

TELLURIAN INC. /DE/  
Form S-8  
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Registration No. 333-\_\_\_\_\_

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
***UNDER***  
***THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933***

**TELLURIAN INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Delaware</b>                          | <b>06-0842255</b>          |
| <b>(State or other jurisdiction</b>      | <b>(I.R.S. Employer</b>    |
| <b>of incorporation or organization)</b> | <b>Identification No.)</b> |
| <b>1201 Louisiana Street, Suite 3100</b> |                            |

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**Houston, Texas 77002**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**2016 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN\***

**(Full title of the plan)**

**\*See explanatory note immediately following the Calculation of Registration Fee table below**

**Meg A. Gentle**

**President and Chief Executive Officer**

**1201 Louisiana Street, Suite 3100**

**Houston, Texas 77002**

**(832) 962-4000**

**(Name, address, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)**

**With a copy to:**

**John A. Elofson, Esq.**

**Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP**

**1550 Seventeenth Street, Suite 500**

**Denver, Colorado 80202**

**(303) 892-9400**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

| <b>Title of securities<br/>to be registered</b> | <b>Amount<br/>to be<br/>registered (1)</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>maximum<br/>offering price<br/>per share (2)</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>maximum<br/>aggregate<br/>offering price (2)</b> | <b>Amount of<br/>Registration fee</b> |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share        | 40,000,000                                 | \$12.96  | \$518,400,000  | \$60,082.56                           |

- (1) Represents shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the registrant's 2016 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (the 2016 Plan). Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act), this registration statement shall be deemed to cover any additional securities that may be offered or issued pursuant to any adjustment provisions of the 2016 Plan or the forms of awards granted thereunder.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act, and based upon the average of the high and low sales prices for the registrant's common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on February 6, 2017.

### **Explanatory Note**

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 relates to the 40,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Common Stock), of Tellurian Inc. (the Company) authorized for issuance under the Company's 2016 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (the 2016 Plan). The authorization of the 40,000,000 shares of Common Stock under the 2016 Plan was approved by the Company's shareholders at a special meeting of shareholders held on February 9, 2017.

### **PART I**

#### **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS**

As permitted by the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), this registration statement omits the information specified in the instructions to Part I of Form S-8. Documents containing such information will be sent or given to participants in the employee benefit plan (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act)) covered by this registration statement as required by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. Those documents are not being filed with the SEC as part of this registration statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. Those documents, and the documents incorporated by reference in this registration statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

### **PART II**

#### **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

##### **Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents filed by the registrant with the SEC are incorporated in this registration statement by reference (excluding any portions of such documents that are deemed to be furnished but not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act)):

The registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, filed on September 14, 2016 (as amended by the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, filed on October 27, 2016);

The registrant's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, filed on November 14, 2016, and for the quarterly period ended December 31, 2016, filed on February 9, 2017;

The registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on July 19, 2016, August 2, 2016, August 3, 2016, August 8, 2016, October 5, 2016, October 12, 2016, November 29, 2016, December 21, 2016, January 5, 2017 and February 10, 2017, and Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on October 20, 2016 (excluding any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 on any Current Report on Form 8-K, and any corresponding information furnished under Item 9.01 of such Current Reports on Form 8-K or 8-K/A); and

the description of the registrant's common stock set forth in the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 26, 2013, including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all reports and other documents filed by the registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, and 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this registration statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this registration statement indicating that all securities offered hereby have been sold or deregistering all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such document (excluding any portions of such documents that are deemed to be furnished but not filed for purposes of the Exchange Act).

Any statement contained herein or in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this registration statement, except as so modified or superseded.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

The Company is a Delaware corporation. Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the DGCL ) contains provisions for the indemnification and insurance of directors, officers, employees, and agents of a Delaware corporation against liabilities which they may incur in their capacities as such. Those provisions have the following general effects:

- a. A Delaware corporation may indemnify a person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) if the person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.
- b. A Delaware corporation may indemnify a person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation in an action or suit by or in the right of the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged liable to the corporation (except under certain circumstances).
- c. A Delaware corporation must indemnify a present or former director or officer against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding to the extent that such person has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of the action, suit, or proceeding.

d. A Delaware corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation against liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising from such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under Section 145 of the DGCL.

The Company's restated certificate of incorporation provides that the Company shall enter into appropriate agreements with its directors and officers to both indemnify such directors and officers and advance funds for litigation expenses to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, as may be amended from time to time. In furtherance of these provisions, the Company has entered into written agreements with each of its directors and officers to indemnify and advance expenses to those individuals to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law.

In addition, pursuant to Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, the Company's restated certificate of incorporation provides that a director of Tellurian shall not be personally liable to Tellurian or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability:

- a. for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its stockholders;
- b. for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- c. under Section 174 of the DGCL (relating to unlawful payment of dividends or stock repurchases); or
- d. for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

The Company maintains directors' and officers' insurance covering certain liabilities that may be incurred by directors and officers in the performance of their duties.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

See Exhibit Index.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

- a. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
  1. To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
    - i. To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
    - ii. To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the

aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement.  
Notwithstanding the

foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

- iii. To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*Provided, however, that:*

Paragraphs (1)(i) and (ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

2. That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
  3. To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- b. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
  - c. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit, or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer, or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.



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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas, on February 10, 2017.

**TELLURIAN INC.**

By: /s/ Meg A. Gentle  
 Meg A. Gentle, President and Chief Executive  
 Officer  
 (as Principal Executive Officer)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Meg A. Gentle, Antoine J. Lafargue, and Daniel A. Belhumeur and each or any one of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments and registration statements filed pursuant to Rule 462) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his or her substitutes or substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Name                    | Title  | Date                 |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------|
| /s/ Meg A. Gentle       | Director, President and Chief Executive Officer            | February 10,<br>2017 |
| Meg A. Gentle           | (Principal Executive Officer)                              |                      |
| /s/ Antoine J. Lafargue | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial<br>Officer)   | February 10,<br>2017 |
| Antoine J. Lafargue     |  |                      |
| /s/ Khaled Sharafeldin  | Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting<br>Officer) | February 10,<br>2017 |
| Khaled Sharafeldin      |  |                      |
| /s/ Charif Souki        | Director and Chairman                                      | February 10,<br>2017 |
| Charif Souki            |  |                      |

/s/ Martin Houston

Director and Vice Chairman

February 10,  
2017

Martin Houston

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| Name                     | Title    | Date                 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| /s/ Dillon J. Ferguson   | Director | February 10,<br>2017 |
| Dillon J. Ferguson       |          |                      |
| /s/ Diana Derycz-Kessler | Director | February 10,<br>2017 |
| Diana Derycz-Kessler     |          |                      |
| /s/ Brooke A. Peterson   | Director | February 10,<br>2017 |
| Brooke A. Peterson       |          |                      |
| /s/ Jean Jaylet          | Director | February 10,<br>2017 |
| Jean Jaylet              |          |                      |

**Exhibit Index**

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 5.1*        | Opinion of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP                            |
| 23.1*       | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP                                |
| 23.2*       | Consent of EKS&H LLLP   |
| 23.3*       | Consent of Davis, Graham & Stubbs LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1) |
| 24.1*       | Power of Attorney (included in the signature page hereto)       |
| 99.1**      | Tellurian Inc. 2016 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan         |

\* Filed herewith.

+ Management contract or compensatory plan of arrangement.