements among the parties hereto evidenced hereby.

(j) <u>Further Assurances</u>. The Loan Parties agree to take, at the Loan Parties' expense, such further actions as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request from time to evidence the amendments set forth herein and the transactions contemplated hereby.

(k) <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York but excluding any principles of conflicts of law or other rule of law that would cause the application of the law of any jurisdiction other than the laws of the State of New York.

(l) <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof in that jurisdiction or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

(m) <u>Reaffirmation</u>. Each Guarantor (i) consents to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, (ii) reaffirms all of its obligations and covenants under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and (iii) agrees that none of its respective obligations and covenants shall be reduced or limited by the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused this Agreement to be duly executed by its duly authorized officer as of the day and year first above written.

BORROWER:

LENDINGTREE, LLC

By: <u>/s/ Gabriel Dalporto</u> Name: Gabriel Dalporto Title: Chief Financial Officer

PARENT AND GUARANTOR:

LENDINGTREE, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Gabriel Dalporto</u> Name: Gabriel Dalporto Title: Chief Financial Officer

GUARANTORS:

HOME LOAN CENTER, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Gabriel Dalporto</u> Name: Gabriel Dalporto Title: Treasurer

TREE.COM BU HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Gabriel Dalporto</u> Name: Gabriel Dalporto Title: Treasurer

DEGREETREE, INC. (for itself and as successor to Tree Home Services, Inc.)

By: <u>/s/ Gabriel Dalporto</u> Name: Gabriel Dalporto Title: Treasurer

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND LENDERS:

SUNTRUST BANK, as the Administrative Agent and a Lender

By: <u>/s/ Cynthia W. Burton</u> Name: Cynthia W. Burton Title: Director **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.**, as a Lender

By: <u>/s/ Charles R. Dickerson</u> Name: Charles R. Dickerson Title: SVP

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as a Lender

By: <u>/s/ J. Christian Gutierrez</u> Name: J. Christian Gutierrez Title: Authorized Signatory

FIFTH THIRD BANK, as a Lender

By: <u>/s/ Jodie R. Ayres</u> Name: Jodie R. Ayres Title: Vice President

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,

as a Lender

By: <u>/s/ Justin Burton</u> Name: Justin Burton Title: Vice President



LENDINGTREE ANNOUNCES OFFERING OF \$200 MILLION OF CONVERTIBLE SENIOR NOTES DUE 2022

CHARLOTTE, NC - **May 23, 2017** - LendingTree, Inc. (NASDAQ: TREE) (the "Company"), a leading online loan marketplace, announced today that it intends to offer, subject to market and other conditions, \$200 million aggregate principal amount of its convertible senior notes due 2022 (the "notes") in a private placement. The Company also expects to grant the initial purchasers a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional \$30 million aggregate principal amount of notes, solely to cover over-allotments, if any.

The notes will be senior unsecured obligations of the Company. The notes will bear interest semiannually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning on December 1, 2017. The notes will mature on June 1, 2022, unless earlier repurchased or converted.

Prior to February 1, 2022, the notes will be convertible at the option of the holders only upon the occurrence of specified events, and thereafter until the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date, the notes will be convertible at any time. Upon conversion, the notes will settle for cash, shares of the Company's common stock, or a combination thereof, at the Company's option. The Company expects to use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes to pay the net cost of the convertible note hedge transactions (after such cost is partially offset by the proceeds to the Company of the warrant transactions), to pay related transaction fees and expenses, and for general corporate purposes, including, but not limited to, working capital and potential acquisitions.

If the initial purchasers exercise their option to purchase additional notes, the Company may sell additional warrants and use a portion of the net proceeds from the sale of the additional notes, together with the proceeds from the sale of the additional warrants to enter into additional convertible note hedge transactions. Any remaining proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes described above.

In connection with the offering, the Company expects to enter into convertible note hedge transactions with one or more of the initial purchasers of the notes or their affiliates (in this capacity, the "option counterparties"). The Company also expects to enter into warrant transactions with the option counterparties. The convertible note hedge transactions are expected generally to reduce potential dilution to the Company's common stock upon any conversion of notes and/or offset any cash payments the Company is required to make in excess of the principal amount of converted notes, as the case may be. However, the warrant transactions could separately have a dilutive effect to the extent that the market value per share of the Company's common stock exceeds upon expiration the applicable strike price of the warrants.

In connection with establishing their initial hedges of the convertible note hedge and warrant transactions, the option counterparties or their respective affiliates expect to enter into various derivative transactions with respect to the Company's common stock concurrently with or shortly after the pricing of the notes. This activity could increase (or reduce the size of any decrease in) the market price of the Company's common stock or the notes at that time.

In addition, the option counterparties or their respective affiliates may modify their hedge positions by entering into or unwinding various derivative transactions with respect to the Company's common stock and/or purchasing or selling the Company's common stock or other securities of the Company in secondary market transactions following the pricing of the notes and prior to the maturity of the notes (and are likely to do so during any observation period related to a conversion of notes). This activity could also cause or avoid an increase or a decrease in the market price of the Company's common stock or the notes, which could affect the ability of noteholders to convert the notes and, to the extent the activity occurs during any observation period related to a conversion of the notes, it could affect the number of shares and value of the consideration that noteholders will receive upon conversion of the notes.

The offering is being made to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Neither the notes nor any shares of the Company's common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes have been or are expected to be registered under the Securities Act, or under any state securities laws and, unless so

registered, may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the notes in the offering, nor shall there be any sale of such notes in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

The matters contained in the discussion above may be considered to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. Those statements include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations or anticipations of the Company and members of its management team. Factors currently known to management that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include the following: adverse conditions in the United States or global capital markets; adverse conditions in the primary and secondary mortgage markets and in the economy, particularly interest rates; default rates on loans, particularly unsecured loans; demand by investors for unsecured personal loans; the effect of such demand on interest rates for personal loans and consumer demand for personal loans; seasonality of results; potential liabilities to secondary market purchasers; changes in the Company's relationships with network lenders, including dependence on certain key network lenders; breaches of network security or the misappropriation or misuse of personal consumer information; failure to provide competitive service; failure to maintain brand recognition; ability to attract and retain customers in a costeffective manner; the effects of potential acquisitions of other businesses, including the ability to integrate them successfully with the Company's existing operations; accounting rules related to contingent consideration and excess tax benefits or expenses on stock-based compensation that could materially affect earnings in future periods; ability to develop new products and services and enhance existing ones; competition; allegations of failure to comply with existing or changing laws, rules or regulations, or to obtain and maintain required licenses; failure of network lenders or other affiliated parties to comply with regulatory requirements; failure to maintain the integrity of systems and infrastructure; liabilities as a result of privacy regulations; failure to adequately protect intellectual property rights or allegations of infringement of intellectual property rights; and changes in management. These and additional factors to be considered are set forth under "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2016 and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results or expectations.

About LendingTree, Inc.

LendingTree, Inc. operates the nation's leading online loan marketplace and provides consumers with an array of online tools and information to help them find the best loans for their needs. LendingTree's online marketplace connects consumers with multiple lenders that compete for their business, empowering consumers as they comparison-shop across a full suite of loans and credit-based offerings. Since its inception, LendingTree has facilitated more than 65 million loan requests. LendingTree provides access to its network of over 500 lenders offering home loans, home equity loans/lines of credit, reverse mortgages, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, credit cards, student loans and more.

LendingTree, Inc. is headquartered in Charlotte, NC and maintains operations solely in the United States.

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