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

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**Form 10-Q**

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(Mark One)

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011

OR

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from            to            .

Commission File Number 001-33147

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**Constellation Energy Partners LLC**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State of organization)

**11-3742489**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1801 Main Street, Suite 1300**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

**Telephone Number: (832) 308-3700**

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.    Yes ☒    No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).    Yes ☒    No ☐

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).    Yes ☐    No ☒

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant’s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common Units outstanding on November 4, 2011: 23,768,193 units.

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# PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

### CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC and SUBSIDIARIES

#### Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(In 000's except unit data)			
<b>Revenues</b>				
Natural gas sales	\$ 22,829	\$ 25,573	\$ 111,915	\$ 79,590
Oil and liquid sales	2,795	1,070	7,702	3,368
Gain / (Loss) from mark-to-market activities (see Note 4)	5,819	21,100	(47,946)	51,832
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>31,443</b>	<b>47,743</b>	<b>71,671</b>	<b>134,790</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Lease operating expenses	7,297	7,953	21,319	23,645
Cost of sales	640	592	1,701	1,949
Production taxes	847	647	2,278	2,449
General and administrative	4,548	5,027	12,783	14,277
Exploration costs	—	284	131	731
(Gain) / Loss on sale of assets	8	—	29	(13)
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	5,863	26,175	17,621	79,598
Asset impairments (see Note 6)	1,935	270,408	1,935	270,966
Accretion expense	228	205	680	617
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>21,366</b>	<b>311,291</b>	<b>58,477</b>	<b>394,219</b>
<b>Other expenses (income)</b>				
Interest expense	1,899	3,151	7,113	9,966
Interest expense-(Gain)/Loss from mark-to-market activities (see Note 4)	795	545	630	1,174
Interest (income)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)
Other expense (income)	(69)	(120)	(195)	(410)
<b>Total other expenses / (income)</b>	<b>2,624</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>7,546</b>	<b>10,728</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>23,990</b>	<b>314,866</b>	<b>66,023</b>	<b>404,947</b>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 7,453</b>	<b>\$ (267,123)</b>	<b>\$ 5,648</b>	<b>\$ (270,157)</b>
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,674)	(3,677)	(4,259)	(13,227)
<b>Comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 5,779</b>	<b>\$ (270,800)</b>	<b>\$ 1,389</b>	<b>\$ (283,384)</b>
<b>Earnings (loss) per unit (see Note 2)</b>				
Earnings (loss) per unit—Basic	\$ 0.30	\$ (10.91)	\$ 0.23	\$ (11.10)
Units outstanding—Basic	24,259,018	24,489,229	24,280,385	24,345,034
Earnings (loss) per unit—Diluted	\$ 0.30	\$ (10.91)	\$ 0.23	\$ (11.10)
Units outstanding—Diluted	24,259,018	24,489,229	24,280,385	24,345,034
<b>Distributions declared and paid per unit</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC and SUBSIDIARIES

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
	(In 000's)	
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,449	\$ 7,892
Accounts receivable	6,904	7,371
Prepaid expenses	1,560	1,315
Risk management assets (see Note 4)	20,769	36,513
Other current assets	1,000	—
Total current assets	42,682	53,091
Oil and natural gas properties (See Note 6)		
Oil and natural gas properties, equipment and facilities	785,359	774,060
Material and supplies	1,430	2,073
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairments	(518,341)	(499,214)
Net oil and natural gas properties	268,448	276,919
Other assets		
Debt issue costs (net of accumulated amortization of \$6,140 at September 30, 2011 and \$4,888 at December 31, 2010)	2,723	3,727
Risk management assets (see Note 4)	10,085	46,986
Other non-current assets	3,238	3,654
Total assets	\$ 327,176	\$ 384,377
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,705	\$ 1,418
Accrued liabilities	10,409	10,369
Royalty payable	2,638	2,605
Risk management liabilities (see Note 4)	331	141
Total current liabilities	15,083	14,533
Other liabilities		
Asset retirement obligation	13,800	13,024
Other non-current liabilities	152	—
Debt	104,250	165,000
Total other liabilities	118,202	178,024
Total liabilities	133,285	192,557
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 8)		
Class D Interests	6,667	6,667
Members' equity		
Class A units, 485,065 and 487,750 units authorized, issued and outstanding, respectively	3,611	3,485
Class B units, 24,124,378 and 24,298,763 units authorized, respectively, and 23,768,193 and 23,899,758 issued and outstanding, respectively	176,952	170,748
Accumulated other comprehensive income	6,661	10,920
Total members' equity	187,224	185,153
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 327,176	\$ 384,377

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC and SUBSIDIARIES

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2011      2010	
	(In 000's)	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$ 5,648	\$(270,157)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	17,621	79,598
Asset impairments (see Note 6)	1,935	270,966
Amortization of debt issue costs	1,252	1,463
Accretion expense	680	617
Equity (earnings) losses in affiliate	(232)	(410)
(Gain) Loss from disposition of property and equipment	29	(13)
Bad debt expense	11	—
Dryhole costs	—	61
(Gain) Loss from mark-to-market activities	48,576	(50,658)
Unit-based compensation programs	1,024	1,405
<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities:</b>		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	456	1,644
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(199)	316
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(899)	—
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	287	605
Increase (decrease) in payable to affiliate	—	(201)
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	(1,581)	(2,613)
Increase (decrease) in royalty payable	33	(1,699)
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	152	—
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>74,793</u>	<u>30,924</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	281	(504)
Development of oil and natural gas properties	(9,164)	(5,889)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	97	38
Distributions from equity affiliate	365	310
Net cash (used in) investing activities	<u>(8,421)</u>	<u>(6,045)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Members' distributions	—	—
Proceeds from issuance of debt	—	—
Repayment of debt	(60,750)	(22,500)
Units tendered by employees for tax withholdings	(342)	(372)
Equity issue costs	(46)	(2)
Debt issue costs	(677)	(101)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	<u>(61,815)</u>	<u>(22,975)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	4,557	1,904
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	7,892	11,337
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 12,449</u>	<u>\$ 13,241</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>		
Change in accrued capital expenditures	\$ 2,054	\$ 1,900
Cash received during the period for interest	\$ 2	\$ 2
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ (4,077)	\$ (5,842)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC and SUBSIDIARIES**

**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Members' Equity**

**(Unaudited)**

	Class A		Class B		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Members' Equity
	Units	Amount	Units	Amount		
	(In 000's, except unit amounts)					
Balance, December 31, 2010	487,750	\$ 3,485	23,899,758	\$ 170,748	\$ 10,920	\$ 185,153
Distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Units tendered by employees for tax withholding	(2,376)	(7)	(116,433)	(335)	—	(342)
Change in fair value of commodity hedges	—	—	—	—	173	173
Cash settlement of commodity hedges	—	—	—	—	(4,432)	(4,432)
Unit-based compensations programs	(309)	20	(15,132)	1,004	—	1,024
Net income (loss)	—	113	—	5,535	—	5,648
Balance, September 30, 2011	<u>485,065</u>	<u>\$ 3,611</u>	<u>23,768,193</u>	<u>\$ 176,952</u>	<u>\$ 6,661</u>	<u>\$ 187,224</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****(Unaudited)****1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The consolidated financial statements as of, and for the period ended September 30, 2011, are unaudited, but in the opinion of management include all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) have been condensed or omitted under Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) rules and regulations. The results reported in these unaudited consolidated financial statements should not necessarily be taken as indicative of results that may be expected for the entire year.

The financial information included herein should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, which was filed on February 25, 2011. Certain amounts in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been reclassified to conform to the 2011 financial statement presentation.

Constellation Energy Partners LLC (“CEP”, “we”, “us”, “our” or the “Company”) was organized as a limited liability company on February 7, 2005, under the laws of the State of Delaware. We completed our initial public offering on November 20, 2006, and trade on the NYSE Arca under the symbol “CEP”. Both Constellation Energy Group, Inc. (NYSE: CEG) (“Constellation” or “CEG”) and PostRock Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: PSTR) (“PostRock”), through subsidiaries, own a significant number of our units. As of September 30, 2011, Constellation Energy Partners Management, LLC (“CEPM”), a subsidiary of PostRock, owns all 485,065 of our Class A units and 3,128,670 of our Class B common units. Constellation Energy Partners Holdings, LLC, or CEPH, a subsidiary of Constellation, owns 2,790,224 of our Class B common units, all of our Class C management incentive interests and all of our Class D interests.

We are currently focused on the development and acquisition of oil and natural gas properties in the Black Warrior Basin in Alabama, the Cherokee Basin in Kansas and Oklahoma, the Woodford Shale in Oklahoma, and the Central Kansas Uplift in Kansas and Nebraska.

Accounting policies used by us conform to GAAP. The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of us and our wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. We operate our oil and natural gas properties as one business segment: the exploration, development and production of oil and natural gas. Our management evaluates performance based on one business segment as there are not different economic environments within the operation of our oil and natural gas properties.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Our significant accounting policies are consistent with those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

***Earnings per Unit***

Basic earnings per unit (“EPU”) are computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to unitholders by the weighted average number of units outstanding during each period. At September 30, 2011, we had 485,065 Class A units and 23,768,193 Class B common units outstanding. Of the Class B common units, 1,118,402 units are restricted unvested common units granted and outstanding.

The following table presents earnings per common unit amounts:

	Income	Units	Per Unit Amount
	(In 000's except unit data)		
<u>For the three months ended September 30, 2011</u>			
Basic EPU:			
Income (loss) allocable to unitholders	\$7,453	24,259,018	\$ 0.30
Diluted EPU:			
Income (loss) allocable to common unitholders	\$7,453	24,259,018	\$ 0.30

	Income	Units	Per Unit Amount
	(In 000's except unit data)		
<u>For the nine months ended September 30, 2011</u>			
Basic EPU:			
Income (loss) allocable to unitholders	\$ 5,648	24,280,385	\$ 0.23
Diluted EPU:			
Income (loss) allocable to common unitholders	\$ 5,648	24,280,385	\$ 0.23
	Income	Units	Per Unit Amount
	(In 000's except unit data)		
<u>For the three months ended September 30, 2010</u>			
Basic EPU:			
Income (loss) allocable to unitholders	\$(267,123)	24,489,229	\$(10.91)
Diluted EPU:			
Income (loss) allocable to common unitholders	\$(267,123)	24,489,229	\$(10.91)
	Income	Units	Per Unit Amount
	(In 000's except unit data)		
<u>For the nine months ended September 30, 2010</u>			
Basic EPU:			
Income (loss) allocable to unitholders	\$(270,157)	24,345,034	\$(11.10)
Diluted EPU:			
Income (loss) allocable to common unitholders	\$(270,157)	24,345,034	\$(11.10)

### 3. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In January 2010, the FASB issued its final guidance on additional supplemental fair value disclosures. Two new disclosures are required: (1) a “gross” presentation of activities (purchases, sales, and settlements) within the Level 3 roll forward reconciliation, which will replace the “net” presentation format, and (2) detailed disclosures about the transfers between Level 1 and 2 measurements. The guidance also provides several clarifications regarding the level of disaggregation and disclosures about inputs and valuation techniques. The new disclosures were effective for calendar year-end companies, except for the Level 3 “gross” activity disclosures, which were effective the first quarter of 2011. The adoption of this new guidance did not have a material impact on our financial statements or our disclosures.

In February 2010, the FASB amended its guidance on subsequent events. SEC filers are now not required to disclose the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events. The amended guidance was effective upon issuance. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on our financial statements or our disclosures.

#### New Accounting Pronouncements Issued But Not Yet Adopted

In June 2011, the FASB issued a final standard (ASU 2011-05) that requires entities to present net income and other comprehensive income in either a single continuous statement or in two separate, but consecutive, statements of net income and other comprehensive income. The option to present items of other comprehensive income in the statement of changes in equity is eliminated. The adoption of this standard effective December 15, 2011, will not have a material impact on our financial statements or our disclosures.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs*, and the IASB issued IFRS 13, *Fair Value Measurement* (together, the “new guidance”). The new guidance results in a consistent definition of fair value and common requirements for measurement of and disclosure about fair value between U.S. GAAP and IFRS. The new guidance changes some fair value measurement principles and disclosure requirements and is effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2011, with early adoption prohibited. The adoption of this new guidance will not have an impact on our financial statements or our disclosures.

As of September 30, 2011, there were a number of accounting standards and interpretations that had been issued, but not yet adopted by us. We are currently reviewing the recently issued standards and interpretations but none are expected to have a material impact on our financial statements.



## 4. DERIVATIVE AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### Mark-to-Market Activities

We have hedged a portion of our expected natural gas and oil sales from currently producing wells through December 2015 and entered into hedging arrangements in the form of interest rate swaps to reduce the impact of volatility stemming from changes in the London interbank offered rate (“LIBOR”) on \$93.0 million of our outstanding debt for various maturities extending through November 2014. All of our derivatives were accounted for as mark-to-market activities as of September 30, 2011.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, we recognized mark-to-market losses of approximately \$47.9 million and mark-to-market gains of approximately \$51.8 million, respectively, in connection with our oil and natural gas commodity derivatives. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, we recognized a mark-to-market loss of approximately \$0.6 million and a loss of approximately \$1.2 million, respectively, in connection with our interest rate derivatives. At September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the fair value of our derivatives accounted for as mark-to-market activities amounted to a net asset of approximately \$30.5 million and a net asset of approximately \$83.4 million, respectively.

### Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

Prior to the first quarter of 2009, we accounted for certain of our commodity and interest rate derivatives as cash flow hedging activities. The value of the cash flow hedges included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (“AOCI”) on the Consolidated Balance Sheets was an unrecognized gain of approximately \$6.7 million and \$10.9 million at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. We expect that the unrecognized gain will be reclassified from AOCI to the income statement in the following periods as forecasted future production occurs:

<u>For the Quarter Ended</u>	<u>Commodity Derivatives</u>	<u>Non- performance Risk (In 000's)</u>	<u>Total AOCI</u>
December 31, 2011	1,284	(60)	1,224
March 31, 2012	718	(22)	696
June 30, 2012	1,928	(66)	1,862
September 30, 2012	1,721	(63)	1,658
December 31, 2012	1,271	(50)	1,221
Total	<u>\$ 6,922</u>	<u>\$ (261)</u>	<u>\$ 6,661</u>

### Hedge Restructuring

During the second quarter of 2011, we amended our existing NYMEX swap agreements to reset the NYMEX fixed-for-floating price to \$5.75 per MMBtu for our natural gas production from January 2012 through December 2014. In conjunction with the transaction, we received a one-time cash payment from our swap counterparties totaling approximately \$41.3 million, which increased our reported operating cash flows. For tax purposes, the one-time cash payment from our swap counterparties will be amortized over the remaining life of the NYMEX contracts in accordance with the timing of the actual settlement of delivery of natural gas per the swap agreements.

### Fair Value Measurements

We measure fair value of our financial and non-financial assets and liabilities on a recurring basis. Accounting standards define fair value, establish a framework for measuring fair value and require certain disclosures about fair value measurements for assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis. All of our derivative instruments are recorded at fair value in our financial statements. Fair value is the exit price that we would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The following hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date.
- Level 2 – Pricing inputs other than quoted prices in active markets included in Level 1 which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date. Level 2 consists primarily of non-exchange traded oil and natural gas commodity derivatives.
- Level 3 – Pricing inputs include significant inputs that are generally less observable from objective sources.

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We classify assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement of each individual asset and liability taken as a whole. Certain of our derivatives are classified as Level 3 because observable market data is not available for all of the time periods for which we have derivative instruments. As observable market data becomes available for all of the time periods, these derivative positions will be reclassified as Level 2. The income valuation approach, which involves discounting estimated cash flows, is primarily used to determine recurring fair value measurements of our derivative instruments classified as Level 2 or Level 3. We prioritize the use of the highest level inputs available in determining fair value.

Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the classification of assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy. Because of the long-term nature of certain assets and liabilities measured at fair value as well as differences in the availability of market prices and market liquidity over their terms, inputs for some assets and liabilities may fall into any one of the three levels in the fair value hierarchy. While we are required to classify these assets and liabilities in the lowest level in the hierarchy for which inputs are significant to the fair value measurement, a portion of that measurement may be determined using inputs from a higher level in the hierarchy.

The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy our assets and liabilities that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

At September 30, 2011	Commodity		Interest rate	Netting and Cash	Total Net Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Collateral*	
	(In 000's)				
Risk management assets	\$ —	\$35,057	\$(4,203)	\$ —	\$ 30,854
Risk management liabilities	—	(331)	—	\$ —	(331)
Total	\$ —	\$34,726	\$(4,203)	\$ —	\$ 30,523

\* We currently use our reserve-based credit facility to provide credit support for our derivative transactions and therefore we do not post cash collateral with our counterparties.

	Commodity		Interest rate	Netting and Cash	Total Net Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Collateral*	
<u>At December 31, 2010</u>			(In 000's)		
Risk management assets	\$ —	\$87,072	\$(3,573)	\$ —	\$ 83,499
Risk management liabilities	—	(141)	—	—	(141)
Total	\$ —	\$86,931	\$(3,573)	\$ —	\$ 83,358

\* We currently use our reserve-based credit facility to provide credit support for our derivative transactions and therefore we do not post cash collateral with our counterparties.

Risk management assets and liabilities in the table above represent the current fair value of all open derivative positions. We classify all of our derivative instruments as "Risk management assets" or "Risk management liabilities" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

We use observable market data or information derived from observable market data in order to determine the fair value amounts presented above. We currently use our reserve-based credit facility to provide credit support for our derivative transactions. As a result, we do not post cash collateral with our counterparties, and have minimal non-performance credit risk on our liabilities with counterparties. We utilize observable market data for credit default swaps to assess the impact of non-performance credit risk when evaluating our net assets from counterparties. At September 30, 2011, the impact of non-performance credit risk on the valuation of our net assets from counterparties was \$0.6 million, of which \$0.3 million was reflected as a decrease to our non-cash mark-to-market loss and \$0.3 million was reflected as a reduction to our AOCI. At September 30, 2010, the impact of non-performance credit risk on the valuation of our net assets from counterparties was \$1.3 million, of which \$0.8 million was reflected as a decrease to our non-cash mark-to-market gain and \$0.5 million was reflected as a reduction to our AOCI.

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The following table sets forth a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of risk management assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2011 (In 000's)	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 (In 000's)
Balance at beginning of period	\$ (3,408)	\$ (3,573)
Realized and unrealized gain (loss):		
Included in earnings	(1,328)	(2,226)
Included in other comprehensive income	—	—
Settlements	533	1,596
Transfers into and (out of) Level 3	—	—
Balance as of September 30, 2011	<u>\$ (4,203)</u>	<u>\$ (4,203)</u>
Change in unrealized gains relating to derivatives still held as of September 30, 2011	<u>\$ (1,328)</u>	<u>\$ (2,226)</u>
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 (In 000's)	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 (In 000's)
Balance at beginning of period	\$ (4,968)	\$ (4,727)
Realized and unrealized gain (loss):		
Included in earnings	(1,513)	(4,387)
Included in other comprehensive income	—	389
Settlements	969	3,213
Transfers into and (out of) Level 3	—	—
Balance as of September 30, 2010	<u>\$ (5,512)</u>	<u>\$ (5,512)</u>
Change in unrealized gains relating to derivatives still held as of September 30, 2010	<u>\$ (1,513)</u>	<u>\$ (4,387)</u>

### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

At September 30, 2011, the carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other current assets and current liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets approximate their fair value because of their short-term nature. We believe the carrying value of long-term debt approximates its fair value because the interest rates on the debt approximate market interest rates for debt with similar terms, which represents the amount at which the instrument could be valued in an exchange during a current transaction between willing parties.

The following fair value disclosures are applicable to our financial statements, as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

Derivative Type	Location of Asset / (Liability) on Balance Sheet for Derivatives	Fair Value of Asset / (Liability) on Balance Sheet (in 000's)	
		As of September 30, 2011	As of December 31, 2010
Commodity-MTM	Risk management assets-current	\$ 25,275	\$ 38,945
Commodity-MTM	Risk management assets-non-current	16,874	60,324
Commodity-MTM	Risk management assets-current	(4,506)	(2,432)
Commodity-MTM	Risk management assets-non-current	(2,586)	(9,765)
Commodity-MTM	Risk management liabilities-current	(331)	(141)
Interest Rate-MTM	Risk management assets-non-current	(4,203)	(3,573)
	Total Derivatives	<u>\$ 30,523</u>	<u>\$ 83,358</u>

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Derivative Type	Location of Gain / (Loss) Recognized in Income for Derivatives	Amount of Gain / (Loss) in Income (in 000's)	
		Quarter Ended September 30, 2011	Quarter Ended September 30, 2010
Commodity-MTM	Gain/(Loss) from mark-to-market activities	\$ 5,819	\$ 21,100
Commodity-MTM	Natural gas sales	7,625	6,047
Commodity-MTM	Oil and liquids sales	284	—
Interest Rate-MTM	Interest expense-Gain/(Loss) from mark-to-market activities	(795)	(545)
Interest Rate-MTM	Interest expense	(533)	(969)
	Total	<u>\$ 12,400</u>	<u>\$ 25,633</u>

Derivative Type	Location of Gain / (Loss) Recognized in Income for Derivatives	Amount of Gain / (Loss) in Income (in 000's)	
		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
Commodity-MTM	Gain/(Loss) from mark-to-market activities	\$ (47,946)	\$ 51,832
Commodity-MTM	Natural gas sales	66,701	15,033
Commodity-MTM	Oil and liquids sales	284	—
Interest Rate-MTM	Interest expense-Gain/(Loss) from mark-to-market activities	(630)	(1,174)
Interest Rate-MTM	Interest expense	(1,596)	(2,824)
	Total	<u>\$ 16,813</u>	<u>\$ 62,867</u>

Derivative Type	Location of Gain / (Loss) Recognized in Income for Derivatives	Amount of Gain / (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (in 000's)	
		Quarter Ended September 30, 2011	Quarter Ended September 30, 2010
Commodity-Cash Flow	Natural gas sales	1,749	3,726
Interest Rate-Cash Flow	Interest expense	—	—
	Total	<u>\$ 1,749</u>	<u>\$ 3,726</u>

Derivative Type	Location of Gain / (Loss) Recognized in Income for Derivatives	Amount of Gain / (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (in 000's)	
		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
Commodity-Cash Flow	Natural gas sales	4,432	13,774
Interest Rate-Cash Flow	Interest expense	—	(389)
	Total	<u>\$ 4,432</u>	<u>\$ 13,385</u>

As of September 30, 2011, we have interest rate swaps on \$93.0 million of outstanding debt for various maturities extending through November 2014, various commodity swaps for 25,955,000 MMBtu of natural gas production through December 2014, various basis swaps for 18,000,226 MMBtu of natural gas production in the Cherokee Basin through December 2014, and commodity swaps for 175,220 Bbls of crude oil production through December 2015.

## 5. DEBT

### *Reserve-Based Credit Facility*

On June 3, 2011, we executed a second amendment to our \$350.0 million reserve-based credit facility with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc as administrative agent and a syndicate of lenders. The reserve-based credit facility matures on November 13, 2013. Borrowings under the reserve-based credit facility are secured by various mortgages of oil and natural gas properties that we and certain of our subsidiaries own as well as various security and pledge agreements among us and certain of our subsidiaries and the administrative agent. The current lenders and their percentage commitments in the reserve-based credit facility are The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (26.84%), BNP Paribas (21.95%), The Bank of Nova Scotia (21.95%), Societe Generale (14.63%), and ING Capital LLC (14.63%).

The amount available for borrowing at any one time under the reserve-based credit facility is limited to the borrowing base for our oil and natural gas properties. As of September 30, 2011, our borrowing base was \$140.0 million. The borrowing base is redetermined semi-annually, and may be redetermined at our request more frequently and by the lenders, in their sole discretion, based on reserve reports as prepared by petroleum engineers, together with, among other things, the oil and natural gas prices prevailing at such time. Our next semi-annual borrowing base redetermination is scheduled during the fourth quarter of 2011. Outstanding borrowings in excess of our borrowing base must be repaid or we must pledge other oil and natural gas properties as additional collateral. We may elect to pay any borrowing base deficiency in three equal monthly installments such that the deficiency is eliminated in a period of three months. Any increase in our borrowing base must be approved by all of the lenders.

Borrowings under the reserve-based credit facility are available for acquisition, exploration, operation and maintenance of oil and natural gas properties, payment of expenses incurred in connection with the reserve-based credit facility, working capital and general limited liability company purposes. The reserve-based credit facility has a sub-limit of \$20.0 million which may be used for the issuance of letters of credit. As of September 30, 2011, no letters of credit are outstanding.

At our election, interest for borrowings are determined by reference to (i) the London interbank rate, or LIBOR, plus an applicable margin between 2.50% and 3.50% per annum based on utilization or (ii) a domestic bank rate ("ABR") plus an applicable margin between 1.50% and 2.50% per annum based on utilization plus (iii) a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum based on the unutilized borrowing base. Interest on the borrowings for ABR loans and the commitment fee are generally payable quarterly. Interest on the borrowings for LIBOR loans are generally payable at the applicable maturity date.

The reserve-based credit facility contains various covenants that limit, among other things, our ability and certain of our subsidiaries' ability to incur certain indebtedness, grant certain liens, merge or consolidate, sell all or substantially all of our assets, make certain loans, acquisitions, capital expenditures and investments, and pay distributions.

In addition, we are required to maintain (i) a ratio of Total Net Debt (defined as Debt (generally indebtedness permitted to be incurred by us under the reserve-based credit facility) less Available Cash (generally, cash, cash equivalents, and cash reserves of the Company)) to Adjusted EBITDA (generally, for any period, the sum of consolidated net income for such period plus (minus) the following expenses or charges to the extent deducted from consolidated net income in such period: interest expense, depreciation, depletion, amortization, write-off of deferred financing fees, impairment of long-lived assets, (gain) loss on sale of assets, exploration costs, (gain) loss from equity investment, accretion of asset retirement obligation, unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives and realized (gain) loss on cancelled derivatives, and other similar charges) of not more than 3.50 to 1.0; (ii) Adjusted EBITDA to cash interest expense of not less than 2.5 to 1.0; and (iii) consolidated current assets, including the unused amount of the total commitments but excluding current non-cash assets, to consolidated current liabilities, excluding non-cash liabilities and current maturities of debt (to the extent such payments are not past due), of not less than 1.0 to 1.0, all calculated pursuant to the requirements under SFAS 133 and SFAS 143 (including the current liabilities in respect of the termination of oil and natural gas and interest rate swaps). All financial covenants are calculated using our consolidated financial information.

The reserve-based credit facility also includes customary events of default, including events of default relating to non-payment of principal, interest or fees, inaccuracy of representations and warranties in any material respect when made or when deemed made, violation of covenants, cross-defaults, bankruptcy and insolvency events, certain unsatisfied judgments, guaranties not being valid under the reserve-based credit facility and a change of control. If an event of default occurs, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of the reserve-based credit facility and exercise other rights and remedies. The reserve-based credit facility contains a condition to borrowing and a representation that no material adverse effect ("MAE") has occurred, which includes, among other things, a material adverse change in, or material adverse effect on the business, operations, property, liabilities (actual or contingent) or condition (financial or otherwise) of us and our subsidiaries who are guarantors taken as a whole. If a MAE were to occur, we would be prohibited from borrowing under the reserve-based credit facility and would be in default, which could cause all of our existing indebtedness to become immediately due and payable.

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The reserve-based credit facility limits our ability to pay distributions to unitholders. We have the ability to pay distributions to unitholders from available cash, including cash from borrowings under the reserve-based credit facility, as long as no event of default exists and provided that no distributions to unitholders may be made if the borrowings outstanding, net of available cash, under the reserve-based credit facility exceed 90% of the borrowing base, after giving effect to the proposed distribution. Our available cash is reduced by any cash reserves established by our board of managers for the proper conduct of our business and the payment of fees and expenses. As of November 4, 2011, we were restricted from paying distributions to unitholders as we had no available cash (taking into account the cash reserves set by our board of managers for the proper conduct of our business) from which to pay distributions.

The reserve-based credit facility permits us to hedge our projected monthly production, provided that (a) for the immediately ensuing twelve month period, the volumes of production hedged in any month may not exceed our reasonable business judgment of the production for such month consistent with the application of petroleum engineering methodologies for estimating proved developed producing reserves based on the then-current strip pricing (provided that such projection shall not be more than 115% of the proved developed producing reserves forecast for the same period derived from the most recent reserve report of our petroleum engineers using the then strip pricing), and (b) for the period beyond twelve months, the volumes of production hedged in any month may not exceed the reasonably anticipated projected production from proved developed producing reserves estimated by our petroleum engineers. The reserve-based credit facility also permits us to hedge the interest rate on up to 90% of the then-outstanding principal amounts of our indebtedness for borrowed money.

The reserve-based credit facility contains no covenants related to our relationships with Constellation and PostRock or PostRock's right to appoint the Class A managers of our board of managers.

### *Debt Issue Costs*

As of September 30, 2011, our unamortized debt issue costs were approximately \$2.7 million. These costs are being amortized over the life of the credit facility through November 2013.

### *Funds Available for Borrowing*

As of September 30, 2011 and 2010, we had \$104.25 million and \$172.5 million, respectively, in outstanding debt under our reserve-based credit facility. As of September 30, 2011, we had \$35.75 million in remaining borrowing capacity under our reserve-based credit facility. See Note 14 for additional information.

### *Compliance with Debt Covenants*

At September 30, 2011, we believe that we were in compliance with the financial covenant ratios contained in our reserve-based credit facility. We monitor compliance on an ongoing basis. As of September 30, 2011, our actual Total Net Debt to annual Adjusted EBITDA ratio was 1.7 to 1.0 as compared with a required ratio of not greater than 3.5 to 1.0, our actual ratio of consolidated current assets to consolidated current liabilities was 3.9 to 1.0 as compared with a required ratio of not less than 1.0 to 1.0, and our actual Adjusted EBITDA to cash interest expense ratio was 12.2 to 1.0 as compared with a required ratio of not less than 2.5 to 1.0.

If we are unable to remain in compliance with the debt covenants associated with our reserve-based credit facility or maintain the required ratios discussed above, we could request waivers from the lenders in our bank group. Although the lenders may not provide a waiver, we could take additional steps in the event of not meeting the required ratios or in the event of a reduction in the borrowing base as determined by the lenders. During 2011, we have used our surplus operating cash flows to reduce our outstanding debt. If it becomes necessary to further reduce debt by amounts that exceed our operating cash flows, we could further reduce capital expenditures, continue to suspend our quarterly distributions to unitholders, sell oil and natural gas properties, liquidate in-the-money derivative positions, further reduce operating and administrative costs, or take additional steps to increase liquidity. If we become unable to obtain a waiver and were unsuccessful at reducing our debt to the necessary level, our debt could become due and payable upon acceleration by the lenders. To the extent that we do not enter into an agreement to refinance or extend the due date on the reserve-based credit facility, the outstanding debt balance at November 13, 2012, will become a current liability.

## 6. OIL AND NATURAL GAS PROPERTIES

Natural gas properties consist of the following:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
	(In 000's)	
<b>Oil and natural gas properties and related equipment (successful efforts method)</b>		
Property (acreage) costs		
Proved property	\$ 783,672	\$ 772,450
Unproved property	775	698
Total property costs	784,447	773,148
Materials and supplies	1,430	2,073
Land	912	912
Total	786,789	776,133
Less: Accumulated depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairments	(518,341)	(499,214)
Natural gas properties and equipment, net	<u>\$ 268,448</u>	<u>\$ 276,919</u>

Depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairments consisted of the following:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
	(In 000's)	
DD&A of oil and natural gas-related assets	\$ 17,621	\$ 79,598
Asset impairments	1,935	270,966
Total	<u>\$ 19,556</u>	<u>\$ 350,564</u>

### *Impairment of Oil and Natural Gas Properties and Other Non-Current Assets*

At September 30, 2011, due to a decline in future oil and natural gas price curves across all future production periods, we performed an interim impairment analysis of our oil and natural gas properties. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we recorded a total non-cash impairment charge of approximately \$1.9 million, composed of \$1.6 million to impair the value of our proved oil and natural gas properties in the Central Kansas Uplift and \$0.3 million to impair certain of our wells in the Woodford Shale. These non-cash charges are included in asset impairments in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. This impairment of our proved oil and natural gas properties in the Central Kansas Uplift and the impairment of certain of our wells located in the Woodford Shale were recorded because the net capitalized costs of the properties exceeded the fair value of the properties as measured by estimated cash flows reported in a third party reserve report. This report was based upon future oil and natural gas prices, which are based on observable inputs adjusted for basis differentials, which are Level 2 inputs. Significant assumptions in valuing the proved reserves included the reserve quantities, anticipated drilling and operating costs, anticipated production taxes, future expected oil and natural gas prices and basis differentials, anticipated drilling schedules, anticipated production declines, and an appropriate discount rate commensurate with the risk of the underlying cash flow estimates for the properties of 10.0%. The impairments were caused by the impact of lower future oil and natural gas prices and performance-related reserve revisions. After the impairments, the remaining net capitalized costs subject to impairment in the Woodford Shale is approximately \$3.9 million and in the Central Kansas Uplift is approximately \$3.5 million. Cash flow estimates for the impairment testing exclude derivative instruments used to mitigate the risk of lower future oil and natural gas prices. These asset impairments have no impact on our cash flows, liquidity position, or debt covenants.

At September 30, 2010, due to a significant decline in future natural gas price curves across all future production periods, we performed an interim impairment analysis of our oil and natural gas properties and other non-current assets. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we recorded a total non-cash impairment charge of approximately \$271.0 million, composed of \$263.4 million to impair the value of our proved and unproved oil and natural gas properties in the Cherokee Basin, \$6.3 million to impair our other non-current assets related to our activities in the Cherokee Basin, \$0.8 million to impair certain of our wells in the Woodford Shale, and \$0.5 million to impair the value of our casing inventory. These non-cash charges are included in asset impairments in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. This impairment of our proved Cherokee Basin oil and natural gas properties and the impairment of certain of our wells located in the Woodford Shale was recorded because the net capitalized costs of the properties exceeded the fair value of the properties as measured by estimated cash flows reported in a third party reserve report. This report was based upon future oil and natural gas prices, which are based on observable inputs adjusted for basis differentials, which are Level 2 inputs. Significant assumptions in valuing the proved reserves included the reserve quantities, anticipated drilling and operating costs, anticipated production taxes, future expected natural gas prices and basis differentials, anticipated drilling schedules, anticipated

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production declines, and an appropriate discount rate commensurate with the risk of the underlying cash flow estimates for the coalbed methane and non-operated shale properties of 10.0%. The impairment was caused by the impact of lower future natural gas prices. During the third quarter of 2010, future natural gas price curves shifted significantly lower in the Cherokee Basin, especially in the years 5 through 15. Cash flow estimates for the impairment testing exclude derivative instruments used to mitigate the risk of lower future natural gas prices. Our unproved properties in the Cherokee Basin were impaired based on the drilling locations for the probable and possible reserves becoming uneconomic at the lower future expected natural gas prices, our limited future capital budgets, and our future expected drilling schedules. Significant assumptions in valuing the unproved reserves included the evaluation of the probable and possible reserves included in the third party reserve report, future expected natural gas prices and basis differentials, and our anticipated drilling schedules and capital availability. The impairment of our other non-current assets was recorded because the net capitalized costs of the intangible assets exceeded the fair value of the assets as measured by estimated cash flows based on lower observable future expected natural gas prices adjusted for basis differentials, which are Level 2 inputs. These asset impairments have no impact on our cash flows, liquidity position, or debt covenants.

### *Asset Sales*

In the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we sold miscellaneous equipment and surplus inventory for approximately \$0.1 million and recorded a gain of approximately \$0.03 million on the sales.

### *Useful Lives*

Our furniture, fixtures, and equipment are depreciated over a life of one to seven years, buildings are depreciated over a life of twenty years, and pipeline and gathering systems are depreciated over a life of twenty-five to forty years.

### *Exploration and Dry Hole Costs*

Our exploration and dry hole costs were \$0.1 million and \$0.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. These costs represent abandonments of drilling locations, dry hole costs, delay rentals, geological and geophysical costs, and the impairment, amortization, and abandonment associated with leases on our unproved properties.

## **7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

### *Unit Ownership*

Both Constellation and PostRock, through subsidiaries, own a significant number of our units. As of September 30, 2011, CEPM, a subsidiary of PostRock, owns all 485,065 of our Class A units and 3,128,670 of our Class B common units. CEPH, a subsidiary of Constellation, owns 2,790,224 of our Class B common units, all of our Class C management incentive interests and all of our Class D interests.

### *Constellation-Related Announcements*

- On April 28, 2011, Exelon Corporation agreed to buy Constellation for approximately \$7.9 billion in stock. The proposed transaction needs approval by state utility regulators in Maryland, New York, and Texas, in addition to the shareholders of both companies and federal regulators. Constellation is our former sponsor.
- On August 8, 2011, PostRock announced that it had purchased a majority of Constellation's interests in us. PostRock announced that it had acquired all of our 485,065 Class A units and 3,128,670 of our Class B common units in the transaction, in aggregate representing a 14.9% interest in us. In the transaction, PostRock stated that it had received the right to appoint two Class A managers to our board of managers.

PostRock further announced that Constellation received consideration of \$6.6 million of cash, 1 million shares of PostRock common stock and warrants to acquire an additional 673,822 shares of PostRock common stock, with 224,607 warrants exercisable for one year at an exercise price of \$6.57 a share, 224,607 warrants exercisable for two years at \$7.07 a share and 224,608 warrants exercisable for three years at \$7.57 a share.

Prior to the announced transaction, Constellation held all 485,065 of our Class A units and 5,918,894 of our Class B common units. As of November 4, 2011, Constellation, through its affiliate, retains 2,790,224 of our Class B common units (or an 11.5% interest in us), all of our Class C management incentive interests and all of our Class D interests. The approval of the Constellation and PostRock transaction announced by PostRock on August 8, 2011, was neither required nor given by our board of managers or conflicts committee.

Subsidiaries of Constellation have agreed to reimburse us for certain fees and expenses that we incurred in connection with the proposed Constellation and PostRock transaction that was announced on June 21, 2011, and with the Torch derivative litigation settlement. See Note 14 for additional information.



### ***Class C Management Incentive Interests***

CEPH, a subsidiary of Constellation, holds the Class C management incentive interests in CEP. These management incentive interests represent the right to receive 15% of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus after the Target Distribution (as defined in our limited liability company agreement) has been achieved and certain other tests have been met. Through the nine months ended September 30, 2011, none of these applicable tests have been met, and, as a result, CEPH was not entitled to receive any management incentive interest distributions.

### ***Class D Interests***

CEPH, a subsidiary of Constellation, holds the Class D interests in CEP. Our Class D interest special quarterly distributions have been suspended for all quarters commencing on or after January 1, 2008. This suspension includes approximately \$4.7 million which represents the aggregate amount of distributions that were suspended for each of the quarterly periods between June 30, 2011 and March 31, 2008. Including the suspended distributions, the remaining undistributed amount of the distributions on the Class D interests yet to be paid is \$6.7 million. See Note 14 for additional information.

## **8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

In the course of our normal business affairs, we are subject to possible loss contingencies arising from federal, state and local environmental, health and safety laws and regulations. These laws and regulations can result in increased capital, operating and other costs as a result of compliance, remediation, containment and monitoring obligations. We are also subject to possible loss contingencies from third-party litigation. As of September 30, 2011, other than the matters discussed below, there were no matters which, in the opinion of management, would have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of CEP, and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Certain of our wells in the Robinson's Bend Field are subject to a net profits interest ("NPI") held by Torch Energy Royalty Trust (the "Trust") (see Note 10). The royalty payment to the Trust is calculated using a sharing arrangement with a pricing formula that has had the effect of keeping our payments to the Trust lower than if such payments had been calculated based on prevailing market prices. We are uncertain of the financial impact of the NPI over the life of the Robinson's Bend Field as it has volumetric and price risk variables. However, in order to address a portion of the risk of the potential adverse impact on our operating results from a termination of the sharing arrangement, a subsidiary of Constellation contributed \$8.0 million to us in exchange for all of our Class D interests at the closing of our initial public offering in November 2006 for the purpose of partially protecting the distributions to the common unitholders in the event the sharing arrangement is terminated. This contribution was to have been returned to a subsidiary of Constellation in 24 special quarterly distributions as long as the sharing agreement remained in effect for the distribution period. As discussed in Note 7 and Note 14, the Class D interest special quarterly distributions have been suspended for all quarters commencing after January 1, 2008. See Note 14 for a additional information.

## **9. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION**

We recognize the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation ("ARO") in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. Each period, we accrete the ARO to its then present value. The associated asset retirement cost ("ARC") is capitalized as part of the carrying amount of our oil and natural gas properties equipment and facilities. Subsequently, the ARC is depreciated using a systematic and rational method over the asset's useful life. The AROs recorded by us relate to the plugging and abandonment of oil and natural gas wells, and decommissioning of the gas gathering and processing facilities.

Inherent in the fair value calculation of ARO are numerous assumptions and judgments including the ultimate settlement amounts, inflation factors, credit adjusted discount rates, timing of settlement and changes in the legal, regulatory, environmental and political environments. To the extent future revisions to these assumptions result in adjustments to the recorded fair value of the existing ARO, a corresponding adjustment is made to the ARC capitalized as part of the oil and natural gas property balance.

The following table is a reconciliation of the ARO:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
	(In 000's)	
Asset retirement obligation, beginning balance	\$ 13,024	\$ 12,129
Liabilities incurred from acquisition of the properties	—	32
Liabilities incurred	111	83
Liabilities settled	(15)	(42)
Revisions to prior estimates	—	—
Accretion expense	680	822
Asset retirement obligation, ending balance	<u>\$ 13,800</u>	<u>\$ 13,024</u>

Additional retirement obligations increase the liability associated with new oil and natural gas wells and other facilities as these obligations are incurred. Actual expenditures for abandonments of oil and natural gas wells and other facilities reduce the liability for asset retirement obligations. At September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010, there were no significant expenditures for abandonments and there were no assets legally restricted for purposes of settling existing asset retirement obligations.

## 10. NET PROFITS INTEREST

Certain of our wells in the Robinson's Bend Field are subject to a non-operating NPI. The holder of the NPI, the Trust, does not have the right to receive production from the applicable wells in the Robinson's Bend Field. Instead, the Trust only has the right to receive a specified portion of the future natural gas sales revenues from specified wells as defined by the Net Overriding Royalty Conveyance Agreement (the "Conveyance"). We record the NPI as an overriding royalty interest net in revenue in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The cumulative NPI "Net NPI Proceeds" balance must be greater than \$0 before any payments are made to the Trust. The cumulative Net NPI Proceeds was a deficit for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. As a result, no payments were made to the Trust with respect to the NPI for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

### *Litigation Related to Trust Termination*

On January 8, 2009, we were served by Trust Venture, on behalf of the Trust, with a purported derivative action filed in the Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama (the "Court"). The lawsuit related to the non-operating NPI held by the Trust on certain wells owned by Robinson's Bend Production II, LLC ("RBP II"), a subsidiary of the Company, in the Robinson's Bend Field in Alabama, and alleged, among other things, a breach of contract under the conveyance associated with the NPI and the agreement establishing the Trust and asserted that above market rates for services were paid, reducing the amounts paid to the Trust in connection with the NPI. The lawsuit sought unspecified damages and an accounting of the NPI. The Court made the Trust a nominal party to the lawsuit. On February 4, 2011, the parties entered into a settlement agreement subject to approval by the Court. At a preliminary hearing on February 17, 2011, the Court approved a form of notice of a settlement among the parties to be sent by the Trust to its unitholders. On April 13, 2011, the Court approved the settlement and the effective date of the settlement was June 13, 2011. The settlement with Trust Venture, its successor and the Trust provided, among other things:

- RBP II made a payment of \$1.2 million to reimburse Trust Venture and its successor for their legal fees and expenses incurred in prosecuting the lawsuit;
- RBP II made an irrevocable offer to purchase the NPI relating to the Robinson's Bend Field from the Trust for at least \$1 million, when it is separately offered for sale by the Trust at public auction within 180 days of the effective date of the settlement, with such bid amount being deposited by RBP II in a third-party escrow account pending the public auction. RBP II, as well as any other bidders at the auction, shall have a right to submit a higher topping bid;
- The parties agreed that the cumulative deficit balance in the NPI account is approximately \$5.8 million as of September 30, 2010, and that no further payments will be due to the Trust with respect to the NPI unless and until the cumulative deficit balance is reduced to zero;
- Trust Venture and its successor agreed, on behalf of the Trust, that all prior and current calculations, charges and deductions contained in such cumulative deficit NPI balance are in compliance with the terms of the Conveyance and, to the extent applicable thereunder, do not exceed competitive contract charges prevailing in the area for any such operations and services;
- The Water Gathering and Disposal Agreement between RBP II and another subsidiary of the Company was amended to reduce the fee from \$1.00 per barrel to \$0.53 per barrel beginning on July 1, 2011, and to extend the term for an additional ten years, and Trust Venture and its successor agreed, on behalf of the Trust, that the fees under such agreement do not exceed competitive contract charges prevailing in the area for the operations and services provided under such agreement during the extended term of such agreement; and
- A mutual release among the parties became effective and the lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice.

See Note 14 for additional information.

## 11. UNIT-BASED COMPENSATION

We recognized approximately \$1.0 million and \$1.4 million of expense related to our unit-based compensation plans in the nine months ended September 30, 2011, and September 30, 2010, respectively. As of September 30, 2011, we had approximately \$3.0 million in unrecognized compensation expense related to our unit-based compensation plans expected to be recognized through the first quarter of 2015.

### *Unit-Based Awards Granted in 2011*

In the second quarter of 2011, the compensation committee and board of managers granted approximately 31,000 unit-based awards under our 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan to our named executive officers and other key employees. These unit-based awards will be settled in cash instead of units and the employees may earn between 0% and 200% of the number of awards granted based on the achievement of absolute CEP unit price targets during a three-year performance period from January 2011 through December 2013. CEP unit price targets and corresponding cash payout levels are as follows:

- Threshold—50% cash payout at \$3.50/CEP unit
- Target—100% cash payout at \$4.00/CEP unit
- Stretch—200% cash payout at \$6.00/CEP unit
- Cash payouts for results between these points will be interpolated on a linear basis.

Failure to achieve the threshold CEP unit price will result in no cash payout of the awards granted. The determination of the level of achievement and number of awards earned will be based on a calculation of CEP's unit price at the end of the performance period. This price calculation will be based on the average of the closing daily prices for the final 20 trading days of the performance period. In addition, the executive unit-based awards will vest earlier if any of the following events occur: a "change of control," a "CEG ownership event," death of the executive, delivery by the Company of a "disability notice" with respect to the executive, or an "involuntary termination" of the executive (with each of the foregoing terms having the corresponding definitions set forth in the respective employment agreement with the Company). The awards may vest earlier with respect to the other key employees under certain of these circumstances. Any cash payment will be made at the end of the performance period except in the case of certain change of control events, which may accelerate payment. The grants are accounted for in our financial statements as a liability-classified award with the fair value remeasured each reporting period until settlement. At September 30, 2011, the fair market value of these awards was approximately \$1.0 million and we recognized approximately \$0.1 million in non-cash compensation expenses related to the program. The program is intended to benefit our unitholders by focusing the recipient's efforts on increasing our absolute unit price over the performance period.

## 12. DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS

### *Distributions through September 30, 2011*

Beginning in June 2009, we suspended our quarterly distributions to unitholders. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we were restricted from paying distributions to unitholders as we had no available cash (taking into account the cash reserves set by our board of managers for the proper conduct of our business) from which to pay distributions. See Note 14 for additional information.

### *Distributions through September 30, 2010*

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we were restricted from paying distributions to unitholders as we had no available cash (taking into account the cash reserves set by our board of managers for the proper conduct of our business) from which to pay distributions.

## 13. MEMBERS' EQUITY

### *2011 Equity*

At September 30, 2011, we had 485,065 Class A units and 23,768,193 Class B common units outstanding, which included 149,869 unvested restricted common units issued under our Long-Term Incentive Plan and 968,533 unvested restricted common units issued under our 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.

At September 30, 2011, we had granted 335,529 common units of the 450,000 common units available under our Long-Term Incentive Plan. Of these grants, 185,660 have vested.

At September 30, 2011, 125,615 common units have vested out of the 300,000 common units available under our Executive Inducement Bonus Program. This program has now terminated and the remaining 174,385 have been cancelled.

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At September 30, 2011, we had granted 1,408,286 common units of the 1,650,000 common units available under our 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. Of these grants, 439,753 have vested.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, 118,809 common units have been tendered by our employees for tax withholding purposes. These units, costing approximately \$0.3 million, have been returned to their respective plan and are available for future grants.

### *2010 Equity*

At September 30, 2010, we had 489,286 Class A units and 23,975,005 Class B common units outstanding, which included 337,165 unvested restricted common units issued under our Long-Term Incentive Plan, 83,745 unvested restricted common units issued under our Executive Inducement Bonus Program, and 1,304,821 unvested restricted common units issued under our 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.

At September 30, 2010, we had granted 401,500 common units of the 450,000 common units available under our Long-Term Incentive Plan. Of these grants, 64,335 have vested.

At September 30, 2010, we had granted 146,551 common units of the 300,000 common units available under our Executive Inducement Bonus Program. Of these grants, 62,807 have vested.

At September 30, 2010, we had granted 1,528,190 common units of the 1,650,000 common units available under our 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. Of these grants, 223,369 have vested.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, 90,955 common units have been tendered by our employees for tax withholding purposes. These units, costing approximately \$0.4 million, have been returned to their respective plan and are available for future grants.

## **14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The following subsequent events have occurred between September 30, 2011, and November 4, 2011:

### ***Distribution***

Our board of managers has suspended the quarterly distribution to our unitholders for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, which continues the suspension we first announced in June 2009.

### ***Litigation Related to Trust Termination***

In November 2011, the Trust notified RBP II that it was the successful bidder in the public auction to acquire the NPI. The transaction is expected to close in November 2011. When the transaction closes, we will release the \$1.0 million payment from the settlement escrow account to the Trust. The \$1.0 million escrow account is included as an Other Current Asset in our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2011. Once the NPI is assigned to RBP II by the Trust, the NPI will be extinguished. At that time, the NPI will no longer burden our properties in Robinson's Bend, and we will recognize a \$1.0 million charge to impair the value of the extinguished NPI contract. As described further below, the finalization of this settlement will impact the liquidation of the Class D interests.

### ***Class D Interests***

We have suspended all quarterly cash distributions with respect to our Class D interests. This suspension, approved by our board of managers, includes the \$0.3 million quarterly cash distribution for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and \$4.7 million which represents the aggregate amount of distributions that were suspended for each of the quarterly periods between June 30, 2011 and March 31, 2008. The remaining undistributed amount of the distributions on the Class D interests at September 30, 2011, was \$6.7 million.

As described above, we entered into a final settlement agreement with the parties to the Torch derivative litigation in which we agreed to purchase the NPI from the Trust for \$1.0 million. Because the NPI was granted to the Trust by a predecessor-in-interest to RBP II, the NPI will be extinguished once the transaction closes and the NPI is assigned to RBP II by the Trust, and the NPI will no longer burden our properties in Robinson's Bend. Further, since the NPI will no longer be paid based upon the sharing arrangement and we have suspended distributions since June 2009, there should be no further distributions required on the Class D interests, as the capital account balance associated with the \$6.7 million in unpaid Class D distributions will be reduced to zero effective upon the close of the transaction. The Class D interests will remain outstanding until the liquidation of CEP, but will be entitled to a zero liquidation amount.

### ***Constellation-Related Reimbursement***

Subsidiaries of Constellation have agreed to reimburse us for certain fees and expenses that we incurred in connection with the proposed Constellation and PostRock transaction that was announced on June 21, 2011, and expenses associated with the Torch derivative litigation settlement. In October 2011, we received approximately \$0.7 million from subsidiaries of Constellation.

## Debt

### *Funds Available for Borrowing*

As of November 4, 2011, we had \$99.9 million in outstanding debt under our reserve-based credit facility and \$40.1 million in remaining borrowing capacity under our reserve-based credit facility. Our next semi-annual borrowing base redetermination is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2011.

## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

*The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the summary of significant accounting policies and notes included herein and in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.*

### Overview

We are a limited liability company formed on February 7, 2005 to acquire oil and natural gas properties as well as related midstream assets. At September 30, 2011, our oil and natural gas reserves were located in the Black Warrior Basin of Alabama, the Cherokee Basin of Kansas and Oklahoma, the Woodford Shale in Oklahoma, and the Central Kansas Uplift in Kansas and Nebraska. Our current primary business objective is to create long-term value and to generate stable cash flows allowing us to resume making quarterly distributions to our unitholders. We plan to achieve our objective by executing our business strategy, which is to:

- organically grow our business by increasing reserves and production through what we believe to be low-risk development drilling that focuses on capital efficient production growth;
- reduce the volatility in our cash flows resulting from changes in oil and natural gas commodity prices and interest rates through efficient hedging programs;
- improve our liquidity position by actively managing our operating expenses and outstanding debt level; and
- make accretive, right-sized acquisitions of oil and natural gas properties characterized by a high percentage of proved developed oil and natural gas reserves with long-lived, stable production and low-risk drilling opportunities, which may include associated midstream assets such as gathering systems, compression, dehydrating and treating facilities and other similar facilities.

Our future oil and natural gas reserves and production and, therefore, our cash flow and income are highly dependent on our success in efficiently developing our current reserves and economically finding, developing and acquiring additional recoverable reserves. We may not be able to find, develop or acquire additional reserves to replace our current and future production at acceptable costs, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and our ability to pay quarterly distributions to our unitholders.

We also face the challenge of oil and natural gas production declines. As a given well's initial reservoir pressures are depleted, oil and natural gas production decreases. We attempt to overcome this natural decline in production by drilling additional wells on our proven undeveloped, probable and possible locations on our existing properties and by acquiring additional reserves when opportunities arise. We will continue to focus on adding reserves through drilling, well recompletions and right-sized acquisitions, as well as the corresponding costs necessary to produce such reserves. Our ability to add reserves through drilling is dependent on our capital resources and can be limited by many factors, including our ability to timely obtain drilling permits and regulatory approvals. In accordance with our business plan, we intend to invest the capital necessary to maintain our production and our asset base over the long term. We seek to maintain or grow our production and our asset base by pursuing both organic growth opportunities and acquisitions of producing oil and natural gas reserves that are suitable for us.

We completed our initial public offering on November 20, 2006, and our common units, representing Class B limited liability company interests, are listed on the NYSE Arca, Inc. under the symbol "CEP."

Unless the context requires otherwise, any reference in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to "Constellation Energy Partners," "we," "our," "us," "CEP," or the "Company" means Constellation Energy Partners LLC and its subsidiaries. References in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to "Constellation," "CCG," "CEPH," and "CHI" are to Constellation Energy Group, Inc., Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc., Constellation Energy Partners Holdings, LLC, and Constellation Holdings, Inc., respectively. References in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to "PostRock" and "CEPM" are to PostRock Energy Corporation and its subsidiary Constellation Energy Partners Management, LLC, respectively.

## How We Evaluate our Operations

### Non-GAAP Financial Measure—Adjusted EBITDA

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) adjusted by:

- depreciation, depletion and amortization;
- write-off of deferred financing fees;
- asset impairments;
- (gain) loss on sale of assets;
- accretion expense;
- exploration costs;
- (gain) loss from equity investment;
- unit based compensation programs;
- (gain) loss from mark-to-market activities;
- unrealized (gain)/loss on derivatives/hedge ineffectiveness; and
- interest (income) expense, net which includes:
  - interest expense
  - interest expense gain/(loss) mark-to-market activities
  - interest (income)

Adjusted EBITDA is a significant performance metric used by our management to indicate (prior to the establishment of any cash reserves by our board of managers) the distributions we would expect to pay to our unitholders. Specifically, this financial measure indicates to investors whether or not we are generating cash flow at a level that can sustain or support a quarterly distribution or an increase in our quarterly distribution rates. Adjusted EBITDA is also used as a quantitative standard by our management and by external users of our financial statements such as investors, research analysts and others to assess:

- the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis;
- the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to pay interest costs and support our indebtedness; and
- our operating performance and return on capital as compared to those of other companies in our industry, without regard to financing or capital structure.

Our Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as a substitute for net income, operating income, cash flows from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Our Adjusted EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and operating income and these measures may vary among other companies. Therefore, our Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA, our most directly comparable GAAP performance measure, for each of the periods presented:

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010
	(In 000's)			
<b>Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA:</b>				
Net income (loss)	\$ 7,453	\$ (267,123)	\$ 5,648	\$ (270,157)
Adjusted by:				
Interest expense/(income), net	2,693	3,695	7,741	11,138
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	5,863	26,175	17,621	79,598
Asset impairments	1,935	270,408	1,935	270,966
Accretion expense	228	205	680	617
(Gain)/Loss on sale of assets	8	—	29	(13)
Exploration costs	—	284	131	731
Unit-based compensation programs	310	375	1,024	1,405
(Gain)/Loss on mark-to-market activities	(5,819)	(21,100)	47,946	(51,832)
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 12,671</u>	<u>\$ 12,919</u>	<u>\$ 82,755</u>	<u>\$ 42,453</u>

During the second quarter of 2011, we executed a transaction to reset our NYMEX fixed-for-floating price swaps to \$5.75 per MMBtu for our natural gas production from January 2012 through 2014. In conjunction with the transaction, we received a one-time cash payment from our swap counterparties totaling approximately \$41.3 million, which increased our Adjusted EBITDA and reported operating cash flows. The proceeds were used, together with cash on hand, to reduce our outstanding debt balance under our reserve-based credit facility by \$42.0 million. We also executed a second amendment of our \$350.0 million reserve-based credit facility with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, as administrative agent, and a syndicate of lenders, which extended the maturity date of the reserve-based credit facility to November 13, 2013. Our reserve-based credit facility is further discussed in “Liquidity and Capital Resources—Reserve-Based Credit Facility” and our open derivative positions are further discussed in “Cash Flow From Operations-Open Commodity Hedge Positions.”

### **Significant Operational Factors**

- *Realized Prices.* Our average realized price for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, including hedge settlements, was \$11.52 per Mcfe and \$4.64 per Mcfe excluding hedge settlements. After deducting the cost of sales associated with third party gathering, the average realized prices were \$11.36 per Mcfe including hedge settlements and \$4.48 per Mcfe excluding hedge settlements.
- *Production.* Our production for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, was approximately 10.4 Bcfe, or an average of 38,033 Mcfe per day compared with approximately 11.4 Bcfe, or an average of 41,623 Mcfe per day for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. This 2011 production is lower than the production for the same period in 2010 because our capital spending has been below the maintenance capital expenditures required to offset the natural production declines associated with our existing wells and severe weather in our operating areas during 2011, offset by the impact of our December 2010 acquisition of oil properties in the Central Kansas Uplift.
- *Capital Expenditures and Drilling Results.* During the first nine months of 2011, we spent approximately \$8.9 million in cash capital expenditures, consisting of \$9.2 million in development expenditures offset by the receipt of \$0.3 million in post-closing adjustments for our December 2010 acquisition of oil properties in the Central Kansas Uplift. We have completed 21 net wells and 46 net recompletions and had 16 net wells in progress at September 30, 2011.
- *Reduction of Outstanding Debt.* Between the end of the third quarter of 2009 and November 4, 2011, we reduced our outstanding debt from \$220.0 million to \$99.9 million or by 54.6%. This reduction to below \$100.0 million was a key goal of our 2011 business plan and was achieved by using our excess operating cash flows to lower our outstanding debt balance.
- *Hedging Activities.* As of September 30, 2011, all of our derivatives are accounted for as mark-to-market activities. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the unrealized non-cash mark-to-market loss was approximately \$47.9 million as compared to an unrealized non-cash mark-to-market gain of \$51.8 million for the same period in 2010.

On June 3, 2011 we executed a transaction to reset our NYMEX fixed-for-floating price swaps to \$5.75 per MMBtu for our natural gas production from January 2012 through 2014. In conjunction with the transaction, we received a one-time cash payment from our swap counterparties totaling approximately \$41.3 million, which was used, together with cash on hand, to reduce our outstanding debt balance under our reserve-based credit facility by \$42.0 million.

We experience earnings volatility as a result of using the mark-to-market accounting method for our oil and natural gas commodity derivatives used to hedge our exposure to changes in commodity prices or basis differentials. This accounting treatment can cause earnings volatility as the positions for future oil and natural gas production are marked-to-market. These non-cash unrealized gains or losses are included in our current Statement of Operations until the derivatives are cash settled as the commodities are produced and sold. We do not enter into speculative trading positions and we only use commodity derivatives to lock in the future sales price for a portion of our expected oil and natural gas production. Increases in the market price of oil or natural gas relative to the fixed future sales price for our hedges result in unrealized, non-cash mark-to-market losses on those derivatives and lower reported net income. Decreases in the market price of oil or natural gas relative to the fixed future sales price for our hedges result in unrealized, non-cash mark-to-market gains on those derivatives and higher reported net income. Although these gains and losses are required to be reported immediately in earnings as market prices change, the fair value of the related future physical commodity sale is not marked-to-market and therefore is not reflected as Natural Gas, Oil, and Liquids Sales or as an Accounts Receivable in our financial statements. This mismatch impacts our reported Results of Operations and our reported working capital position until the oil and natural gas commodity derivatives are cash settled and the oil and natural gas is produced and sold. Upon cash settlement of the derivatives, the sale of the physical commodity at then-current market prices offsets the previously reported mark-to-market gains or losses such that the cumulative net cash realized results in a net sale of the physical oil and natural gas production at the fixed future sales price for our hedge. When our derivative positions are cash settled as the related commodities are produced and sold, the realized gains and losses of those derivative positions are included in our Statement of Operations as Natural Gas, Oil and Liquids Sales. Further detail of our commodity derivative positions and their accounting treatment is outlined below in “Cash Flow From Operations-Open Commodity Hedge Positions.”



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- **Torch Royalty NPI Litigation Settlement and Class D Liquidation.** During 2011, we entered into a final settlement agreement with the parties to the Torch derivative litigation. The settlement agreement provided for a settlement of all claims in the lawsuit, a payment by RBP II in June 2011 of \$1.2 million to reimburse Trust Venture for its fees and expenses in prosecuting the lawsuit and an offer by RBP II to purchase the NPI from the Trust for \$1.0 million under certain terms and conditions. In November 2011, the Trust notified RBP II that it was the successful bidder in the public auction to acquire the NPI. The transaction is expected to close in November 2011. The NPI will be extinguished once the NPI is assigned to RBP II by the Trust and the NPI will no longer burden our properties in Robinson's Bend. Further, since the NPI will no longer be paid based upon the sharing arrangement and we have suspended distributions since June 2009, there should be no further distributions required on the Class D interests as the capital account balance associated with the \$6.7 million in unpaid Class D distributions will be reduced to zero effective upon the close of the transaction. The Class D interests will remain outstanding, however, until the liquidation of CEP, but will be entitled to a zero liquidation amount.
- **Impact of Alabama Tornado.** On April 27, 2011, a major EF5 tornado hit Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, which is the core of our operations in the Black Warrior Basin. Our operations did not sustain major physical damage. However, immediately after the tornado, the southern part of our Black Warrior operations was without power, causing us to shut-in 265 of our 493 producing wells. Power supplies in the area were restored after major repairs to damaged infrastructure were completed, including repairs to the sub-station serving our operations. We provided a notice of an event of force majeure to the two purchasers of our natural gas production in Alabama - J.P. Morgan Ventures Energy Corporation and Enterprise Alabama Intrastate, LLC. Our production, which was only lowered by approximately 11 Mmcf, was substantially restored by May 1, 2011. We incurred a limited amount of additional operating expenses to restore power to our wells and to clean up our lease sites.

## **Significant Market Factors**

- **Constellation Announcement.** On April 28, 2011, Exelon Corporation agreed to buy Constellation for approximately \$7.9 billion in stock. The proposed transaction needs approval by state utility regulators in Maryland, New York, and Texas, in addition to the shareholders of both companies and federal regulators. Constellation is our former sponsor.
- **Constellation-Related Announcement.** On August 8, 2011, PostRock announced that it had purchased a majority of Constellation's interests in us. PostRock announced that it had acquired all of our 485,065 Class A units and 3,128,670 of our Class B common units in the transaction, in aggregate representing a 14.9% interest in us. In the transaction, PostRock stated that it had received the right to appoint two Class A managers to our board of managers. PostRock further announced that Constellation received consideration of \$6.6 million of cash, 1 million shares of PostRock common stock and warrants to acquire an additional 673,822 shares of PostRock common stock, with 224,607 warrants exercisable for one year at an exercise price of \$6.57 a share, 224,607 warrants exercisable for two years at \$7.07 a share and 224,608 warrants exercisable for three years at \$7.57 a share. Prior to the announced transaction, Constellation held all 485,065 of our Class A units and 5,918,894 of our Class B common units. As of November 4, 2011, Constellation, through its affiliate, retains 2,790,224 of our Class B common units (or an 11.5% interest in us), all of our Class C management incentive interests and all of our Class D interests. The approval of the Constellation and PostRock transaction announced by PostRock on August 8, 2011, was neither required nor given by our board of managers or conflicts committee.

## **Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth the selected financial and operating data for the periods indicated:

	For the Three Months Ended				For the Nine Months Ended			
	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010	(Dollars in 000's)		September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010		
			Variance				Variance	
			\$	%			\$	%
Revenues:								
Natural gas sales	\$ 22,829	\$ 25,573	\$ (2,744)	(10.7)%	\$ 111,915	\$ 79,590	\$ 32,325	40.6%
Oil and liquids sales	2,795	1,070	1,725	161.2%	7,702	3,368	4,334	128.7%
Gain (Loss) from mark-to-market activities	5,819	21,100	(15,281)	(72.4)%	(47,946)	51,832	(99,778)	(192.5)%
Total revenues	31,443	47,743	(16,300)	(34.1)%	71,671	134,790	(63,119)	(46.8)%
Operating expenses:								
Lease operating expenses	7,297	7,953	(656)	(8.3)%	21,319	23,645	(2,326)	(9.8)%
Cost of sales	640	592	48	8.1%	1,701	1,949	(248)	(12.7)%



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	For the Three Months Ended				For the Nine Months Ended			
	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010	(Dollars in 000's)		September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010	Variance	
			Variance				\$	%
Production taxes	847	647	200	30.9%	2,278	2,449	(171)	(7.0)%
General and administrative	4,548	5,027	(479)	(9.5)%	12,783	14,277	(1,494)	(10.5)%
Exploration costs	—	284	(284)	(100.0)%	131	731	(600)	(82.1)%
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	8	—	8	—	29	(13)	42	(323.1)%
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	5,863	26,175	(20,312)	(77.6)%	17,621	79,598	(61,977)	(77.9)%
Asset impairments	1,935	270,408	(268,473)	(99.3)%	1,935	270,966	(269,031)	(99.3)%
Accretion expenses	228	205	23	11.2%	680	617	63	10.2%
Total operating expenses	21,366	311,291	(289,925)	(93.1)%	58,477	394,219	(335,742)	(85.2)%
<b>Other expenses (income):</b>								
Interest expense	1,899	3,151	(1,252)	(39.7)%	7,113	9,966	(2,853)	(28.6)%
Interest expense-(Gain)/loss from mark-to-market activities	795	545	250	45.9%	630	1,174	(544)	(46.3)%
Interest income	(1)	(1)	—	0.0%	(2)	(2)	—	0.0%
Other (income) expense	(69)	(120)	51	(42.5)%	(195)	(410)	215	(52.4)%
Total other expenses (income)	2,624	3,575	(951)	(26.6)%	7,546	10,728	(3,182)	(29.7)%
Total expenses	23,990	314,866	(290,876)	(92.4)%	66,023	404,947	(338,924)	(83.7)%
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 7,453</b>	<b>\$ (267,123)</b>	<b>\$ 274,576</b>	<b>(102.8)%</b>	<b>\$ 5,648</b>	<b>\$ (270,157)</b>	<b>\$ 275,805</b>	<b>(102.1)%</b>
<b>Net production:</b>								
Natural gas production (MMcf)	3,227	3,671	(444)	(12.1)%	9,923	11,092	(1,169)	(10.5)%
Oil and liquids production (MBbl)	31	14	17	121.4%	76	45	31	68.9%
Total production (MMcfe)	3,414	3,758	(344)	(9.2)%	10,383	11,363	(980)	(8.6)%
Average daily production (Mcf/d)	37,109	40,848	(3,739)	(9.2)%	38,033	41,623	(3,590)	(8.6)%
<b>Average sales prices:</b>								
Natural gas price per Mcf with hedge settlements	\$ 7.07	\$ 6.97	\$ 0.10	1.4%	\$ 11.28	\$ 7.18	\$ 4.10	57.1%
Natural gas price per Mcf without hedge settlements	\$ 4.17	\$ 4.30	\$ (0.13)	(3.0)%	\$ 4.11	\$ 4.58	\$ (0.47)	(10.3)%
Oil and liquids price per Bbl with hedge settlements	\$ 90.16	\$ 76.43	\$ 13.73	18.0%	\$ 101.34	\$ 74.84	\$ 26.50	35.4%
Oil and liquids price per Bbl without hedge settlements	\$ 81.00	\$ 76.43	\$ 4.57	6.0%	\$ 97.61	\$ 74.84	\$ 22.77	30.4%
Total price per Mcfe with hedge settlements	\$ 7.51	\$ 7.09	\$ 0.42	5.9%	\$ 11.52	\$ 7.30	\$ 4.22	57.8%
Total price per Mcfe without hedge settlements	\$ 4.68	\$ 4.49	\$ 0.19	4.2%	\$ 4.64	\$ 4.77	\$ (0.13)	(2.7)%
<b>Average unit costs per Mcfe:</b>								
Field operating expenses <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 2.38	\$ 2.29	\$ 0.09	3.9%	\$ 2.27	\$ 2.30	\$ (0.03)	(1.3)%
Lease operating expenses	\$ 2.14	\$ 2.12	\$ 0.02	0.9%	\$ 2.05	\$ 2.08	\$ (0.03)	(1.4)%
Production taxes	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.08	47.1%	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.22	\$ —	0.0%
General and administrative	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.34	\$ (0.01)	(0.7)%	\$ 1.23	\$ 1.26	\$ (0.03)	(2.3)%
General and administrative w/o unit-based compensation	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.25	\$ (0.01)	(0.8)%	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.14	\$ (0.01)	(0.9)%
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	\$ 1.72	\$ 6.97	\$ (5.25)	(75.3)%	\$ 1.70	\$ 7.01	\$ (5.31)	(75.7)%

(a) Field operating expenses include lease operating expenses (average production costs) and production taxes.

### Three months ended September 30, 2011 compared to three months ended September 30, 2010

**Oil and natural gas sales.** Oil and natural gas sales decreased \$1.0 million, or 3.8%, to \$25.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 as compared to \$26.6 million for the same period in 2010. Of this decrease, \$1.5 million was attributable to lower natural gas production and increased oil production, \$0.1 million was attributable to lower hedge settlements for our oil and natural gas commodity derivatives, partially offset by \$0.6 million due to higher market prices for oil and lower market prices for natural gas. Production for the three months ended September 30, 2011 was 3.4 Bcfe, which was 0.3 Bcfe lower than the same period in 2010. Of

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the decrease, 0.4 Bcfe was associated with our natural gas properties in the Cherokee Basin, partially offset by increased oil production from our recently acquired properties in the Central Kansas Uplift and our drilling programs in the Cherokee Basin. Production from our Black Warrior Basin and Woodford Shale properties remained approximately level. Due to the decrease in the level of our total drilling activities during the past two years, our maintenance drilling programs have not been sufficient to offset the natural decline rate of production associated with our existing wells. We hedged approximately 70% of our actual production during 2011 and approximately 76% of our actual production during the same period in 2010.

Cash hedge settlements received for our oil and natural gas commodity derivatives were approximately \$0.3 million and \$9.4 million, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2011. Cash hedge settlements received for our natural gas commodity derivatives were approximately \$9.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010. This difference is primarily due to lower market prices for natural gas and lower hedged volumes during 2011.

As discussed below, the gain from our unrealized non-cash mark-to-market activities decreased \$15.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to the same period in 2010. Our realized prices before our hedging program increased from 2010 to 2011 primarily due to net higher market prices for our oil production offset by lower market prices for our natural gas production. The revenues that we generated from selling our products at realized market prices were offset by our hedging program and the mark-to-market losses discussed below.

*Mark-to-market activities.* Mark-to-market activities decreased \$15.3 million, or 72.4%, to a gain of \$5.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 as compared to a \$21.1 million gain for the same period in 2010. As of September 30, 2011, all of our derivatives are accounted for as mark-to-market activities. This 2011 non-cash gain represents approximately \$6.1 million from the impact of lower than expected future oil and natural gas prices on these derivative transactions that are being accounted for as mark-to-market activities, and by a \$0.3 million decrease for non-performance risk related to our counterparties.

*Field operating expenses.* Our field operating expenses generally consist of lease operating expenses, labor, vehicle, supervision, transportation, minor maintenance, tools and supplies expenses, as well as production and ad valorem taxes.

For the three months ended September 30, 2011, lease operating expenses decreased \$0.7 million, or 8.3%, to \$7.3 million, compared to expenses of \$8.0 million for the same period in 2010. This decrease in lease operating expenses is primarily related to lower expenses in the Cherokee Basin where our operations team has worked to lower costs by reducing compression expenses and controlling variable maintenance expenses. By category, our lease operating expenses were lower in 2011 as compared to 2010 because of \$0.3 million in lower gas compression, \$0.3 million in lower well servicing, road and lease maintenance and \$0.1 million in lower salt water disposal expenses.

For the three months ended September 30, 2011, per unit lease operating expenses were \$2.14 per Mcfe compared to \$2.12 per Mcfe for the same period in 2010. This increase is attributable to 9.2% lower production in 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010 and the impact of a decrease in total spending of 8.3% in 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010. Our per unit operating costs decreased in the Cherokee Basin from \$2.55 per Mcfe in 2010 to \$2.45 per Mcfe in 2011 as a result of the impact of lower total spending offset by 0.3 Bcfe in lower production volumes.

For the three months ended September 30, 2011, production taxes increased \$0.2 million, or 30.9%, to \$0.8 million, compared to production taxes of \$0.6 million for the same period in 2010. This increase was primarily the result of the impact of production taxes on 0.3 Bcfe in lower production offset by the impact of higher market prices for oil and natural gas in 2011.

*Cost of sales.* For the three months ended September 30, 2011, cost of sales increased less than \$0.1 million, or 8.1%, to \$0.6 million, compared to \$0.6 million for the same period in 2010. This represents the cost of purchased natural gas in the Cherokee Basin and was impacted by higher third party production volumes and lower market prices for natural gas, as these costs are tied to natural gas prices in the Mid-continent region.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses include the costs of our employees, related benefits, field office expenses, professional fees, and other costs not directly associated with field operations.

General and administrative expenses decreased \$0.5 million, or 9.5%, to \$4.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to \$5.0 million for the same period in 2010. Our general and administrative expenses were lower in 2011 as compared to 2010 because of \$0.2 million in lower labor costs, \$0.1 million in lower audit fees, \$0.1 million in lower non-cash unit-based compensation expenses, and \$0.1 million lower consulting costs.

Our per unit costs were \$1.33 per Mcfe for the three months ended September 30, 2011 compared to \$1.34 per Mcfe for the same period in 2010. This decrease is attributable to 0.3 Bcfe in lower production offset by the impact of lower total spending of approximately \$0.5 million.

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*Exploration Costs.* Exploration costs decreased \$0.3 million to zero, or 100.0%, for the three months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to \$0.3 million for the same period in 2010. These costs represent abandonments of drilling locations, dry hole costs, delay rentals, geological and geophysical costs, and the impairment, amortization, and abandonment associated with leases on our unproved properties. The decrease in 2011 is primarily as the result of \$0.3 million in lower lease abandonments in Kansas and lower exploration costs in 2011 due to the impairment of certain unproved properties in the third quarter of 2010 because of lower expected future natural gas prices.

*Gain/loss on sale of asset.* Our gain/loss on the sale of assets increased less than \$0.01 million, or 0.0%, to less than a \$0.01 million loss for the three months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to zero for the same period in 2010. In 2011, we sold surplus equipment in Oklahoma for proceeds of less than \$0.05 million, which exceeded the book value of the assets.

*Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense and Asset Impairments.* Depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses include the depreciation, depletion and amortization of acquisition costs and equipment costs. Depletion is calculated using units-of-production. Assuming everything else remains unchanged, as natural gas production changes, depletion would change in the same direction.

Our depreciation, depletion and amortization expense for the three months ended September 30, 2011 was \$5.9 million, or \$1.72 per Mcfe, compared to \$26.2 million, or \$6.97 per Mcfe, for the same period in 2010. This decrease in 2011 depreciation, depletion, and amortization largely reflects the decreased basis in our assets resulting from our 2010 impairments of our oil and natural gas properties, as well as an increase in our reserve base primarily due to price-related reserve revisions, higher capital expenditures for our development drilling programs, the acquisition of additional oil properties in the Central Kansas Uplift in December 2010, and a 0.3 Bcfe decrease in production volumes during 2011 as compared to 2010. We calculate depletion using units-of-production under the successful efforts method of accounting. Our other assets are depreciated using the straight line basis. Consistent with our prior practice, we used our 2010 reserve report to calculate our depletion rate during the first three quarters of 2011. Our average depletion rate during the first three quarters of 2011 was approximately \$1.70 per Mcfe, which reflects our acquisition of our oil properties in the Central Kansas Uplift. We will use our 2011 reserve report to record our depletion in the fourth quarter of 2011.

For the three months ended September 30, 2011, asset impairments decreased \$268.5 million, or 99.3%, to \$1.9 million, compared to asset impairments of \$270.4 million for the same period in 2010. Our non-cash impairment charges in 2011 were approximately \$1.6 million to impair the value of our oil and natural gas properties in the Central Kansas Uplift and \$0.3 million to impair certain of our wells in the Woodford Shale. These 2011 impairments were primarily caused by the impact of lower future oil and natural gas prices along with certain performance-related reserve revisions. Our non-cash impairment charges in 2010 were approximately \$263.4 million to impair the value of our oil and natural gas properties in the Cherokee Basin, \$6.3 million to impair our other non-current intangible assets related to our activities the Cherokee Basin, \$0.3 million to impair certain of our wells in the Woodford Shale and \$0.5 million to impair the value of our casing inventory. These 2010 impairments were primarily caused by the impact of lower future natural gas prices.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2011 decreased \$1.0 million to \$2.7 million as compared to \$3.7 million in interest expense for the same period in 2010. This decrease was primarily due to \$0.2 million in higher non-cash mark-to-market losses on our interest rate swaps that are accounted for as mark-to-market activities, lower interest rate swap settlements of \$0.4 million and lower amortization of debt issue costs of \$0.8 million, while capitalized interest essentially remained level during 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010. At September 30, 2011, we had an outstanding balance under our reserve-based credit facility of \$104.25 million as compared to \$172.5 million at September 30, 2010. Since the third quarter of 2009, we have used our excess operating cash flow to reduce our total debt from a high of \$220.0 million to \$99.9 million as of November 4, 2011. The average interest rate on our outstanding debt was approximately 5.3% in 2011 compared to 5.1% in 2010.

*Interest income.* Interest income for the three months ended September 30, 2011, was less than \$0.01 million as compared to less than \$0.01 million in interest income for same period in 2010. During 2011, market rates for overnight investments continued to be at historical lows, resulting in no significant earnings on our cash balances.

*Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).* Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), shown on our consolidated balance sheets, reflected the fair market value of certain of our previously designated cash-flow hedge positions. At September 30, 2011, the balance was an unrealized gain of \$6.7 million compared to an unrealized gain of \$10.9 million at December 31, 2010. This decrease reflects the amortization to earnings for the derivative positions that were previously accounted for as cash flow hedges that have cash settled during the third quarter of 2011.

The change in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) is shown in our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) as an unrealized loss of \$1.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011, and as an unrealized loss of \$3.7 million for the same period in 2010. This change reflects the settlements during 2011 related to amounts previously included in locked accumulated other comprehensive income associated with our hedging positions previously accounted for as cash flow hedges. All of our derivative positions are now accounted for as mark-to-market activities and the remaining balance in AOCI will be amortized to earnings as the positions settle in the future.

***Nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to nine months ended September 30, 2010***

***Oil and natural gas sales.*** Oil and natural gas sales increased \$36.7 million, or 44.2%, to \$119.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 as compared to \$82.9 million for the same period in 2010. Of this increase, \$4.6 million was attributable to lower natural gas production and increased oil production, \$1.3 million was due to higher market prices for oil and lower market prices for natural gas, offset by \$42.6 million attributable to higher hedge settlements for our oil and natural gas commodity derivatives. Production for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was 10.4 Bcfe, which was 1.0 Bcfe lower than the same period in 2010. Of the decrease, 0.9 Bcfe was a reduction of natural gas production due to our reduced drilling programs in the Cherokee Basin, offset by an increase in production of 0.2 Bcfe associated with our oil production in the Cherokee Basin. Due to the decrease in the level of our drilling activities, our 2010 and 2011 maintenance drilling programs have not been sufficient to offset the natural decline rate of production associated with our existing wells. We hedged approximately 73% of our actual production during 2011 and approximately 80% of our actual production during the same period in 2010.

Cash hedge settlements received for our oil and natural gas commodity derivatives were approximately \$71.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. Cash hedge settlements received for our natural gas commodity derivatives were approximately \$28.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. This difference is primarily due to our decision in the second quarter of 2011 to reset our NYMEX fixed-for-floating price swaps to \$5.75 per MMBtu for our natural gas production beginning in January 2012 through 2014. In conjunction with the transaction, we received a one-time cash payment from our swap counterparties totaling approximately \$41.3 million. The remainder of the difference is due to lower market prices for natural gas and lower hedged volumes during 2011.

As discussed below, the gain from our unrealized non-cash mark-to-market activities decreased \$99.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to the same period in 2010. Our realized market prices before our hedging program decreased from 2010 to 2011 primarily due to lower market prices for natural gas, slightly offset by the impact of higher market prices for oil. The revenues that we generated from selling our products at realized market prices were offset by the impact of our hedging program and the associated mark-to-market gains and losses discussed below.

***Mark-to-market activities.*** Mark-to-market activities decreased \$99.8 million, or 292.5%, to a loss of \$47.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 as compared to a gain of \$51.8 million for the same period in 2010. As of September 30, 2011, all of our swaps and basis swaps are accounted for as mark-to-market derivatives. This 2011 non-cash loss represents approximately \$48.3 million from the impact of our decision to reset our NYMEX fixed-for-floating price swaps to \$5.75 per MMBtu for our natural gas production beginning in January 2012 through 2014 and higher than expected future natural gas prices on these derivative transactions that are being accounted for as mark-to-market activities offset by decreased future natural gas prices on these derivative transactions that are being accounted for as mark-to-market activities, and by a \$0.4 million decrease for non-performance risk related to our counterparties. This 2010 non-cash gain represents approximately \$53.1 million from the impact of decreased future natural gas prices on these derivative transactions that are being accounted for as mark-to-market activities offset by a \$1.3 million reduction for non-performance risk related to our counterparties.

***Field operating expenses.*** Our field operating expenses generally consist of lease operating expenses, labor, vehicle, supervision, transportation, minor maintenance, tools and supplies expenses, as well as production and ad valorem taxes.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, lease operating expenses decreased \$2.3 million, or 9.8%, to \$21.3 million, compared to expenses of \$23.6 million for the same period in 2010. This decrease in lease operating expenses is primarily related to \$2.4 million in lower total spending in the Cherokee Basin offset by \$0.1 million in higher expenses associated with our Black Warrior Basin properties. Our spending in the Woodford Shale properties during 2011 remained level with our spending in 2010. By category, our lease operating expenses were lower in 2011 as compared to 2010 because of \$0.8 million in lower gas compression, \$0.5 million in lower road and lease maintenance, \$0.3 million in lower parts and supplies, \$0.3 million in lower salt water disposal costs, \$0.2 million in lower well servicing and repairs, and \$0.2 million in lower labor and benefits costs.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, per unit lease operating expenses were \$2.05 per Mcfe compared to \$2.08 per Mcfe for the same period in 2010. This decrease is attributable to a decrease in total spending of 9.9% in 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010 offset by the impact of 8.6% lower production in 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010. Our per unit operating costs decreased in the Cherokee Basin from \$2.38 per Mcfe in 2010 to \$2.33 per Mcfe in 2011 as a result of 0.9 Bcfe in lower production volumes and the impact of lower total spending. Our production decline in the Cherokee Basin is the result of reduced capital expenditures in 2011 and 2010. Additionally, during the first two quarters of 2011 we were temporarily impacted by lower production volumes and increased operating costs from weather-related maintenance and repairs.

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, production taxes decreased \$0.2 million, or 7.0%, to \$2.2 million, compared to production taxes of \$2.4 million for the same period in 2010. This decrease was primarily the result of the impact of production taxes on 1.0 Bcfe in lower production and lower net market prices for oil and natural gas in 2011. We also recorded approximately \$0.1 million more in Oklahoma production tax credits during 2011 as compared to 2010.

*Cost of sales.* For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, cost of sales decreased by approximately \$0.2 million, or 12.7%, to \$1.7 million, compared to \$1.9 million for the same period in 2010. This represents the cost of purchased natural gas in the Cherokee Basin and was impacted by lower third-party production volumes and lower market prices for natural gas, as these costs are tied to natural gas prices in the Mid-continent region.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses include the costs of our employees, related benefits, field office expenses, professional fees, and other costs not directly associated with field operations.

General and administrative expenses decreased \$1.5 million, or 10.4%, to \$12.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to \$14.3 million for the same period in 2010. Our general and administrative expenses were lower in 2011 as compared to 2010 because of \$0.4 million in lower labor costs, \$0.4 million in lower consulting costs, \$0.4 million in lower non-cash unit-based compensation expenses, \$0.2 million in lower audit fees and \$0.1 million in lower legal expenses.

Our per unit costs were \$1.23 per Mcfe for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to \$1.26 per Mcfe for the same period in 2010. This decrease is attributable to lower total spending of approximately \$1.5 million and 1.0 Bcfe in lower production. Our total general and administrative expenses paid in cash were approximately \$1.1 million lower than in 2010.

*Exploration Costs.* Exploration costs decreased \$0.6 million, or 82.1%, to \$0.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to \$0.7 million for the same period in 2010. These costs represent abandonments of drilling locations, dry hole costs, delay rentals, geological and geophysical costs, and the impairment, amortization, and abandonment costs associated with leases on our unproved properties. The decrease in 2011 is primarily as the result of \$0.5 million in lower lease abandonments in Kansas and lower exploration costs in 2011 due to the impairment of certain unproved properties in the third quarter of 2010 because of lower expected future natural gas prices, offset by one dry hole costing \$0.1 million in 2011.

*Gain/loss on sale of assets.* Our gain/loss on the sale of assets increased \$0.04 million, or 323.1%, to \$0.03 million loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to a gain of \$0.02 million for the same period in 2010. In 2011, we sold surplus equipment at a loss of \$0.03 million because our cash proceeds were slightly less than the net book value of the divested equipment.

*Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense and Asset Impairments.* Depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses include the depreciation, depletion and amortization of acquisition costs and equipment costs. Depletion is calculated using units-of-production. Assuming everything else remains unchanged, as natural gas production changes, depletion would change in the same direction.

Our depreciation, depletion and amortization expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was \$17.6 million, or \$1.70 per Mcfe, compared to \$79.6 million, or \$7.01 per Mcfe, for the same period in 2010. This decrease in 2011 depreciation, depletion, and amortization largely reflects the decreased basis in our assets resulting from our 2010 impairments of our oil and natural gas properties, as well as an increase in our year-end 2010 reserve base primarily due to price-related reserve revisions, higher capital expenditures for our development drilling programs, and a 1.0 Bcfe decrease in production volumes during 2011 as compared to 2010. We calculate depletion using units-of-production under the successful efforts method of accounting. Our other assets are depreciated using the straight line basis. Consistent with our prior practice, we used our 2010 reserve report to calculate our depletion rate during the first three quarters of 2011. Our depletion rate during the first three quarters of 2011 was approximately \$1.70 per Mcfe. We will use our 2011 reserve report to record our depletion in the fourth quarter of 2011.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, asset impairments decreased \$269.1 million, or 99.3%, to \$1.9 million, compared to asset impairments of \$271.0 million for the same period in 2010. Our non-cash impairment charges in 2011 were approximately \$1.6 million to impair the value of our oil and natural gas properties in the Central Kansas Uplift and \$0.3 million to impair certain of our wells in the Woodford Shale. These 2011 impairments were primarily caused by the impact of lower future oil and natural gas prices along with certain performance-related reserve revisions. Our non-cash impairment charges in 2010 were approximately \$263.4 million to impair the value of our oil and natural gas properties in the Cherokee Basin, \$6.3 million to impair our other non-current intangible assets related to our activities the Cherokee Basin, \$0.8 million to impair certain of our wells in the Woodford Shale and \$0.5 million to impair the value of our casing inventory. These 2010 impairments were primarily caused by the impact of lower future natural gas prices.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 decreased \$3.4 million, or 30.5%, to \$7.7 million as compared to \$11.1 million in interest expense for same period in 2010. This decrease was primarily due to \$0.6 million in lower non-cash mark-to-market losses on our interest rate swaps that are accounted for as mark-to-market activities, lower interest rate swap settlements of \$1.6 million, and lower market interest rates resulting in lower interest expense of \$1.2 million during 2011 as

compared to the same period in 2010. At September 30, 2011, we had an outstanding balance under our reserve-based credit facility of \$104.25 million as compared to \$172.5 million at September 30, 2010. Since the third quarter of 2009, we have used our excess operating cash flow to reduce our total debt from a high of \$220.0 million to \$99.9 million as of November 4, 2011. The average interest rate on our outstanding debt was approximately 5.3% in 2011 compared to 5.1% in 2010.

*Interest income.* Interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was less than \$0.02 million as compared to less than \$0.02 million in interest income for same period in 2010. During 2011, market rates for overnight investments continued to be at historical lows, resulting in no significant earnings on our cash balances.

*Accumulated other comprehensive income.* Accumulated other comprehensive income, shown on our consolidated balance sheets, reflected the fair market value of certain of our previously designated cash-flow hedge positions. At September 30, 2011, the balance was an unrealized gain of \$6.7 million compared to an unrealized gain of \$10.9 million at December 31, 2010. This decrease reflects the amortization to earnings for the derivative positions that were previously accounted for as cash flow hedges that have cash settled during the first and second quarters of 2011.

The change in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) is shown in our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) as an unrealized loss of \$4.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, and as an unrealized loss of \$13.2 million for the same period in 2010. This change reflects the settlements during 2011 related to amounts previously included in locked accumulated other comprehensive income associated with our hedging positions previously accounted for as cash flow hedges. All of our derivative positions are now accounted for as mark-to-market activities and the remaining balance in AOCI will be amortized to earnings as the positions settle in the future.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

During 2010 and 2011, we utilized our cash flow from operations as our primary source of capital. Our primary use of capital during this time was for the retirement of outstanding debt, the development of existing oil and natural gas properties in the Cherokee Basin and the acquisition of non-operated oil properties in the Central Kansas Uplift.

Based upon our current business plan for 2011, we anticipate that we will continue to generate operating cash flows in excess of our working capital needs and planned limited capital expenditures. The primary focus of our business plan in 2011 has been to use our excess operating cash flows to reduce our outstanding debt level to below \$100.0 million. As we pursue our business plan, we will be monitoring the capital resources available to us to meet our future financial obligations and planned 2011 limited capital expenditures. Our current expectation is that we will manage our business to operate within the cash flows that are generated. Based on the progress of our 2011 drilling program, we sought and received authorization from our board of managers to increase our capital budget by an additional \$2.0 million to further exploit oil potential in our asset base. We now forecast that our 2011 capital expenditures will range at the high end of between approximately \$12.0 million and \$14.0 million, of which approximately \$8.9 million had been paid as of September 30, 2011. Our current forecast for capital expenditures is lower than the \$23.0 million in maintenance capital expenditures required to maintain our production levels in 2011. Because we reduced our maintenance capital expenditures in 2011, and also reduced them in 2010, we expect, and have experienced, lower production levels in 2011 which may lower our operating cash flows. Our future success in growing reserves and production will be highly dependent on the capital resources available to us and our success in drilling for or acquiring additional reserves and managing the costs associated with our operations. We routinely monitor and adjust our capital expenditures and operating expenses in response to changes in oil and natural gas prices, drilling and acquisition costs, industry conditions, availability of funds under our reserve-based credit facility, and internally generated cash flow. Based upon current oil and natural gas price expectations, our existing hedge positions and expected production levels in 2011, we anticipate that our cash flow from operations in 2011 may be negatively impacted. However, we expect that we can meet any planned capital expenditures and other cash requirements for the next twelve months without increasing our debt or issuing additional equity securities. Future cash flows and our borrowing capacity are subject to a number of variables, including the level of oil and natural gas production and market prices for those products. There can be no assurance that operations and other capital resources will provide cash in sufficient amounts to maintain our reduced debt level, planned levels of capital expenditures or operating expenses.

Our results will not be fully impacted by significant increases or decreases in oil and natural gas prices because of our hedging program. In the event of inflation increasing drilling and service costs, our hedging program will also limit our ability to have increased revenues recoup the higher costs, which could further impact our planned capital spending or operating expense levels. For 2011, we forecast total net production of between 13.4 Bcfe and 14.2 Bcfe. We have hedged approximately 74% of the midpoint of this forecast, including hedges for the remainder of 2011 on 1.6 Bcfe of our Mid-continent natural gas production at an average price, including basis, of \$7.79 per Mcfe, an additional 0.8 Bcfe of our remaining natural gas production at a NYMEX-only price of \$8.45 per Mcfe and 15 MBbl of our oil production at an average price of \$110.10 per barrel. This hedge position locks in a significant portion of our expected operating cash flows for 2011 although we are still exposed to increases or decreases in oil and natural gas prices on our unhedged volumes.



Since we shifted our strategic focus to debt reduction, we have successfully reduced our outstanding debt balance from a high of \$220.0 million during the third quarter of 2009 to \$99.9 million as of November 4, 2011. Given our focus on debt reduction, we anticipate that quarterly distributions to our unitholders will remain suspended through the fourth quarter of 2011. The suspension of our quarterly distribution and maintaining our total planned capital expenditures below maintenance levels in 2011 has provided additional liquidity to fund our operations, improve our cash position, and pay down our debt below \$100.0 million. Our available cash is reduced by any cash reserves established by our board of managers for the proper conduct of our business and the payment of fees and expenses. As of September 30, 2011, we were restricted from paying distributions to unitholders as we had no available cash (taking into account the cash reserves set by our board of managers for the proper conduct of our business) from which to pay distributions. We are subject to borrowing base redeterminations, which are scheduled to occur semi-annually or more frequently at the discretion of our lenders, and cannot forecast the level at which our lenders may set our borrowing base in the future. However, provided that our outstanding debt balance, net of available cash, is less than 90% of our borrowing base as determined by our lenders and at such time we are able to resume maintenance capital expenditures and have available cash, we will evaluate the resumption of our quarterly distribution to unitholders. This evaluation will consider our outstanding borrowings and cash reserves that are set by our board of managers for the proper conduct of our business. Any future quarterly distributions must be approved by our board of managers.

Our reserve-based credit facility currently provides a limited availability to finance future maintenance capital expenditures and other working capital needs. During the first nine months of 2011, we did not borrow any daily short-term or any additional long-term amounts under our reserve-based credit facility. As of November 4, 2011, the borrowing base under our reserve-based credit facility was \$140.0 million and we had \$99.9 million of debt outstanding under the facility leaving us with \$40.1 million in unused borrowing capacity. Our current reserve-based credit facility is subject to future borrowing base redeterminations and will have to be renewed or replaced before its maturity in November 2013. Our reserve-based credit facility is discussed below in further detail.

In the first quarter of 2011, we filed a new shelf registration statement with the SEC to register up to \$500 million of debt or equity securities to repay or refinance outstanding debt and to fund working capital, capital expenditures and acquisitions. This registration statement will expire in three years. There is no guarantee that securities can or will be issued under the registration statement or that conditions in the financial markets would be supportive of an issuance of such securities by us.

### ***Reserve-based credit facility***

On June 3, 2011, we executed a second amendment to our \$350.0 million reserve-based credit facility with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc as administrative agent and a syndicate of lenders. The reserve-based credit facility matures on November 13, 2013. Borrowings under the reserve-based credit facility are secured by various mortgages of oil and natural gas properties that we and certain of our subsidiaries own as well as various security and pledge agreements among us and certain of our subsidiaries and the administrative agent. The current lenders and their percentage commitments in the reserve-based credit facility are The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (26.84%), BNP Paribas (21.95%), The Bank of Nova Scotia (21.95%), Societe Generale (14.63%), and ING Capital LLC (14.63%).

The amount available for borrowing at any one time under the reserve-based credit facility is limited to the borrowing base for our oil and natural gas properties. As of September 30, 2011, our borrowing base was \$140.0 million. The borrowing base is redetermined semi-annually, and may be redetermined at our request more frequently and by the lenders, in their sole discretion, based on reserve reports as prepared by petroleum engineers, together with, among other things, the oil and natural gas prices prevailing at such time. Our next semi-annual borrowing base redetermination is scheduled during the fourth quarter of 2011. Outstanding borrowings in excess of our borrowing base must be repaid or we must pledge other oil and natural gas properties as additional collateral. We may elect to pay any borrowing base deficiency in three equal monthly installments such that the deficiency is eliminated in a period of three months. Any increase in our borrowing base must be approved by all of the lenders.

Borrowings under the reserve-based credit facility are available for acquisition, exploration, operation and maintenance of oil and natural gas properties, payment of expenses incurred in connection with the reserve-based credit facility, working capital and general limited liability company purposes. The reserve-based credit facility has a sub-limit of \$20.0 million which may be used for the issuance of letters of credit. As of September 30, 2011, no letters of credit are outstanding.

At our election, interest for borrowings are determined by reference to (i) the London interbank rate, or LIBOR, plus an applicable margin between 2.50% and 3.50% per annum based on utilization or (ii) a domestic bank rate ("ABR") plus an applicable margin between 1.50% and 2.50% per annum based on utilization plus (iii) a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum based on the unutilized borrowing base. Interest on the borrowings for ABR loans and the commitment fee are generally payable quarterly. Interest on the borrowings for LIBOR loans are generally payable at the applicable maturity date.

The reserve-based credit facility contains various covenants that limit, among other things, our ability and certain of our subsidiaries' ability to incur certain indebtedness, grant certain liens, merge or consolidate, sell all or substantially all of our assets, make certain loans, acquisitions, capital expenditures and investments, and pay distributions.

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In addition, we are required to maintain (i) a ratio of Total Net Debt (defined as Debt (generally indebtedness permitted to be incurred by us under the reserve-based credit facility) less Available Cash (generally, cash, cash equivalents, and cash reserves of the Company)) to Adjusted EBITDA (generally, for any period, the sum of consolidated net income for such period plus (minus) the following expenses or charges to the extent deducted from consolidated net income in such period: interest expense, depreciation, depletion, amortization, write-off of deferred financing fees, impairment of long-lived assets, (gain) loss on sale of assets, exploration costs, (gain) loss from equity investment, accretion of asset retirement obligation, unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives and realized (gain) loss on cancelled derivatives, and other similar charges) of not more than 3.50 to 1.0; (ii) Adjusted EBITDA to cash interest expense of not less than 2.5 to 1.0; and (iii) consolidated current assets, including the unused amount of the total commitments but excluding current non-cash assets, to consolidated current liabilities, excluding non-cash liabilities and current maturities of debt (to the extent such payments are not past due), of not less than 1.0 to 1.0, all calculated pursuant to the requirements under SFAS 133 and SFAS 143 (including the current liabilities in respect of the termination of oil and natural gas and interest rate swaps). All financial covenants are calculated using our consolidated financial information.

The reserve-based credit facility also includes customary events of default, including events of default relating to non-payment of principal, interest or fees, inaccuracy of representations and warranties in any material respect when made or when deemed made, violation of covenants, cross-defaults, bankruptcy and insolvency events, certain unsatisfied judgments, guaranties not being valid under the reserve-based credit facility and a change of control. If an event of default occurs, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of the reserve-based credit facility and exercise other rights and remedies. The reserve-based credit facility contains a condition to borrowing and a representation that no material adverse effect ("MAE") has occurred, which includes, among other things, a material adverse change in, or material adverse effect on the business, operations, property, liabilities (actual or contingent) or condition (financial or otherwise) of us and our subsidiaries who are guarantors taken as a whole. If a MAE were to occur, we would be prohibited from borrowing under the reserve-based credit facility and would be in default, which could cause all of our existing indebtedness to become immediately due and payable.

The reserve-based credit facility limits our ability to pay distributions to unitholders. We have the ability to pay distributions to unitholders from available cash, including cash from borrowings under the reserve-based credit facility, as long as no event of default exists and provided that no distributions to unitholders may be made if the borrowings outstanding, net of available cash, under the reserve-based credit facility exceed 90% of the borrowing base, after giving effect to the proposed distribution. Our available cash is reduced by any cash reserves established by our board of managers for the proper conduct of our business and the payment of fees and expenses. As of November 4, 2011, we were restricted from paying distributions to unitholders as we had no available cash (taking into account the cash reserves set by our board of managers for the proper conduct of our business) from which to pay distributions.

The reserve-based credit facility permits us to hedge our projected monthly production, provided that (a) for the immediately ensuing twelve month period, the volumes of production hedged in any month may not exceed our reasonable business judgment of the production for such month consistent with the application of petroleum engineering methodologies for estimating proved developed producing reserves based on the then-current strip pricing (provided that such projection shall not be more than 115% of the proved developed producing reserves forecast for the same period derived from the most recent reserve report of our petroleum engineers using the then strip pricing), and (b) for the period beyond twelve months, the volumes of production hedged in any month may not exceed the reasonably anticipated projected production from proved developed producing reserves estimated by our petroleum engineers. The reserve-based credit facility also permits us to hedge the interest rate on up to 90% of the then-outstanding principal amounts of our indebtedness for borrowed money.

The reserve-based credit facility contains no covenants related to our relationships with Constellation and PostRock or PostRock's right to appoint the Class A managers of our board of managers.

At September 30, 2011, we believe that we were in compliance with the financial covenants contained in our reserve-based credit facility. We monitor compliance on an ongoing basis. As of September 30, 2011, our actual Total Net Debt to annual Adjusted EBITDA ratio was 1.7 to 1.0 as compared with a required ratio of not greater than 3.5 to 1.0, our actual ratio of consolidated current assets to consolidated current liabilities 3.9 to 1.0 as compared with a required ratio of not less than 1.0 to 1.0, and our actual quarterly Adjusted EBITDA to cash interest expense ratio was 12.2 to 1.0 as compared with a required ratio of not less than 2.5 to 1.0.

If we are unable to remain in compliance with the debt covenants associated with our reserve-based credit facility or maintain the required ratios discussed above, we could request waivers from the lenders in our bank group. Although the lenders may not provide a waiver, we could take additional steps in the event of not meeting the required ratios or in the event of a reduction in the borrowing base below as determined by the lenders. During 2011, we have used our surplus operating cash flows to reduce our outstanding debt. If it becomes necessary to further reduce debt by amounts that exceed our operating cash flows, we could further reduce capital expenditures, continue to suspend our quarterly distributions to unitholders, sell oil and natural gas properties, liquidate in-the-money derivative positions, further reduce operating and administrative costs, or take additional steps to increase liquidity. If we become unable to obtain a waiver and were unsuccessful at reducing our debt to the necessary level, our debt could become due and payable upon acceleration by the lenders. To the extent that we do not enter into an agreement to refinance or extend the due date on the reserve-based credit facility, the outstanding debt balance at November 13, 2012, will become a current liability.



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We have hedging arrangements to reduce the impact of changes in the LIBOR interest rate on our interest payments for \$93.0 million of the \$99.9 million outstanding on our reserve-based credit facility at November 4, 2011. These positions are outlined in “Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk—Interest Rate Risk.”

### **Cash Flow from Operations**

Our net cash flow provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was \$74.8 million, compared to net cash flow provided by operating activities of \$30.9 million for the same period in 2010. This increase in operating cash flow was attributable to lower operating expenses as a result of \$3.4 million in lower total spending in both administrative and lease operating expenses, the impact of our acquisition of oil properties in the Central Kansas Uplift, and the impact of higher oil and natural gas sales of \$36.7 million. During 2011, our operating cash flows were increased by \$69.8 million related to cash hedge settlements for our oil and natural gas commodity and interest rate derivatives. This increase was primarily a result of us executing a one-time transaction to reset our NYMEX fixed-for-floating price swaps to \$5.75 per MMBtu for our natural gas production beginning in January 2012 through 2014. In conjunction with the transaction, we received a one-time cash payment from our swap counterparties totaling approximately \$41.3 million, which was used, together with cash on hand, to reduce our outstanding debt balance under our reserve-based credit facility by \$42.0 million. We also had 1.2 Bcfe in lower natural gas production in 2011, which offset the increase in our operating cash flows.

Our decrease in working capital of \$1.7 million from 2010 to 2011 was impacted by lower accrued liabilities of \$1.6 million, higher accounts payable of \$0.3 million, higher accounts receivable of \$0.5 million and lower prepaid expenses of \$0.2 million. Our accrued liabilities decreased with the payments associated with our 2010 incentive compensation programs and with the payment of \$1.2 million to settle the Torch NPI litigation. We also used \$1.0 million to fund an escrow account for a deposit associated with our offer to purchase the NPI that was part of the settlement. This escrow is included in our consolidated balance sheet as an other current asset. Our accounts payable decreased due to timing of invoice payments. Our accounts receivable balance increased due to the impact of higher oil prices offset by lower natural gas prices and lower natural gas production volumes due to weather-related decreases in production during 2011 and natural declines in production due to lower capital expenditures. The decrease in prepaid expenses of \$0.2 million primarily resulted from the timing of the payment for insurance expenses.

Our cash flow from operations is subject to many variables, the most significant of which are the volatility of oil and natural gas prices and our level of production of oil and natural gas. Oil and natural gas prices are determined primarily by prevailing market conditions, which are dependent on regional and worldwide economic activity, weather and other factors beyond our control. Our future cash flow from operations will depend on our ability to maintain and increase production through our development program or completing acquisitions, as well as the market prices of oil and natural gas and our hedging program. For additional information on our business plan, refer below to “Outlook”.

### **Open Commodity Hedge Positions**

We enter into hedging arrangements to reduce the impact of oil and natural gas price volatility on our operations. By removing the price volatility from a significant portion of our oil and natural gas production, we have mitigated, but not eliminated, the potential effects of changing prices on our cash flow from operations for those periods. While mitigating the negative effects of falling commodity prices, these derivative contracts also limit the benefits we might otherwise receive from increases in commodity prices. These derivative contracts also limit our ability to have additional cash flows to fund higher severance taxes, which are usually based on market prices for oil and natural gas. Our operating cash flows are also impacted by the cost of oilfield services. In the event of inflation increasing service costs or administrative expenses, our hedging program will limit our ability to have increased operating cash flows to fund these higher costs. Increases in the market prices for oil and natural gas will also increase our need for working capital as our commodity hedging contracts cash settle prior to our receipt of cash from our sales of the related commodities to third parties.

It is our policy to enter into derivative contracts only with counterparties that are creditworthy financial institutions deemed by management as competent and competitive market makers. Each of the counterparties to our derivative contracts is a lender in our reserve-based credit facility and we do not post collateral with our counterparties under any of these agreements. This is significant since we are able to lock in attractive sales prices on a substantial amount of our expected future production without posting cash collateral based on price changes prior to the hedges being cash settled.

The following tables summarize, for the periods indicated, our hedges currently in place through December 31, 2015. All of these derivatives are accounted for as mark-to-market activities.

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*MTM Fixed Price Swaps—NYMEX (Henry Hub)*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2011							2,220,000	\$ 8.45	2,220,000	\$ 8.45
2012	2,227,500	\$ 5.75	2,227,500	\$ 5.75	2,250,000	\$ 5.75	2,250,000	\$ 5.75	8,955,000	\$ 5.75
2013	2,025,000	\$ 5.75	2,079,500	\$ 5.75	2,070,000	\$ 5.75	2,038,000	\$ 5.75	8,212,500	\$ 5.75
2014	1,575,000	\$ 5.75	1,592,500	\$ 5.75	1,610,000	\$ 5.75	1,610,000	\$ 5.75	6,387,500	\$ 5.75
									<u>25,775,000</u>	

*MTM Fixed Price Swaps—CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (East)*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2011							180,000	\$ 7.93	180,000	\$ 7.93
									<u>180,000</u>	

*MTM Fixed Price Basis Swaps—CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (East), ONEOK Gas Transportation (Oklahoma), or Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline (Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas)*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$
2011							1,393,700	\$ 0.68	1,393,700	\$ 0.68
2012	1,934,112	\$ 0.51	1,851,025	\$ 0.52	1,680,023	\$ 0.54	1,462,286	\$ 0.58	6,927,446	\$ 0.53
2013	1,402,816	\$ 0.39	1,335,077	\$ 0.39	1,273,525	\$ 0.39	1,223,985	\$ 0.39	5,235,403	\$ 0.39
2014	1,178,422	\$ 0.39	1,133,022	\$ 0.39	1,084,270	\$ 0.39	1,047,963	\$ 0.39	4,443,677	\$ 0.39
									<u>18,000,226</u>	

*MTM Fixed Price Basis Swaps—West Texas Intermediate (WTI)*

	For the quarter ended (in Bbls)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2011							15,278	\$110.10	15,278	\$110.10
2012	14,183	\$108.00	13,262	\$108.00	12,520	\$108.00	11,881	\$108.00	51,846	\$108.00
2013	11,298	\$104.32	10,720	\$104.32	10,197	\$104.32	9,743	\$104.32	41,958	\$104.32
2014	9,317	\$102.25	8,959	\$102.25	8,652	\$102.25	8,367	\$102.25	35,295	\$102.25
2015	8,095	\$101.10	7,834	\$101.10	7,588	\$101.10	7,326	\$101.10	30,843	\$101.10
									<u>175,220</u>	

All of our derivatives were accounted for as mark-to-market activities as of September 30, 2011. The net risk management asset for our commodity and interest rate derivatives was \$30.5 million at September 30, 2011, as compared to a net risk management asset of \$83.4 million at December 31, 2010. These values represent the fair value of our derivative positions at those respective dates. This value has declined from 2010 to 2011 primarily because of a one-time cash payment from our derivative counterparties of \$41.3 million as a result of our NYMEX hedge restructuring, cash settlements on 2011 derivative positions of \$28.5 million, and the change in the non-performance risk related to our counterparties of \$0.6 million, offset by the impact of expected future market prices for natural gas and interest rates of \$13.6 million, and the addition of oil derivative positions of \$3.9 million. As a result of resetting the NYMEX fixed-to-floating price to \$5.75 per MMBtu for our NYMEX swap agreements from January 2012 through December 2014, we would expect that our operating cash flows and reported Adjusted EBITDA will now be lower during that time. This is because of

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the expected decrease in the value of future cash hedge settlements on the reset NYMEX positions. We believe the expected lower operating cash flows and Adjusted EBITDA should not impact our future ability to comply with the financial covenant ratios contained in our reserve-based credit facility because we have reduced the amount of our outstanding debt.

### **Investing Activities—Acquisitions and Capital Expenditures**

Cash used in investing activities was \$8.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, compared to \$6.0 million for the same period in 2010. Our cash capital expenditures were \$8.9 million in 2011, which primarily consisted of development expenditures in the Cherokee Basin and the Black Warrior Basin. We have completed 21 net wells and 46 net recompletions and had 16 net wells in progress at September 30, 2011.

Our cash capital expenditures were \$6.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, of which \$5.9 million related to drilling expenditures for our 2010 capital program in the Cherokee Basin and \$0.5 million related to the acquisition of additional interests in seven natural gas wells in the Cherokee Basin and the Black Warrior Basin.

The current 2011 capital budget of \$12.0 million to \$14.0 million is expected to be below our 2011 estimated maintenance capital level of \$23.0 million and our 2010 estimated maintenance capital level of \$25.3 million. We expect that our current and future capital expenditures will continue to be funded using our cash flow from operations. We believe this decreased level of capital spending will result in lower production volumes in 2011. Once market conditions warrant, we expect to evaluate the resumption of capital spending at a level sufficient to maintain our then current production rate. Given the current proportion of natural gas relative to oil in our asset base, we believe that natural gas prices in excess of \$6.00 per Mcfe produce rates of return that generally support capital spending at maintenance levels. Until natural gas prices show signs of a sustained recovery, we anticipate that the majority of our capital spending will be focused on oil opportunities in our existing asset base as well as our most capital efficient recompletion opportunities.

The amount and timing of our capital expenditures is largely discretionary and within our control. If oil or natural gas prices decline to levels below acceptable levels, and the borrowing base under our reserve-based credit facility is further reduced, drilling costs escalate, or our efforts to exploit oil potential in our asset base prove to be unsuccessful, we could choose to defer a portion of these planned capital expenditures until later periods. We routinely monitor and adjust our capital expenditures in response to changes in oil and natural gas prices, drilling and acquisition costs, industry conditions, availability of funds under our reserve-based credit facility, and internally generated cash flow. Matters outside our control that could affect the timing of our capital expenditures include obtaining required permits and approvals in a timely manner and the availability of rigs and crews. Based upon current oil and natural gas price expectations and expected production levels, we anticipate that our cash flow from operations and available borrowing capacity under our reserve-based credit facility will meet any planned capital expenditures and other cash requirements for the next twelve months. In 2011, we have used our excess operating cash flows to reduce our outstanding debt level. However, future cash flows are subject to a number of variables, including the level of oil and natural gas production and prices. There can be no assurance that operations and other capital resources will provide cash in sufficient amounts to maintain planned levels of capital expenditures or the reduced debt level outstanding under our reserve-based credit facility. Our capital expenditures are also impacted by drilling and service costs. In the event of inflation increasing drilling and service costs, our hedging program will limit our ability to have increased revenues recoup the higher costs, which could further impact our planned capital spending.

### **Financing Activities**

Our net cash used in financing activities was \$61.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, compared to \$23.0 million used in financing activities for the same period in 2010. During 2011, we used \$60.75 million in operating cash flows to reduce our outstanding debt level, including \$41.3 million in cash proceeds received when we executed a transaction to reset our NYMEX fixed-for-floating price swaps to \$5.75 per MMBtu for our natural gas production beginning in January 2012 through 2014. Through November 4, 2011, we reduced our outstanding debt in 2011 from \$165.0 million to \$99.9 million, or by 39.5%. We also used \$0.3 million to fund the cost of units tendered by employees for tax withholdings for unit-based compensation and \$0.7 million in additional debt issue costs associated with the second amendment to our reserve-based credit facility. At September 30, 2011, we had approximately \$2.7 million in debt issue costs remaining to be amortized through November 2013.

We have suspended our \$0.13 per unit quarterly distributions to unitholders since the quarter ended June 30, 2009, to reduce our outstanding indebtedness. We anticipate that our distribution will remain suspended through the fourth quarter of 2011. Assuming that the quarterly distribution rate would have remained at \$0.13 per unit for each quarter in 2011, this suspension of the quarterly distribution to our Class A and Class B common unitholders would provide approximately \$12.6 million in cash flow during 2011 that could be used to reduce our outstanding debt balance under our reserve-based credit facility. For each of the quarterly periods since March 31, 2008, we have also suspended \$4.7 million out of the \$6.7 million in distributions on the Class D interests. We expect that the \$6.7 million in unpaid Class D distributions at September 30, 2011, will not be repaid to the Class D unitholder because the Class D capital account balance will be reduced to zero when the Torch NPI is extinguished in November 2011. For additional information, refer below to “Outlook”.

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Our net cash used in financing activities was \$23.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. During 2010, we used \$23.5 million in operating cash flows to reduce our outstanding debt level from \$195.0 million to \$171.5 million or by 12.1%. At September 30, 2010, we had approximately \$4.2 million in debt issue costs remaining to be amortized through November 2012.

### Contractual Obligations

At September 30, 2011, we had the following contractual obligations or commercial commitments:

	Payments Due By Year <sup>(1)(2)</sup>					
	(in thousands)					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	Thereafter	Total
Reserve-Based Credit Facility	\$ —	\$—	\$104,250	\$—	\$ —	\$104,250
Support Services Agreement	906	—	—	—	—	906
Offices Leases	416	424	408	422	752	2,422
Total	\$1,322	\$424	\$104,658	\$422	\$ 752	\$107,578

(1) This table does not include any liability associated with derivatives.

(2) This table does not include interest as interest rates are variable. The average interest rate on our outstanding debt was approximately 5.3% at September 30, 2011.

At September 30, 2011, our asset retirement obligation was approximately \$13.8 million.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements with third parties, and we maintain no debt obligations that contain provisions requiring accelerated payment of the related obligations in the event of specified levels of declines in credit ratings.

### Credit Markets and Counterparty Risk

We actively monitor the credit exposure and risks associated with our counterparties. Additionally, we continue to monitor global credit markets to limit our potential exposure to credit risk where possible. Our primary credit exposures result from the sale of oil and natural gas and our use of derivatives. Through November 4, 2011, we have not suffered any losses with our counterparties as a result of nonperformance.

Certain key counterparty relationships are described below:

#### *Macquarie Energy LLC*

Macquarie Energy LLC (“Macquarie”), a subsidiary of Sydney, Australia-based Macquarie Group Limited, purchases a portion of our natural gas production in the Cherokee Basin. We have received a guarantee from Macquarie Bank Limited for up to \$8.0 million in purchases through December 31, 2011. As of November 4, 2011, we have no past due receivables from Macquarie.

#### *Scissortail Energy, LLC*

Scissortail Energy, LLC (“Scissortail”), a subsidiary of Copano Energy, L.L.C., purchases a portion of our natural gas production in Oklahoma and Kansas. As of November 4, 2011, we have no past due receivables from Scissortail.

#### *ONEOK Energy Services Company, L.P.*

ONEOK Energy Services Company, L.P. (“ONEOK”), a subsidiary of ONEOK, Inc., purchases a portion of our natural gas production in Oklahoma and Kansas. We have received a guarantee from ONEOK, Inc. for up to \$3.0 million in purchases through November 23, 2011. As of November 4, 2011, we have no past due receivables from ONEOK.

#### *J.P. Morgan Ventures Energy Corporation*

J.P. Morgan Ventures Energy Corporation purchases the majority of our natural gas production in Alabama. The payment for the purchases is guaranteed by JP Morgan Chase & Company through June 30, 2014. As of November 4, 2011, we have no past due receivables from J.P. Morgan Ventures Energy Corporation.

### *Derivative Counterparties*

As of November 4, 2011, all of our derivatives are with BNP Paribas, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Societe Generale, The Bank of Nova Scotia, and ING Capital Markets LLC. These derivative counterparties are lenders, or affiliated with a lender, in our reserve-based credit facility. All of our derivatives are collateralized by the assets securing our reserve-based credit facility and therefore currently do not require the posting of cash collateral. As of November 4, 2011, each of these financial institutions has an investment grade credit rating. BNP Paribas, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Societe Generale are on review for a possible downgrade by Moody's Investor Service. However, it would take a multiple ratings downgrade for each of these banks to fall below investment grade.

### *Reserve-Based Credit Facility*

As of November 4, 2011, the banks and their percentage commitments in our reserve-based credit facility are: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (26.84%), BNP Paribas (21.95%), The Bank of Nova Scotia (21.95%), ING Capital LLC (14.63%), and Societe Generale (14.63%). As of November 4, 2011, each of these financial institutions has an investment grade credit rating.

## **Outlook**

During 2011, we expect that our business will continue to be affected by the factors described in Part II, Item 1A. "Risk Factors," as well as the following key industry and economic trends. Our expectation is based upon key assumptions and information currently available to us. To the extent that our underlying assumptions about or interpretations of available information prove to be incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from our expected results.

### *Full Year 2011 Expected Results*

Our 2011 business plan and forecast has been focused on reducing our outstanding debt level and promoting financial flexibility by limiting capital expenditures and an anticipated continued suspension of our quarterly distribution through the fourth quarter of 2011. We currently expect our operating environment to be characterized by continued low natural gas prices and increasing cost pressures, including higher service costs and healthcare costs.

For 2011, we currently anticipate:

- Our production to be between 13.4 Bcfe and 14.2 Bcfe, approximately 74% of which is currently hedged at prices that are attractive relative to the price levels we currently observe in the commodity markets.
- Our operating expenses to be actively managed, resulting in a range of \$48.0 million to \$52.0 million.
- Continued success in the drilling of our oil prospects has lead us to seek authorization from our board of managers to increase our 2011 capital budget by an additional \$2.0 million to further exploit oil potential in our asset base. We now expect our total capital expenditures to be at the high end of \$12.0 million to \$14.0 million, which assumes a decline rate of 15 percent and a dollar per flowing Mcfe range of \$3,200 to \$3,800. Despite this increase in our capital budget, it remains at a level below our estimated maintenance level of capital expenditures of \$23.0 million for 2011 and \$25.3 million for 2010. We now expect to drill and complete approximately 70 to 80 net wells and recompletions, both in the Black Warrior Basin and in the Cherokee Basin. We have very limited amounts of lease expirations during 2011 and 2012, which generally allows us to reduce our drilling activities without losing our undeveloped locations. We expect to actively review our drilling and recompletion opportunities and anticipate allocating capital to the highest value-added projects across all of our available opportunities.
- Our operating cash flows to allow for an outstanding debt level of below \$100.0 million at December 31, 2011.
- Our quarterly distributions to our unitholders to remain suspended through the fourth quarter of 2011. All future quarterly distributions must be approved by our board of managers.

### *Impact of 2011 Plan*

Our 2011 operating plan is intended to achieve an outstanding debt of below \$100.0 million and to continue our reduction of capital expenditures and the suspension of our quarterly distribution to unitholders. We expect that these plans will result in lower production levels in 2011. Our limited capital spending will likely result in lower production levels continuing into future periods. We do not believe, however, that during a period of limited capital expenditures, we would lose any significant leased acreage. These plans are expected to improve our liquidity position and reduce future cash interest expenses on our outstanding unhedged debt. When we forecast over the next five years, we currently expect that our existing asset base and hedge portfolio could allow us to fund a limited capital program while maintaining a reduced debt level relative to our current asset base.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Certain accounting policies involve judgments and uncertainties to such an extent that there is reasonable likelihood that materially different amounts could have been reported under different conditions, or if different assumptions had been used. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on a regular basis. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of our financial statements. Below, we have provided an expanded discussion of our more critical accounting policies, estimates and judgments. We believe these accounting policies reflect our more significant estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

As of September 30, 2011, there were no changes with regard to the critical accounting policies disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, which was filed on February 25, 2011. The policies disclosed included the accounting for oil and natural gas properties, oil and natural gas reserve quantities, net profits interest, revenue recognition and hedging activities. Please read Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements for a discussion of additional accounting policies and estimates made by management.

## **New Accounting Pronouncements and New Accounting Pronouncements Issued But Not Yet Adopted**

The impact of new accounting pronouncements is further discussed in “Note 3” to our financial statements.

## **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

The primary objective of the following information is to provide forward-looking quantitative and qualitative information about our potential exposure to market risks. The term “market risk” refers to the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in oil and natural gas prices and interest rates. The disclosures are not meant to be precise indicators of expected future losses, but rather indicators of reasonably possible losses. This forward-looking information provides indicators of how we view and manage our ongoing market risk exposures. All of our market risk sensitive instruments were entered into for purposes other than speculative trading.

### ***Global Financial and Energy Markets***

The U.S. economy has continued to improve but the level of improvement has been insufficient to materially increase the demand for natural gas, which accounts for a majority of our production. Concurrently, production from shale gas plays has increased the supply of natural gas in the U.S. and inventories of natural gas in storage remain at record high levels. As a result, future expected prices for natural gas remain depressed relative to the price levels observed at the time our assets were acquired. At the same time, oil prices have dramatically increased in part due to the impact of a lower U.S. dollar and unrest in the Middle East.

We expect that our ability to issue debt and equity securities may continue to be limited over the next year. We also anticipate that the borrowing base of our reserve-based credit facility could be further reduced, particularly if future expected market prices for natural gas prices remain depressed or decline further, thereby reducing our borrowing base. We have suspended our cash distribution since June 2009 and lowered our maintenance capital spending in 2009 and 2010, and currently intend to do so again in 2011. This lower maintenance capital spending will result in declining production which could lower our future operating cash flows. Until natural gas prices show signs of a sustained recovery, we anticipate that the majority of our capital spending will be focused on oil opportunities in our existing asset base as well as our most capital efficient recompletion opportunities. If market prices for natural gas remain depressed or oil prices decrease, our future cash flows from operations will be reduced for our unhedged production. We continue to monitor the financial and energy markets to determine if we should further revise the timing and scope of our future drilling programs, financing activities, and acquisition activities to determine the impact of these activities on the potential reinstatement of our distributions to unitholders.

### ***Commodity Price Risk***

Our major market risk exposure is in the pricing applicable to our natural gas production and, to some extent, our oil production. Realized pricing is primarily driven by the NYMEX (Henry Hub) and Inside FERC prices for Southern Natural Gas Company (Louisiana) with respect to our properties in the Black Warrior Basin and the Inside FERC prices for CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (East), Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Midcontinent), the CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (East), ONEOK Gas Transportation (Oklahoma), Panhandle Eastern Pipeline (Texas, Oklahoma) and Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline (Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas) with respect to our properties in the Cherokee Basin, the Inside FERC price for the CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (East) for our properties in the Woodford Shale, NYMEX West Texas Intermediate (Cushing, Oklahoma) for our oil production and the spot market prices applicable to all of our oil and natural gas production. Historically, pricing for oil and natural

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gas has been volatile and unpredictable and we expect this volatility to continue in the future. We are currently operating in an environment characterized by low natural gas prices which tends to lower the revenues that we realize on our unhedged natural gas production and limit the amount of operating cash flows available for maintenance capital expenditures, distributions to unitholders, or further debt reduction, if warranted. The prices we receive for oil and natural gas production depend on many factors outside our control, including weather, economic conditions, and the total supply of oil and natural gas available for sale in the market.

We have entered into hedging arrangements with respect to a portion of our projected future production through various derivatives that hedge the future prices received. These hedging activities are intended to support commodity sales prices at targeted levels and to manage our exposure to commodity price fluctuations. We do not hold or issue derivative instruments for speculative trading purposes. The use of hedging transactions also involves the risk that one or more of the counterparties will be unable to meet the financial terms of the transactions executed. We attempt to minimize this risk by entering into our derivative transactions with counterparties that are lenders, or affiliated with a lender, in our reserve-based credit facility. The table below presents the hypothetical changes in fair values arising from potential changes in the quoted market prices of the commodity underlying the derivative instruments used to mitigate these market risks. Any gain or loss on these derivative commodity instruments would be substantially offset by a corresponding gain or loss on the sale of the hedged natural gas production, which are not included in the table. These derivatives do not hedge all of our commodity price risk related to our forecasted sales of oil and natural gas production, and as a result, we are subject to commodity price risks on our remaining unhedged oil and natural gas production.

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>10 Percent Increase</u>		<u>10 Percent Decrease</u>	
		<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Increase</u>
		(in 000's)			
Impact of changes in commodity prices on derivative commodity instruments at September 30, 2011	\$ 34,726	\$ 23,869	\$(10,857)	\$ 45,583	\$10,857

### **Interest Rate Risk**

At September 30, 2011, the one-month LIBOR rate was 0.239%, the three-month LIBOR rate was 0.374%, and our applicable margin on LIBOR borrowings was 3.00%. At September 30, 2011, the ABR rate was 3.25%, and our applicable margin on ABR borrowings was 2.00%. At September 30, 2011, we had debt outstanding of \$104.25 million. This amount incurred interest at various one-month and three-month LIBOR rates plus an applicable margin of 3.00% based on utilization. We had no debt outstanding at the ABR rates. At September 30, 2011, the carrying value and fair value of our debt is \$104.25 million.

The table below presents the hypothetical changes in fair values arising from potential changes in the quoted interest rate underlying the derivative instruments used to mitigate these market risks.

	Fair Value	10 Percent Increase		10 Percent Decrease	
		Fair Value	Increase	Fair Value	(Decrease)
		(in 000's)			
Impact of changes in LIBOR on derivative interest rate instruments at September 30, 2011	\$ (4,203)	\$ (4,306)	\$ (103)	\$ (4,100)	\$ 103

We enter into hedging arrangements to reduce the impact of volatility of changes in the LIBOR interest rate on our interest payments for \$93.0 million of our outstanding debt balance of \$99.9 million at November 4, 2011. If we reduce our outstanding debt balance to \$93.0 million or lower, our cash interest costs for our effective LIBOR rate would begin to approximate the settlements on these interest rate swaps. At September 30, 2011, we have the following outstanding interest rate swaps that fix our LIBOR rate:

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Total Debt Hedged</u> (in 000's)	<u>LIBOR Fixed Rate</u>
August 20, 2014	\$ 11,000	2.370%
September 20, 2014	\$ 31,000	2.520%
October 19, 2014	\$ 23,500	2.680%
October 22, 2014	\$ 7,500	2.610%
November 20, 2014	\$ 14,000	2.535%
November 20, 2014	\$ 6,000	2.690%



#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, with CEP have been detected. These inherent limitations include error by personnel in executing controls due to faulty judgment or simple mistakes, which could occur in situations such as when personnel performing controls are new to a job function or when inadequate resources are applied to a process. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons or by collusion of two or more people.

The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no absolute assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or personnel, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

#### ***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of CEP have evaluated the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) as of the end of the fiscal quarter covered by this quarterly report (the “Evaluation Date”). Based on such evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, CEP’s disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

#### ***Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

During the three months ended September 30, 2011, there were no changes in CEP’s internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, CEP’s internal control over financial reporting.

### **Part II—Other Information**

#### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

##### *Litigation Related to Trust Termination*

On January 8, 2009, we were served by Trust Venture, on behalf of the Trust, with a purported derivative action filed in the Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama (the “Court”). The lawsuit related to the non-operating NPI held by the Trust on certain wells owned by Robinson’s Bend Production II, LLC (“RBP II”), a subsidiary of the Company, in the Robinson’s Bend Field in Alabama, and alleged, among other things, a breach of contract under the conveyance associated with the NPI and the agreement establishing the Trust and asserted that above market rates for services were paid, reducing the amounts paid to the Trust in connection with the NPI. The lawsuit sought unspecified damages and an accounting of the NPI. The Court made the Trust a nominal party to the lawsuit. On February 4, 2011, the parties entered into a settlement agreement subject to approval by the Court. At a preliminary hearing on February 17, 2011, the Court approved a form of notice of a settlement among the parties to be sent by the Trust to its unitholders. On April 13, 2011, the Court approved the settlement and the effective date of the settlement was June 13, 2011. The settlement with Trust Venture, its successor and the Trust provided, among other things:

- RBP II made a payment of \$1.2 million to reimburse Trust Venture and its successor for their legal fees and expenses incurred in prosecuting the lawsuit, \$0.6 million of which was reimbursed to us by a subsidiary of Constellation in October 2011;
- RBP II made an irrevocable offer to purchase the NPI relating to the Robinson’s Bend Field from the Trust for at least \$1 million, when it is separately offered for sale by the Trust at public auction within 180 days of the effective date of the settlement, with such bid amount being deposited by RBP II in a third-party escrow account pending the public auction. RBP II, as well as any other bidders at the auction, shall have a right to submit a higher topping bid. RBP II was notified in November 2011, that it was the winning bidder at the public auction for the NPI;
- The parties agreed that the cumulative deficit balance in the NPI account is approximately \$5.8 million as of September 30, 2010, and that no further payments will be due to the Trust with respect to the NPI unless and until the cumulative deficit balance is reduced to zero;
- Trust Venture and its successor agreed, on behalf of the Trust, that all prior and current calculations, charges and deductions contained in such cumulative deficit NPI balance are in compliance with the terms of the Conveyance and, to the extent applicable thereunder, do not exceed competitive contract charges prevailing in the area for any such operations and services;



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- The Water Gathering and Disposal Agreement between RBP II and another subsidiary of the Company was amended to reduce the fee from \$1.00 per barrel to \$0.53 per barrel beginning on July 1, 2011, and to extend the term for an additional ten years, and Trust Venture and its successor agreed, on behalf of the Trust, that the fees under such agreement do not exceed competitive contract charges prevailing in the area for the operations and services provided under such agreement during the extended term of such agreement; and
- A mutual release among the parties became effective and the lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice.

### *Royalty Litigation*

On October 28, 2011, Jerry and Betty Wattenbarger and Patricia Webb, individually and as class representatives on behalf of similarly situated persons, filed a Class Action petition in the District Court of Nowata County, Oklahoma against the Company, CEP Mid-Continent, LLC, a subsidiary of the Company, and Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc., alleging Plaintiffs own oil, gas and mineral interests in lands and wells located in Nowata County, Oklahoma, subject to oil and gas leases owned and operated by Defendants and that Defendants have underpaid royalties due and owing on the true value received or that should have been received by Defendants for production from Plaintiffs' mineral interests. We were served with the petition on November 2, 2011. Plaintiffs have alleged, among other things, breach of implied covenant to market; breach of express and implied lease obligations; violation of statutory law; breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing and of the duty to act as a reasonably prudent operator; breach of fiduciary duty; constructive fraud and failure to disclose facts surrounding deductions made from royalty payments. Plaintiffs seek certification of a statewide class of plaintiffs, specify that the class claims against the Company and its subsidiary relate to the proper payment for production occurring on or after February 1, 2007, and limit damage claims against all Defendants to no more than \$75,000 with respect to each Plaintiff and no more than \$5 million in the aggregate for the Plaintiffs and the individual putative class members, in each case exclusive of interest and costs, but inclusive of any attorneys' fees.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes to the risk factors previously disclosed in Item 1A. to Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 that was filed on February 25, 2011. An investment in our Class B common units involves various risks. When considering an investment in us, careful consideration should be given to the risk factors described in our 2010 Form 10-K. These risks and uncertainties are not the only ones facing us and there may be additional matters that are not known to us or that we currently consider immaterial. All of these risks and uncertainties could adversely affect our business, financial condition or future results and, thus, the value of an investment in us.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains "forward-looking statements" as defined by the SEC that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which may include statements about:

- the volatility of realized oil and natural gas prices;
- the conditions of the capital markets, inflation, interest rates, availability of credit facilities to support business requirements, liquidity, and general economic and political conditions;
- the discovery, estimation, development and replacement of oil and natural gas reserves;
- our business, financial, and operational strategy;
- our drilling locations;
- technology;
- our cash flow, liquidity and financial position;
- the ability to extend or refinance our reserve-based credit facility;
- the level of our borrowing base under our reserve-based credit facility;
- the resumption or amount of our cash distribution;
- the impact from any termination of the NPI sharing arrangement or any change in the calculation of the NPI;
- our hedging program and our derivative positions;
- our production volumes;
- our lease operating expenses, general and administrative costs and finding and development costs;
- the availability of drilling and production equipment, labor and other services;
- our future operating results;
- our prospect development and property acquisitions;
- the marketing of oil and natural gas;
- competition in the oil and natural gas industry;
- the impact of the current global credit and economic environment;
- the impact of weather and the occurrence of natural disasters such as fires, floods, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, snow and ice storms and other catastrophic events and natural disasters;
- governmental regulation, including environmental regulation, and taxation of the oil and natural gas industry;
- developments in oil-producing and natural gas producing countries;
- support from our former sponsor or a change in significant unitholders; and
- our strategic plans, objectives, expectations, forecasts, budgets, estimates and intentions for future operations.

All of these types of statements, other than statements of historical fact included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements may be found in Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of

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Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and other items within this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as “may,” “could,” “should,” “expect,” “plan,” “project,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” “pursue,” “target,” “continue,” the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. The forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are largely based on our expectations, which reflect estimates and assumptions made by our management. These estimates and assumptions reflect our best judgment based on currently known market conditions and other factors. Although we believe such estimates and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently uncertain and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are beyond our control. In addition, management’s assumptions about future events may prove to be inaccurate. Management cautions all readers that the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are not guarantees of future performance, and we cannot assure any reader that such statements will be realized or the forward-looking events and circumstances will occur. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements due to factors listed in the “Risk Factors” section and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We do not intend to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These cautionary statements qualify all forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf.

### **Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

None.

### **Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

### **Item 4. Reserved**

### **Item 5. Other Information**

None.

### **Item 6. Exhibits**

(a) The following documents are filed as a part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

1. Financial Statements:

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income/(Loss) – Constellation Energy Partners LLC for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and September 30, 2010

Consolidated Balance Sheets – Constellation Energy Partners LLC at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows – Constellation Energy Partners LLC for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and September 30, 2010

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Members’ Equity– Constellation Energy Partners LLC for the nine months ended September 30, 2011

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
*31.1. —	Certification of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and President of Constellation Energy Partners LLC pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*31.2. —	Certification of Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Constellation Energy Partners LLC pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*32.1. —	Certification of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and President of Constellation Energy Partners LLC pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*32.2. —	Certification of Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Constellation Energy Partners LLC pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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**101.INS—	XRBL Instance Document
**101.SCH—	XRBL Schema Document
**101.CAL—	XRBL Calculation Linkbase Document
**101.LAB—	XRBL Label Linkbase Document
**101.PRE—	XRBL Presentation Linkbase Document
**101.DEF —	XRBL Definition Linkbase Document
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**SIGNATURES**

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

CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC  
(REGISTRANT)

Date: November 4, 2011

By /s/ MICHAEL B. HINEY  
Michael B. Hiney  
Chief Accounting Officer and Controller

## CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC

## CERTIFICATION

I, Stephen R. Brunner, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Constellation Energy Partners LLC;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)), for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of managers (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 4, 2011

/s/ Stephen R. Brunner

Stephen R. Brunner

Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and President

## CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC

## CERTIFICATION

I, Charles C. Ward, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Constellation Energy Partners LLC;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)), for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of managers (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 4, 2011

/s/ Charles C. Ward

Charles C. Ward

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Stephen R. Brunner, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and President of Constellation Energy Partners LLC, certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that to my knowledge:

(i) The accompanying Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

(ii) The information contained in such report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Constellation Energy Partners LLC.

/s/ Stephen R. Brunner

Stephen R. Brunner

Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and President

Date: November 4, 2011

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Charles C. Ward, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Constellation Energy Partners LLC, certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that to my knowledge:

(i) The accompanying Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

(ii) The information contained in such report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Constellation Energy Partners LLC.

/s/ Charles C. Ward

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Charles C. Ward

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: November 4, 2011