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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010

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

**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**

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

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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 May 7, 2010: 24,040,055 units.

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	Three months ended March 31, 2010	Three months ended March 31, 2009
	(In 000 s except unit data)	
<b>Revenues</b>		
Oil and gas sales	\$ 29,237	\$ 32,862
Gain / (Loss) from mark-to-market activities (see Note 4)	35,281	19,331
<b>Total revenues</b>	64,518	52,193
<b>Expenses:</b>		
<b>Operating expenses:</b>		
Lease operating expenses	7,963	8,785
Cost of sales	772	832
Production taxes	1,125	970
General and administrative	5,062	5,233
Exploration costs	223	103
(Gain) / Loss on sale of asset	(8)	17
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	27,248	14,434
Accretion expense	207	102
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	42,592	30,476
<b>Other expense / (income)</b>		
Interest expense	3,539	2,499
Interest expense-(Gain)/Loss from mark-to-market activities (see Note 4)	517	344
Interest (income)		(2)
Other expense (income)	(188)	(57)
<b>Total other expenses / (income)</b>	3,868	2,784
<b>Total expenses</b>	46,460	33,260
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 18,058	\$ 18,933
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(5,286)	7,713
<b>Comprehensive income (loss)</b>	\$ 12,772	\$ 26,646
<b>Earnings per unit (see Note 1)</b>		
Earnings per unit Basic	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.85
Units outstanding Basic	24,002,372	22,386,063
Earnings per unit Diluted	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.85
Units outstanding Diluted	24,002,372	22,386,063
<b>Distributions declared and paid per unit</b>	\$	\$ 0.13

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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC and SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Balance Sheets****(Unaudited)**

	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
	(In 000 s)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,443	\$ 11,337
Accounts receivable	8,919	8,379
Prepaid expenses	1,728	1,298
Risk management assets (see Note 4)	38,143	24,251
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>57,233</b>	<b>45,265</b>
<b>Oil and natural gas properties (See Note 6)</b>		
Oil and natural gas properties, equipment and facilities	795,476	794,520
Material and supplies	4,389	4,312
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(213,171)	(186,207)
<b>Net oil and natural gas properties</b>	<b>586,694</b>	<b>612,625</b>
<b>Other assets</b>		
Debt issue costs (net of accumulated amortization of \$3,405 at March 31, 2010 and \$2,924 at December 31, 2009)	5,132	5,590
Risk management assets (see Note 4)	49,393	33,916
Other non-current assets	10,760	10,921
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 709,212</b>	<b>\$ 708,317</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,551	\$ 1,102
Payable to affiliate	19	201
Accrued liabilities	7,390	10,033
Environmental liabilities	193	193
Royalty payable	4,031	4,747
Risk management liabilities (see Note 4)	99	208
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>14,283</b>	<b>16,484</b>
<b>Other liabilities</b>		
Asset retirement obligation	12,318	12,129
Debt	185,000	195,000
<b>Total other liabilities</b>	<b>197,318</b>	<b>207,129</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>211,601</b>	<b>223,613</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies (See Note 8)</b>		
<b>Class D Interests</b>	<b>6,667</b>	<b>6,667</b>
<b>Members equity</b>		
Class A units, 490,613 and 476,950 shares authorized, issued and outstanding, respectively	9,357	8,993

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Class B units, 24,298,763 and 24,298,763 shares authorized, respectively, and 24,040,055 and 23,376,136 issued and outstanding, respectively	458,507	440,677
Accumulated other comprehensive income	23,080	28,367
<b>Total members equity</b>	<b>490,944</b>	<b>478,037</b>
<b>Total liabilities and members equity</b>	<b>\$ 709,212</b>	<b>\$ 708,317</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC and SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(In 000 s)</b>	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 18,058	\$ 18,933
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	27,248	14,434
Amortization of debt issuance costs	481	264
Accretion of plugging and abandonment liability	207	102
Equity earnings (losses) in affiliate	(188)	(57)
(Gain) Loss from disposition of property and equipment	(8)	17
Hedge ineffectiveness		267
(Gain) Loss from mark-to-market activities	(34,764)	(19,331)
Unit-based compensation programs	437	68
<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities:</b>		
Change in net risk management assets and liabilities		488
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(540)	3,162
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(429)	(531)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(2)	42
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	1,449	(1,444)
Increase (decrease) in payable to affiliate	(182)	(179)
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	(2,997)	(349)
Increase (decrease) in royalty payable	(716)	(1,402)
Net cash provided by operating activities	8,054	14,484
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash required	(591)	23
Development of natural gas properties	(85)	(11,480)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	6	
Distributions from equity affiliate	75	80
Net cash used in investing activities	(595)	(11,377)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Members distributions		(2,910)
Proceeds from issuance of debt		7,500
Repayment of debt	(10,000)	
Units tendered by employees	(301)	
Equity issue costs	(2)	
Debt issue costs	(50)	(36)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(10,353)	4,554
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(2,894)	7,661
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	11,337	6,255



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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 8,443	\$ 13,916
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>		
Change in accrued capital expenditures	\$ 463	\$ 3,747
Cash received during the period for interest	\$	\$ 2
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ (1,923)	\$ (2,564)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****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		
Balance, December 31, 2009	476,950	\$ 8,993	23,376,136	\$ 440,677	\$ 28,367	\$ 478,037
Distributions						
Units tendered by employees for tax withholding		(6)		(295)		(301)
Change in fair value of commodity hedges					52	52
Cash settlement of commodity hedges					(5,728)	(5,728)
Change in fair value of interest rate hedges					389	389
Unit-based compensations programs	13,663	9	663,919	428		437
Net income		361		17,697		18,058
Balance, March 31, 2010	490,613	\$ 9,357	24,040,055	\$ 458,507	\$ 23,080	\$ 490,944

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**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 March 31, 2010, are unaudited, but in the opinion of management include all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation 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, 2009. Certain amounts in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been reclassified to conform to the 2010 financial statement presentation.

CBM Equity IV Holdings, LLC was organized as a limited liability company on February 7, 2005, under the laws of the State of Delaware and had no principal operations prior to the acquisition of our properties in the Black Warrior Basin on June 13, 2005. On May 10, 2006, CBM Equity IV Holdings, LLC changed its name to Constellation Energy Resources LLC. On July 18, 2006, Constellation Energy Resources LLC changed its name to Constellation Energy Partners LLC ( CEP , we , us , our or the Company ). We completed our initial public offering on November 20, 2006, and trade on the NYSE Arca under the symbol CEP . We are partially-owned by Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. ( CCG ), which is owned by Constellation Energy Group, Inc. (NYSE: CEG) ( Constellation or CEG ). As of December 31, 2009, affiliates of Constellation own all of our Class A units, all of the management incentive interests, approximately 25% of our common units and all of our Class D interests.

We are currently focused on the development and acquisition of natural gas properties in the Black Warrior Basin in Alabama, the Cherokee Basin in Kansas and Oklahoma, and the Woodford Shale in Oklahoma. CEP acquired its interests in the Black Warrior Basin in 2005, its interests in the Cherokee Basin in 2007 and its interests in the Woodford Shale in 2008.

Accounting policies used by us conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 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, 2009.

***Earnings per Unit***

Basic earnings per unit ( EPS ) are computed by dividing net earnings attributable to unitholders by the weighted average number of units outstanding during each period. At March 31, 2010, we had 490,613 Class A units and 24,040,055 Class B units outstanding. Of the Class B units, 1,414,452 units are restricted unvested common units granted and outstanding.

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The following table presents earnings per common unit amounts:

	Income	Units	Per Unit Amount
	(In 000 s except unit data)		
<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2010</b>			
<b>Basic EPS:</b>			
Income allocable to unitholders	\$ 18,058	24,002,372	\$ 0.75
<b>Effect of dilutive securities:</b>			
Restricted common units Treasury stock method			
<b>Diluted EPS:</b>			
Income allocable to common unitholders	\$ 18,058	24,002,372	\$ 0.75
<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2009</b>			
<b>Basic EPS:</b>			
Income allocable to unitholders	\$ 18,933	22,386,063	\$ 0.85
<b>Effect of dilutive securities:</b>			
Restricted common units Treasury stock method			
<b>Diluted EPS:</b>			
Income allocable to common unitholders	\$ 18,933	22,386,063	\$ 0.85

**3. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In January 2010, the FASB issued its final guidance on additional supplemental fair value disclosures. Two new disclosures will be 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 are effective this quarter for calendar year-end companies, except for the Level 3 gross activity disclosures, which will be deferred until the first quarter of 2011. The adoption of this 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**

As of March 31, 2010, 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 sales from currently producing wells through December 2014. All of our swaps and basis swaps were accounted for as mark-to-market activities as of March 31, 2010.

At March 31, 2010 and December 31 2009, we had debt outstanding of \$185.0 million and \$195.0 million, respectively, under our reserve-based credit facility. We have 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 \$151.5 million of the outstanding debt through October 2012. All of our interest rate

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swaps are accounted for as mark-to-market activities as of March 31, 2010. Prior to February 2009, they were accounted for as cash flow hedges.

For the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, we recognized mark-to-market gains of approximately \$35.3 million and \$19.3 million, respectively, in connection with our commodity derivatives. For the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, we recognized mark-to-market losses of approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, in connection with our interest rate derivatives. At March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the fair value of the derivatives accounted for as mark-to-market activities amounted to a net asset of approximately \$87.4 million and a net asset of approximately \$58.0 million, respectively.

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Prior to the first quarter of 2009, we accounted for certain of our commodity and interest rate derivatives as hedging activities. The value of the cash flow hedges included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on the Consolidated Balance Sheets was an unrecognized gain of approximately \$23.1 million and an unrecognized gain of approximately \$28.4 million at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. We expect that the unrecognized gain will be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to the income statement in the following periods:

<b>For the Quarter Ended</b>	<b>Commodity Derivatives</b>	<b>Non- performance Risk</b>	<b>Total AOCI</b>
June 30, 2010	\$ 4,319	\$ (51)	\$ 4,268
September 30, 2010	3,726	(54)	3,672
December 31, 2010	3,568	(62)	3,506
March 31, 2011	922	(28)	894
June 30, 2011	2,147	(78)	2,069
September 30, 2011	1,921	(78)	1,843
December 31, 2011	1,456	(65)	1,391
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,697</b>	<b>\$ (617)</b>	<b>\$ 23,080</b>

**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 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.

This 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 commodity derivatives.

Level 3 Pricing inputs include significant inputs that are generally less observable from objective sources.

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

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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.







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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:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2010 (In 000 s)</b>	
Balance at beginning of period	\$	(4,727)
Realized and unrealized gains:		
Included in earnings		(1,354)
Included in other comprehensive income		
Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements		1,226
Transfers into and out of Level 3		
<b>Balance as of March 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(4,855)</b>
Change in unrealized gains relating to derivatives still held as of March 31, 2010	\$	(1,354)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 (In 000 s)</b>	
Balance at beginning of period	\$	6,752
Realized and unrealized gains:		
Included in earnings		(408)
Included in other comprehensive income		(348)
Purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements		(1,023)
Transfers into and out of Level 3		
<b>Balance as of March 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,973</b>
Change in unrealized gains relating to derivatives still held as of March 31, 2009	\$	(962)

***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

At March 31, 2010, the carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other current assets and current liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets approximate 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 March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009:

Derivative Type	Location of Asset / (Liability) on Balance Sheet	Fair Value of Asset / (Liability) on Balance Sheets (in 000 s)	
		Quarter Ended March 31, 2010	Year Ended December 31, 2009
Commodity-MTM	Risk management assets	\$ 108,732	\$ 77,577
Commodity-MTM	Risk management assets	(16,341)	(14,683)

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Commodity-MTM	Risk management liabilities	(99)	(208)
Interest Rate-MTM	Risk management assets	(4,855)	(4,727)
	<b>Total Derivatives</b>	<b>\$ 87,437</b>	<b>\$ 57,959</b>

Derivative Type	Location of Gain / (Loss) in Income	Amount of Gain / (Loss) in Income (in 000 s)	
		Quarter Ended March 31, 2010	Quarter Ended March 31, 2009
Commodity-MTM	Gain/(Loss) from mark-to-market activities	\$ 35,281	\$ 19,331
Commodity-MTM	Oil and gas sales	1,898	2,003
Interest Rate-MTM	Gain/(Loss) from mark-to-market activities	(517)	(344)
Interest Rate-MTM	Interest expense	(837)	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 35,825</b>	<b>\$ 20,990</b>

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Derivative Type	Location of Gain / (Loss) for Effective and Ineffective Portion of Derivative in Income	Amount of Gain /(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income - Effective		Amount of Gain /(Loss) in Income - Ineffective	
		Quarter Ended March 31, 2010	Quarter Ended March 31, 2009	Quarter Ended March 31, 2010	Quarter Ended March 31, 2009
Commodity-MTM	Oil and gas sales	\$ 5,728	\$ 13,149	\$	\$
Commodity-Cash Flow	Oil and gas sales				267
Interest Rate-Cash Flow	Interest expense	(389)	(602)		
	Total	\$ 5,339	\$ 12,547	\$	\$ 267

As of March 31, 2010, we have interest rate swaps on \$151.5 million of our outstanding debt through October 2012, various commodity swaps for 42,325,000 MMBtu of natural gas production through December 2014, and various basis swaps for 15,921,000 MMBtu of natural gas production in the Cherokee Basin through December 2012.

**5. DEBT*****Reserve-Based Credit Facility***

On November 13, 2009, we entered into an amended and restated \$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 amends, extends, and consolidates our previous reserve-based credit facilities and matures on November 13, 2012. 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 (26.83%), BNP Paribas (21.95%), The Bank of Nova Scotia (21.95%), Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (14.63%), and Societe Generale (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 in Alabama, Kansas, and Oklahoma. As of March 31, 2010, our borrowing base was \$205.0 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. 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 March 31, 2010, 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.

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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 make distributions to unitholders.

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 (defined as, 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 3.75 to 1.0 through September 30, 2010 and 3.50 to 1.0 thereafter; (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 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.

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 March 31, 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 make distributions, and our borrowings outstanding, net of available cash, under our reserve-based credit facility exceeded 90% of the borrowing base.

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 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 relationship with Constellation or Constellation's right to appoint all of the Class A managers of our board of managers.

### *Debt Issue Costs*

As of March 31, 2010, our unamortized debt issue costs were approximately \$5.1 million. These costs are being amortized over the life of the credit facility through November 2012.

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As of March 31, 2010 and 2009, we had \$185.0 million and \$220.0 million, respectively, in outstanding debt under our reserve-based credit facility. As of March 31, 2010, we had \$20.0 million in remaining borrowing capacity under the reserve-based credit facility. See Note 15 for additional information.

*Compliance with Debt Covenants*

At March 31, 2010, 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 March 31, 2010, our actual Total Net Debt less Available Cash to Adjusted EBITDA ratio was 2.7 to 1.0 as compared with a required ratio of not greater than 3.75 to 1.0, our actual ratio of consolidated current assets to consolidated current liabilities was 2.8 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 7.8 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 financial 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 its current level of \$205.0 million at one of the future redeterminations by the lenders. If it becomes necessary to pay debt down beyond 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 were unable to obtain a waiver and were unsuccessful at reducing our debt to the then 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, 2011, will become a current liability.

**6. OIL AND NATURAL GAS PROPERTIES**

Natural gas properties consist of the following:

	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
	(In 000 s)	
<b>Oil and natural gas properties and related equipment (successful efforts method)</b>		
Property (acreage) costs		
Proved property	\$ 757,549	\$ 756,461
Unproved property	37,015	37,147
<b>Total property costs</b>	<b>794,564</b>	<b>793,608</b>
Materials and supplies	4,389	4,312
Land	912	912
<b>Total</b>	<b>799,865</b>	<b>798,832</b>
<b>Less: Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization</b>	<b>(213,171)</b>	<b>(186,207)</b>
 Natural gas properties and equipment, net	 \$ 586,694	 \$ 612,625

*Impairment of Oil and Natural Gas Properties*

In the three months ended March 31, 2010 we did not have an impairment to record. For the three months ended March 31, 2009, CEP recorded a charge of approximately \$0.4 million, to impair the value of certain of its wells located in the Woodford Shale in Oklahoma. This charge is included in depreciation, depletion and amortization in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. This impairment was recorded because the carrying value of certain of the wells exceeded the fair value of the wells as measured by estimated cash flows reported in a third party reserve

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report that was based upon future expected oil and natural gas prices, which are based on observable inputs adjusted for basis differentials, which are level two inputs. The impairment is primarily caused by the impact of lower future expected natural gas prices. Cash flow estimates for the impairment testing exclude derivative instruments. As of March 31, 2010, we reviewed our other properties for impairment and the estimated undiscounted future cash flows exceeded the net capitalized costs, thus no impairment was required to be recognized. If expected future oil and natural gas prices continue to decline during 2010, the estimated undiscounted future cash flows for our proved oil and natural gas properties may not exceed the net capitalized costs for our properties in the Cherokee Basin or in the Woodford Shale and a non-cash impairment charge may be required to be recognized in future periods.

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### *Asset Sales*

In the three months ended March 31, 2010, we sold miscellaneous equipment and surplus inventory for approximately \$0.02 million and recorded a gain of approximately \$0.01 million on the sales.

### *Useful Lives*

Our furniture, fixtures, and equipment are depreciated over a life of one to five 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 \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million in the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, 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**

### *Management Services Agreement*

In November 2006, we entered into a management services agreement with Constellation Energy Partners Management, LLC ( CEPM ), a subsidiary of Constellation, to provide certain management, technical and administrative services. CEPM terminated the management services agreement effective December 15, 2009. Each quarter, CEPM charged us an amount for services provided to us. This amount was agreed to annually and included a portion of the compensation paid by CEPM and its affiliates to personnel who spent time on our business and affairs. The conflicts committee of our board of managers determined that the amounts paid by us for the services performed were fair to and in the best interests of the Company. These costs totaled approximately \$0.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009.

We had a payable to Constellation of \$0.6 million as of March 31, 2009. This payable balance is included in current liabilities in the accompanying balance sheets.

### *Natural Gas Purchases*

Through March 31, 2009, CCG purchased natural gas from us in the Cherokee Basin. The arrangement was reviewed by the conflicts committee of our board of managers. The committee found that the arrangement was fair to and in the best interests of the Company. For the three months ended March 31, 2009, CCG paid CEP \$5.5 million for natural gas purchases.

### *Management Incentive Interests*

CEPM holds the 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. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, none of these applicable tests have been met, and, as a result, CEPM was not entitled to receive any management incentive interest distributions. For the third quarter 2007, we increased our distribution rate to \$0.5625 per unit. This increase in the distribution rate commenced a management incentive interest vesting period under our operating agreement. Through December 31, 2008, a cash reserve of \$0.7 million had been established to fund future distributions on the management incentive interests. In February 2009, we reduced our distribution rate to \$0.13 per unit. This decrease in the distribution rate terminated the initial management incentive interest vesting period. After the February 13, 2009 distribution was paid, the reserve was reduced to zero.

## **8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

In the course of its normal business affairs, we are subject to possible loss contingencies arising from federal, state and local environmental, health and safety laws and regulations and third-party litigation. As of March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009, 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.





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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, Constellation Holdings, Inc. ( CHI ) contributed \$8.0 million to us in exchange for all of our Class D interests at the closing of its initial public offering in November 2006 for the purpose of partially protecting the distributions to the common unit holders in the event the sharing arrangement is terminated. This contribution will be returned to CHI in 24 special quarterly distributions as long as the sharing agreement remains in effect for the distribution period. As a result of the initiation of the legal proceedings discussed in Note 10 and Note 15, the Class D interest special quarterly distributions have been suspended for all quarters commencing on or after January 1, 2008. This suspension includes approximately \$2.6 million which represents the distributions that were suspended for the quarterly periods ended December 31, September 30, June 30, and March, 31, 2009, and December 31, September 30, June 30, and March 31, 2008. The remaining undistributed amount of the Class D interests is \$6.7 million. See Note 15 for 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 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 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:

	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
	(In 000 s)	
Asset retirement obligation, beginning balance	\$ 12,129	\$ 6,754
Liabilities incurred from acquisition of the properties		
Liabilities incurred		3,873
Liabilities settled	(18)	(12)
Revisions to prior estimates		1,108
Accretion expense	207	406
Asset retirement obligation, ending balance	\$ 12,318	\$ 12,129

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 obligation.

At March 31, 2010, and December 31, 2009, 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. We record the NPI as an overriding royalty interest net in revenue in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.



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Amounts due to the Trust with respect to NPI are comprised of the sum of the Net Proceeds and the Infill Net Proceeds, which are described below.

The Net Proceeds equal the lesser of (i) 95% of the net proceeds from 393 producing wells in the Robinson's Bend Field and (ii) the net proceeds from the sale of 912.5 MMcf of natural gas for the quarter. Net proceeds equal gross proceeds, currently calculated by reference to the gas purchase contract, less specified costs attributable to the Robinson's Bend Assets. The specified costs deducted for purposes of calculating net proceeds for purposes of clause (i) of the first sentence of this paragraph (the NPI Net Proceeds Calculation) include: (a) delay rentals, shut-in royalties and similar payments, (b) property, production, severance and similar taxes and related audit charges, (c) specified refunds, interest or penalties paid to purchasers of hydrocarbons or governmental agencies, (d) certain liabilities for environmental damage, personal injury and property damage, (e) certain litigation costs, (f) costs of environmental compliance, (g) specified operating costs incurred to produce hydrocarbons, (h) specified development costs (including costs to increase recoverable reserves or the timing of recovery of such reserves), (i) costs of specified lease renewals and extensions and unitization costs and (j) the unrecovered portion, if any, of the foregoing costs for preceding time periods plus interest on such unrecovered portion at a rate equal to the base rate (compounded quarterly) as announced from time to time by Citibank, N.A. The specified costs deducted for purposes of calculating net proceeds for purposes of clause (ii) of the first sentence of this paragraph include: (a) property, production, severance and similar taxes, (b) specified refunds, interest or penalties paid to purchasers of hydrocarbons or governmental agencies and (c) the unrecovered portion, if any, of the foregoing costs for preceding time periods plus interest on such unrecovered portion at a rate equal to the base rate (compounded quarterly) as announced from time to time by Citibank, N.A. Net proceeds are calculated quarterly and any negative balance (expenses in excess of revenues) within the net proceeds calculation accumulates and is charged interest as described above.

The cumulative Net NPI Proceeds balance must be greater than \$0 before any payments are made to the Trust. The cumulative Net Proceeds was a deficit for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009. As a result, no payments were made to the Trust with respect to the NPI for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009.

The calculation of the Infill Net Proceeds uses the same methodology as the NPI Net Proceeds Calculation described above except that the proceeds and costs are attributable not to the NPI Net Proceeds Wells, but to the remaining wells in the Robinson's Bend Field that are subject to the NPI and that have been drilled since the Trust was formed and wells that will be drilled (other than wells drilled to replace damaged or destroyed wells), in each case on leases subject to the NPI. The NPI in the Infill Wells entitles the Trust to receive 20% of the Infill Net Proceeds. There has never been a payout on the Infill Net Proceeds.

### *Termination of the Trust and Gas Purchase Contract*

On January 29, 2008, the unitholders of the Trust voted to terminate the Trust and the trust agreement and authorized the Trustee to wind up, liquidate and distribute the assets held by the Trust under the terms of the trust agreement. The gas purchase contract, by its terms, was also terminated on January 29, 2008 as a result of the termination of the Trust. With the gas purchase contract terminated, we are no longer obligated to sell gas produced from our interest in the Black Warrior Basin pursuant to the gas purchase contract. Notwithstanding the termination of the gas purchase contract, the NPI will continue to burden the Trust Wells, and it should continue to be calculated as if the gas purchase contract were still in effect, regardless of what proceeds may actually be received by us as the seller of the gas. As a result of the termination of the Trust, certain water gathering, separation and disposal costs, which are a component of the NPI calculation, increased from \$0.53 per barrel to \$1.00 per barrel pursuant to the Water Gathering and Disposal Agreement dated August 9, 1990, as amended; the amounts of the water gathering, separation and disposal costs are set forth in such agreement.

### *Litigation Related to Trust Termination*

On January 25, 2008, Torch Royalty Company, Torch E&P Company, and CEP (collectively, the Claimants) commenced an arbitration proceeding before Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services against Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee (Trustee) for the Trust, and to Capital One, NA, as successor to Hibernia National Bank, as trustee for Torch Energy Louisiana Royalty Trust, pursuant to the operative dispute resolution provisions of the agreement governing the Trust, the NPI and the Conveyances (as defined below). The Claimants were working interest owners in certain oil and gas fields located in Texas, Louisiana and Alabama. The working interests owned by the other Claimants were similarly subject to net profit interests (the Other NPIs) that were also based on the gas purchase contract. The Claimants sought a declaratory judgment that the NPI payments as well as the payments owed in respect of the Other NPIs will continue to be calculated using the sharing arrangement under the gas purchase contract even though the Trust and the gas purchase contract were terminated. The Trustee took the position that the sharing arrangement under the gas purchase contract terminated upon the termination of the gas purchase contract. Trust Venture Company, LLC (Trust Venture) was permitted to intervene in the proceeding under an agreement whereby Trust Venture and its affiliates agreed to be bound by the formal award in the proceeding. On July 18, 2008, the arbitration panel issued its final award which, among other things, found and concluded that the sharing arrangement and other pricing terms of the gas purchase contract will continue to control the amount owed to the holder of the NPI, and on December 10, 2008, the District Court of Harris County, Texas, 152nd Judicial District, dismissed the appeal of

the final award filed by the Trustee and Trust Venture and confirmed the final award.

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On January 8, 2009, we were served by Trust Venture, on behalf of the Trust, with a purported derivative action filed in Alabama state court demanding an audited statement of revenues and expenses associated with the NPI, alleging a breach of contract under the conveyance associated with the NPI and the agreement establishing the Trust and asserting that above market rates for services were paid, reducing the amounts paid to the Trust in connection with the NPI. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and an accounting of the NPI. The Alabama court has made the Trust a nominal party to the Alabama litigation and ruled that the Trust is subject to regular discovery in the litigation. On August 18, 2009, Trust Venture filed an application for preliminary injunction requesting that the Alabama court enter an injunction requiring the Company to deposit into an escrow account all fees, less expenses, that it receives from water disposal under the Water Gathering and Disposal Agreement pending judgment in the lawsuit and asserting damages of approximately \$11.6 million from June 2005 to May 2009. These alleged damages appear to be calculated based on a water gathering, separation and disposal fee of \$0.05 per barrel notwithstanding the provisions of the Water Gathering and Disposal Agreement. After hearing, the Alabama court denied Trust Venture's application. Trust Venture has also recently filed a motion for partial summary judgment seeking a determination regarding the applicability of a provision in the Conveyance related to the calculation of water handling charges. That motion was heard by the court on April 30, 2010, but no ruling has yet been rendered. No trial date has been set in the litigation. We intend to defend ourselves vigorously with respect to the alleged claims. There can be no assurance as to the outcome or result of the lawsuit or the arbitration proceeding. We intend our forward-looking statements relating to the action to speak only as of the time of such statements and do not plan to update or revise them except to the extent that material information becomes available.

**11. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY**

We are subject to costs resulting from federal, state and local laws and regulations designed to protect human health and the environment. These laws and regulations can result in increased capital, operating and other costs as a result of compliance, remediation, containment and monitoring obligations. As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, accrued environmental obligations were \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. These obligations were classified as current liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**12. UNIT-BASED COMPENSATION**

We recognized approximately \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million of expense related to our unit-based compensation plans in the three months ended March 31, 2010, and March 31, 2009, respectively.

***2010 Grants******Grants under the 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan***

In March 2010, we granted approximately 486,981 restricted common unit awards to certain employees in Texas under the 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. These units had a total fair market value of approximately \$1.7 million based on the closing price of our common units on NYSE Arca on March 1, 2010. All of these service-based restricted units will vest on a five year ratable schedule beginning on March 1, 2010.

***Grants under the Long-Term Incentive Program***

We granted approximately 195,852 restricted common unit awards under the Long-Term Incentive Plan on March 1, 2010, to certain field employees in Alabama, Kansas, and Oklahoma and to certain employees in Texas. These units had a total fair market value of approximately \$0.7 million based on the closing price of our common units on NYSE Arca on March 1, 2010. These service-based restricted units will vest on a three year ratable schedule beginning on March 1, 2010, except for the certain employees in Texas which will vest on a five year ratable schedule beginning on March 1, 2010.

We granted approximately 54,747 restricted common unit awards under the Long-Term Incentive Plan on March 1, 2010, to our three independent managers. These units had a total fair market value of approximately \$0.2 million based on the closing price of our common units on NYSE Arca on March 1, 2010. These awards will vest in full in March 2011.

**13. DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS*****Distributions through March 31, 2010***

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Beginning in June 2009, we have suspended our quarterly distributions to unitholders to remain in compliance with the covenants associated with our reserve-based credit facility. The distribution must remain suspended until the outstanding debt balance, net of available cash, under our reserve-based credit facility is less than 90% of our borrowing base as determined by our lenders, 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. See Note 15 for additional information.

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### *Distributions through March 31, 2009*

On February 13, 2009, we paid a distribution for the fourth quarter of 2008 to the unitholders of record at February 6, 2009. The distribution was paid to holders of common units and Class A units at a rate of \$0.13 per unit.

## **14. MEMBERS EQUITY**

### *2010 Equity*

At March 31, 2010, we had 490,613 Class A units and 24,040,055 Class B units outstanding, which included 428,273 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 1,330,707 unvested restricted common units under our 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.

At March 31, 2010, we had granted all common units of the 450,000 common units available under our Long-Term Incentive Plan. Of these grants, 21,727 have vested.

At March 31, 2010, we had granted 146,552 common units of the 300,000 common units available under our Executive Inducement Bonus Program. Of these grants, 62,807 have vested.

At March 31, 2010, we had granted 1,544,740 common units of the 1,650,000 common units available under our 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. Of these grants, 214,033 have vested.

For the three months ended March 31, 2010, 73,660 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.

### *2009 Equity*

At March 31, 2009, we had 447,721 Class A units and 21,938,342 Class B units outstanding, which included 23,232 unvested restricted common units.

At March 31, 2009, we had granted 39,579 units of the 450,000 units available under our Long-Term Incentive Plan. Of these grants, 16,347 have vested.

## **15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The following subsequent events have occurred between March 31, 2010, and May 7, 2010:

### ***Distribution***

Our board of managers has suspended the quarterly distribution to our unitholders for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, which continues the suspension we first announced in June 2009.

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

In connection with litigation related to the Torch NPI, we have suspended all quarterly cash contributions 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 March 31, 2010 and \$2.6 million which represents the distributions that were suspended for the quarterly periods ended December 31, September 30, June 30, and March 31, 2009, and December 31, September 30, June 30, and March 31, 2008. The remaining undistributed amount of the Class D interests is \$6.7 million.

### ***Debt***

### ***Funds Available for Borrowing***



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As of March 31, 2010 we had \$185.0 million in outstanding debt under our reserve-based credit facility. As of May 7, 2010, our banks reaffirmed our borrowing base of \$205.0 million and we had \$20.0 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 2010.

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**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 by Constellation Energy Group, Inc. ( Constellation ) on February 7, 2005 to acquire oil and natural gas properties as well as related midstream assets. At March 31, 2010, our oil and natural gas reserves were located in the Black Warrior Basin of Alabama, in the Cherokee Basin of Kansas and Oklahoma, and in the Woodford Shale in Oklahoma. Our primary business objective is to create long-term value and to generate stable cash flows allowing us to resume making quarterly cash distributions to our unitholders and over time to increase the amount of our future quarterly distributions. Our strategies for achieving this objective are 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 revenues resulting from changes in oil and natural gas commodity prices through efficient hedging programs;

make accretive acquisitions of oil and natural gas properties characterized by a high percentage of proved developed 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; and

realize value by opportunistically forming partnerships, participating in farm-out arrangements, joint operating agreements or other capital-efficient ventures to take advantage of our significant undeveloped acreage positions in the Cherokee Basin.

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, results of operations and prospects, and our ability to pay quarterly cash distributions to our unitholders.

We also face the challenge of natural gas production declines. As a given well's initial reservoir pressures are depleted, 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 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 will seek to maintain or grow our production and our asset base by pursuing both organic growth opportunities and acquisitions of producing 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.

Since our initial public offering, we have expanded our operations by completing the following acquisitions that we have included in our results of operations and cash flows beginning with the period of acquisition:

In March 2008, we completed an acquisition of 83 non-operated producing wells located in the Woodford Shale in Oklahoma (the CoLa Assets or CoLa Acquisition ).

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In September 2007, we completed the acquisition of additional oil and natural gas properties in the Cherokee Basin of Oklahoma (the Newfield Assets or Newfield Acquisition ).

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In July 2007, we completed an acquisition of additional oil and natural gas properties located in the Cherokee Basin in Oklahoma (the Amvest Acquisition ).

In April 2007, we completed an acquisition of oil and natural gas properties located in the Cherokee Basin in Kansas and Oklahoma (the EnergyQuest Assets or EnergyQuest Acquisition ).

These acquisitions have provided us with the option to pursue organic growth by drilling on proved undeveloped and unproved locations primarily in Osage County, Oklahoma.

Unless the context requires otherwise, any reference in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to Constellation Energy Partners, we, our, us, CE, the successor company or the Company means Constellation Energy Partners LLC and its subsidiaries. References in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to Constellation, CCG and CEPM are to Constellation Energy Group, Inc., Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. and 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:

interest (income) expense;

depreciation, depletion and 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;

unit based compensation programs;

accretion of asset retirement obligation;

unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives; and

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realized loss (gain) on cancelled derivatives.

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 cash distributions we 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.

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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:

	<b>Constellation Energy Partners LLC</b>	
	<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2010</b>	<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2009</b>
	(In 000 s)	
<b>Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA:</b>		
Net income	\$ 18,058	\$ 18,933
Adjusted by:		
Interest expense/(income), net	4,056	2,841
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	27,248	14,434
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	207	102
(Gain)/loss on sale of asset	(8)	17
Exploration costs	223	103
(Gain)/loss on mark-to-market activities	(35,281)	(19,331)
Unit-based compensation programs	437	68
Unrealized loss/(gain) on natural gas derivatives/hedge ineffectiveness		267
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 14,940	\$ 17,434

**Significant Operational Factors**

*Realized Prices.* Our average realized price for the three months ended March 31, 2010, including hedges, was \$16.71 per Mcfe. This realized price includes the impact of \$35.3 million of unrealized gains on mark-to-market derivatives. Excluding the impact of the unrealized mark-to-market gains, the average realized price for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was \$7.57 per Mcfe. Further deducting all hedge settlements, average realized prices were \$5.60 per Mcfe excluding hedges.

*Production.* Our production for the three months ended March 31, 2010, was approximately 3.9 Bcfe, or an average of 42,889 Mcfe per day.

*Capital Expenditures and Drilling Results.* During the first quarter of 2010, we spent approximately \$0.7 million in cash capital expenditures, primarily to acquire additional interests in seven wells in the Black Warrior Basin and in the Cherokee Basin. We expect to substantially complete our 2010 drilling program in the Cherokee Basin during the second and third quarters of 2010.

*Hedging Activities.* As of March 31, 2010, all of our swaps and basis swaps are accounted for as mark-to-market derivatives. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, the unrealized non-cash mark-to-market gain was approximately \$35.3 million as compared to an unrealized non-cash mark-to-market gain of \$19.3 million for the same period in 2009. We experience earnings volatility as a result of using the mark-to-market accounting method for all of our commodity derivatives used to hedge our exposure to changes in natural gas prices or basis differentials. This accounting treatment can cause earnings volatility as the positions for future 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 derivatives to lock in the future sales price for a portion of our expected natural gas production. Increases in the market

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price of 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 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 natural gas sale is not marked-to-market and therefore is not reflected as Oil and Gas 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 commodity derivatives are cash settled and the 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 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 Oil and Gas Sales. Further detail of our commodity derivative positions and their accounting treatment is outlined starting on page 29.

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

	For the three	For the three	2010 Vs 2009	
	months ended	months ended	Variance	
	March 31,	March 31,	\$	%
	2010	2009		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Oil and gas sales	\$ 29,237	\$ 32,862	\$ (3,625)	(11.0)%
Gain (Loss) from mark-to- market activities	35,281	19,331	15,950	82.5%
Total revenues	64,518	52,193	12,325	23.6%
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Lease operating expenses	7,963	8,785	(822)	(9.4)%
Cost of sales	772	832	(60)	(7.2)%
Production taxes	1,125	970	155	16.0%
General and administrative expenses	5,062	5,233	(171)	(3.3)%
Exploration costs	223	103	120	116.5%
(Gain) loss on sale of asset	(8)	17	(25)	(147.1)%
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	27,248	14,434	12,814	88.8%
Accretion expenses	207	102	105	102.9%
Total operating expenses	42,592	30,476	12,116	39.8%
<b>Other expenses (income):</b>				
Interest expense	3,539	2,499	1,040	41.6%
Interest expense-(Gain)/loss from mark-to-market activities	517	344	173	50.3%
Interest income		(2)	2	(100.0)%
Other (income) expense	(188)	(57)	(131)	229.8%
Total other expenses (income)	3,868	2,784	1,084	38.9%
Total expenses	46,460	33,260	13,200	39.7%
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 18,058	\$ 18,933	\$ (875)	(4.6)%
<b>Net production:</b>				
Total production (MMcfe)	3,860	4,364	(504)	(11.5)%
Average daily production (Mcf/d)	42,889	48,489	(5,600)	(11.5)%
<b>Average sales prices:</b>				
Price per Mcfe including all hedges <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 16.71	\$ 11.96	\$ 4.75	39.8%
Price per Mcfe excluding gain (loss) from mark-to-market activities	\$ 7.57	\$ 7.53	\$ 0.04	0.53%
Price per Mcfe excluding all hedges	\$ 5.60	\$ 4.15	\$ 1.45	34.9%
<b>Average unit costs per Mcfe:</b>				
Field operating expenses <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.24	\$ 0.11	4.9%
Lease operating expenses	\$ 2.06	\$ 2.01	\$ 0.05	2.5%
Production taxes	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.07	31.8%
General and administrative expenses	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.11	9.2%
General and administrative expenses w/o unit-based compensation	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.19	\$ 0.02	1.7%
Depreciation, depletion and amortization <sup>(c)</sup>	\$ 7.06	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.75	113.3%



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- (a) Price per Mcfe including hedges includes realized and unrealized mark-to-market gains on derivative transactions that did not qualify for hedge accounting treatment.
- (b) Field operating expenses include lease operating expenses and production taxes.

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(c) Depreciation, depletion and amortization includes non-cash impairments of oil and natural gas assets. Excluding impairments, the first quarter 2010 and 2009 cost per Mcfe was \$7.06 and \$3.22, respectively.

***Three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to three months ended March 31, 2009***

*Oil and natural gas sales.* Oil and natural gas sales decreased \$3.6 million, or 11%, to \$29.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to \$32.8 million for the same period in 2009. Of this decrease, \$2.1 million was attributable to decreased production volumes and \$7.1 million was attributable to our hedge program, offset by \$5.6 million in higher market prices for oil and natural gas. Production for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was 3.9 Bcfe, which was 0.5 Bcfe lower than the same period in 2009. Of the decrease, 0.4 Bcfe was a reduction of natural gas production due to our suspension of our drilling programs in the Cherokee Basin starting in June 2009. The remaining decrease in production of 0.1 Bcfe was associated with our properties in the Black Warrior Basin and in the Woodford Shale. Due to the decrease in the level of our drilling activities, our 2009 and 2010 maintenance drilling programs will not be sufficient to offset the natural decline rate of production associated with our existing wells. We hedged approximately 81% of our actual production during 2010 and approximately 84% of our actual production during the same period in 2009.

As discussed below, the gain from our unrealized non-cash mark-to-market activities increased \$16.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, as compared to the same period in 2009. Our realized prices before our hedging program increased from 2009 to 2010 primarily due to higher market prices for oil and natural gas. This was offset by our hedging program and the mark-to-market gains discussed below.

*Hedging and mark-to-market activities.* As of March 31, 2010, all of our swaps and basis swaps are accounted for as mark-to-market derivatives. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, the unrealized non-cash mark-to-market gain was approximately \$35.3 million as compared to an unrealized non-cash \$19.3 million gain for the same period in 2009. This 2010 non-cash gain represents approximately \$35.8 million from the impact of lower than expected future natural gas prices on these derivative transactions that are being accounted for as mark-to-market activities offset by a \$0.5 million reduction for non-performance risk related to our counterparties.

For the three months ended March 31, 2009, we recognized a loss of approximately \$0.3 million related to hedge ineffectiveness primarily related to our hedges of production in the Cherokee Basin.

Cash hedge settlements received for our commodity derivatives were approximately \$7.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010. Cash hedge settlements received for our commodity derivatives were approximately \$15.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009. This difference is primarily due to higher market prices for natural gas during 2010.

*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 March 31, 2010, lease operating expenses decreased \$0.8 million, or 9.4%, to \$8.0 million, compared to expenses of \$8.8 million for the same period in 2009. This decrease in lease operating expenses is primarily related to \$0.6 million in lower total spending in the Cherokee Basin and \$0.2 million in lower expenses associated with our Woodford Shale properties. Our spending in the Black Warrior Basin during 2010 remained level with our spending in 2009. By category, our lease operating expenses were lower in 2010 as compared to 2009 by \$0.8 million because of a decrease of \$0.5 million in gas compression, \$0.4 million in well servicing costs, and \$0.1 million in transportation offset by an increase of \$0.1 million in ad valorem taxes and \$0.1 million in weather related road and lease maintenance.

For the three months ended March 31, 2010, per unit lease operating expenses were \$2.06 per Mcfe compared to \$2.01 per Mcfe for the same period in 2009. This increase is attributable to 11.5% lower production in 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 offset by a decrease in total spending of 9.4% in 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009. Our per unit operating costs increased in the Cherokee Basin from \$2.18 per Mcfe in 2009 to \$2.29 per Mcfe in 2010 as a result of 0.4 Bcfe in lower production volumes and lower total spending.

For the three months ended March 31, 2010, production taxes increased \$0.1 million, or 16.0%, to \$1.1 million, compared to expenses of \$1.0 million for the same period in 2009. This increase was primarily the result of higher market prices for oil and natural gas in 2010 offset by the impact of production taxes on 0.5 Bcfe in lower production.

*Cost of sales.* For the three months ended March 31, 2010, cost of sales decreased by less than \$0.1 million, or 7.2%, to \$0.8 million, compared to \$0.8 million for the same period in 2009. This represents the cost of purchased natural gas in the Cherokee Basin and was impacted by lower production volumes and higher market prices for natural gas, as these costs are tied to natural gas prices in the Mid-continent region.



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*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 \$0.2 million, or 3.3%, to \$5.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, as compared to \$5.2 million for the same period in 2009. Our general and administrative expenses were lower in 2010 as compared to 2009 because of \$0.6 million in lower management service fees and \$0.2 million in lower legal fees offset by \$0.3 million in higher non-cash unit-based compensation expenses, \$0.2 million in higher labor costs, and \$0.1 million in higher rental expense. For the three months ended March 31, 2009, CEPM allocated \$0.6 million in expenses to us for labor and other charges through the management services agreement.

Our per unit costs were \$1.31 per Mcfe for the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to \$1.20 per Mcfe for the same period in 2009. This increase is attributable to a decrease in total spending of approximately \$0.2 million offset by 0.5 Bcfe in lower production.

*Exploration Costs.* Exploration costs increased \$0.1 million, or 116.5%, to \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, as compared to \$0.1 million for the same period in 2009. 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 increase in 2010 is primarily as the result of lease abandonments in Kansas.

*Gain/loss on sale of asset.* Our gain/loss on the sale of assets decreased \$0.02 million, or 147.1%, to less than a \$0.01 million loss for the three months ended March 31, 2010, as compared to a loss of \$0.01 million for the same period in 2009. In 2010, we sold surplus equipment at a loss of less than \$0.01 million.

*Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense.* 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 March 31, 2010 was \$27.3 million, or \$7.06 per Mcfe, compared to \$14.4 million, or \$3.31 per Mcfe, for the same period in 2009. This increase in 2010 depreciation, depletion, and amortization reflects the increased basis in our assets resulting from a lower year-end 2009 reserve base primarily due to price-related reserve revisions, capital expenditures for our development drilling programs, and a 0.5 Bcfe decrease in production volumes during 2010 as compared to 2009. 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 will use our 2009 reserve report to calculate our depletion rate during the first three quarters of 2010. We expect our depletion rate during the first three quarters of 2010 to be approximately \$7.08 per Mcfe. We will continue to use our 2010 reserve report to record our depletion in the fourth quarter of 2010.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2010 increased \$1.2 million to \$4.1 million as compared to approximately \$2.9 million in interest expense for same period in 2009. This increase 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 market-to-market activities, higher interest rate swap settlements of \$0.6 million, higher amortization of debt issues costs of \$0.2 million, higher market interest rates of \$0.1 million, and lower capitalized interest of \$0.1 million during 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009. During 2009 and 2010, we used our excess operating cash flow to reduce our total debt from a high of \$220.0 million to \$185.0 million. At March 31, 2010, we had an outstanding balance under our reserve-based credit facility of \$185.0 million as compared to \$220.0 million at March 31, 2009. The average interest rate on our outstanding debt was approximately 5.9% in 2010 compared to 5.1% in 2009. Our capitalized interest decreased from 2009 to 2010 due to no significant capital spending in 2010.

*Interest income.* Interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was zero as compared to less than \$0.01 million in interest income for same period in 2009. During 2010, market rates for overnight investments continued to be at historical lows, resulting in no significant earnings on our cash balances. In 2009, we discontinued our overnight investments to participate in a program sponsored by the FDIC's Transaction Account Guarantee Program to provide unlimited insurance coverage for transaction account balances that do not earn interest. This program was available until December 31, 2009.

*Accumulated other comprehensive income.* Accumulated other comprehensive income, shown on our consolidated balance sheets, reflects the changes in the fair market value of our previously designated cash-flow hedge positions. At March 31, 2010, the balance was an unrealized gain of \$23.1 million compared to an unrealized gain of \$28.4 million at December 31, 2009. This decrease reflects the amortization to earnings as the derivative positions that were previously accounted for as cash flow hedges settled during the first quarter of 2010.



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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 \$5.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, and as an unrealized gain of \$7.7 million for the same period in 2009. This decrease reflects the settlements during 2010 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 accumulated other comprehensive income will be amortized to earnings as the positions settle in the future.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

During 2009 and 2010, 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. We have successfully reduced our outstanding indebtedness by \$35.0 million since we suspended our quarterly distribution to unitholders in June 2009. Based upon our current business plan for 2010, we expect to continue to generate operating cash flows in excess of our working capital needs and planned capital expenditures. We expect to make limited maintenance capital expenditures of approximately \$10.0 million to \$12.0 million primarily concentrated in the Cherokee Basin during the second and third quarters of 2010. The primary focus of our business plan in 2010 will be to use our excess operating cash flows to further reduce our outstanding debt level.

Our reserve-based credit facility currently provides a limited availability to finance future maintenance capital expenditures and other working capital needs. As of March 31, 2010, our borrowing base under our reserve-based credit facility was \$205.0 million and we had \$185.0 million of debt outstanding under our reserve-based credit facility, leaving us with \$20.0 million in unused borrowing capacity. As of March 31, 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 make distributions, and our borrowings outstanding, net of available cash, under our reserve-based credit facility exceeded 90% of the borrowing base.

Our reserve-based credit facility matures in November 2012. In the first quarter of 2008, we filed a shelf registration statement with the SEC to register up to \$1.0 billion of debt and equity securities. This registration statement expires January 30, 2011. There is no guarantee that securities can or will be issued under the registration statement. Our current reserve-based credit facility is also subject to future borrowing base redeterminations and will have to be renewed or replaced before its maturity in November 2012.

As we pursue our business plan, we will be monitoring the capital resources available to us to meet our future financial obligations and planned limited maintenance capital expenditures in 2010. 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. Our results will not be fully impacted by significant increases or decreases in natural gas prices because of our hedging program, which is further discussed on page 29. During 2010 and 2011, we expect to fund our working capital needs and any maintenance capital expenditures with cash flow from operations. Our current expectation is that we will manage our business to operate within the cash flows that are generated. During 2010, we intend to limit our capital expenditures and to use any available surplus cash to further reduce our debt level. We expect to complete substantially all of our 2010 drilling activities in the Cherokee Basin during the second and third quarters of 2010. We expect that the suspension of our quarterly distribution and the reduction in our total planned capital expenditures will provide additional liquidity to fund our operations and to pay down debt. During 2009 and 2010, we have successfully reduced our outstanding debt balances from a high of \$220.0 million to \$185.0 million. Any future quarterly distribution to unitholders cannot be made when our outstanding debt balance, net of available cash, is more than 90% of our borrowing base as determined by our lenders, 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. We are subject to additional future borrowing base redeterminations and cannot forecast the level at which our lenders may set our borrowing base. However, after 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, 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. Given our focus on debt reduction, we anticipate that our distribution will remain suspended through the fourth quarter of 2010 and we currently expect to resume capital spending at maintenance levels in 2011. Any future quarterly distributions must be approved by our board of managers.

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On November 13, 2009, we entered into an amended and restated \$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 amends, extends, and consolidates our previous reserve-based credit facilities and matures on November 13, 2012. 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 (26.83%), BNP Paribas (21.95%), The Bank of Nova Scotia (21.95%), Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (14.63%), and Societe Generale (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 properties in Alabama, Kansas, and Oklahoma. As of May 7, 2010, our borrowing base was reaffirmed by our banks at \$205.0 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 2010. 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 December 31, 2009, 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 make distributions to unitholders.

In addition, we are required to maintain (i) a ratio of (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 (defined as, 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 3.75 to 1.0 through September 30, 2010 and 3.50 to 1.0 thereafter; (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 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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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. As of May 7, 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 make distributions, and our borrowings outstanding, net of available cash, under our reserve-based credit facility exceeded 90% of the borrowing base.

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 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 relationship with Constellation or Constellation's right to appoint all of the Class A managers of our board of managers.

At March 31, 2010, 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 March 31, 2010, our actual Total Net Debt less Available Cash to Adjusted EBITDA ratio was 2.7 to 1.0 as compared with a required ratio of not greater than 3.75 to 1.0, our actual ratio of consolidated current assets to consolidated current liabilities was 2.8 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 7.8 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 its current level of \$205.0 million at one of the future redeterminations by the lenders. If it becomes necessary to pay debt down beyond 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 were 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, 2011, will become a current liability.

We enter into hedging arrangements to reduce the impact of changes in the LIBOR interest rate on our interest payments for our reserve-based credit facility. These positions are outlined on page 35.

## **Cash Flow from Operations**

Our net cash flow provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was \$8.0 million, compared to net cash flow provided by operating activities of \$14.5 million for the same period in 2009. This decrease in operating cash flow was primarily attributable to lower oil and natural gas sales of \$3.6 million as the result of 0.5 Bcfe in lower natural gas production in 2010. For 2010, our operating cash flows were increased by \$6.4 million related to cash hedge settlements for our natural gas commodity and interest rate derivatives. Our change in working capital from 2009 to 2010 was impacted by lower accrued liabilities of \$3.1 million, higher accounts payable of \$1.4 million, lower royalties payable of \$0.7 million, higher accounts receivable of \$0.5 million and higher prepaid expenses of \$0.4 million. Our accrued liabilities decreased with the payments associated with our 2009 incentive compensation programs. Our accounts payable increased due to timing of invoice payments. Our receivables balance increased due to higher current period prices for our current estimated natural gas sales prices. The royalties payable, which represents the amount of monies owed to the royalty owners in our properties for our monthly oil and natural gas sales, decreased due to lower production of natural gas reducing the amount of royalties owed. The increase in prepaid expenses of \$0.4 million primarily resulted from the timing of the payment for insurance expenses.

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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 programs 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 to *Outlook* on page 32.

We enter into hedging arrangements to reduce the impact of natural gas price volatility on our operations. By removing the price volatility from a significant portion of our 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 would receive from increases in commodity prices. To the extent market prices exceed our hedge prices, these derivative contracts also limit our ability to have additional cash flows to recoup higher severance taxes, which are usually based on market prices for 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 recoup these higher costs. Increases in the market prices for 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. We do not post collateral under any of these agreements as they are secured under our reserve-based credit facility. 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, 2014. All of these derivatives are accounted for as mark-to-market activities.

*MTM Fixed Price Swaps NYMEX*

	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2010			2,875,000	\$ 8.23	2,670,000	\$ 8.13	2,700,000	\$ 8.15	8,245,000	\$ 8.17
2011	2,400,000	\$ 8.55	2,425,000	\$ 8.55	2,220,000	\$ 8.45	2,220,000	\$ 8.45	9,265,000	\$ 8.51
2012	2,227,500	\$ 8.34	2,227,500	\$ 8.34	2,250,000	\$ 8.34	2,250,000	\$ 8.34	8,955,000	\$ 8.34
2013	2,025,000	\$ 7.33	2,079,500	\$ 7.32	2,070,000	\$ 7.33	2,038,000	\$ 7.34	8,212,500	\$ 7.33
2014	1,575,000	\$ 7.03	1,592,500	\$ 7.03	1,610,000	\$ 7.03	1,610,000	\$ 7.03	6,387,500	\$ 7.03
									41,065,000	

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

	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2010			180,000	\$ 7.91	180,000	\$ 7.91	180,000	\$ 7.91	540,000	\$ 7.91
2011	180,000	\$ 7.93	180,000	\$ 7.93	180,000	\$ 7.93	180,000	\$ 7.93	720,000	\$ 7.93
									1,260,000	

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



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	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 \$
2010			2,249,500	\$ 0.77	2,114,000	\$ 0.74	1,995,000	\$ 0.73	6,358,500	\$ 0.75
2011	1,335,000	\$ 0.77	1,347,500	\$ 0.77	1,130,000	\$ 0.77	1,130,000	\$ 0.77	4,942,500	\$ 0.77
2012	1,150,000	\$ 0.65	1,150,000	\$ 0.65	1,160,000	\$ 0.65	1,160,000	\$ 0.65	4,620,000	\$ 0.65
									15,921,000	

**Investing Activities Acquisitions and Capital Expenditures**

Cash used in investing activities was \$0.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, compared to \$11.4 million for the same period in 2009. Our cash capital expenditures were \$0.7 million in 2010, which primarily related to the acquisition of additional interests in seven natural gas wells in the Cherokee Basin and in the Black Warrior Basin. In 2010, we have not drilled and completed any net wells or any net recompletions in the Cherokee Basin. We expect to begin our drilling activities in the Cherokee Basin during the second quarter of 2010. We do not plan to resume drilling in the Black Warrior Basin during 2010.

Our capital expenditures were \$11.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009, which primarily related to drilling and development of oil and natural gas properties in the Cherokee Basin. Through March 31, 2009, we drilled and completed 30 net wells and 16 net recompletions in the Cherokee Basin. We also prepared 10 drilling locations in the Black Warrior Basin.

We currently anticipate our total capital budget will be between \$10.0 million and \$12.0 million for the twelve months ending December 31, 2010. This capital budget primarily consists of capital for drilling wells and recompletions and also includes amounts for infrastructure projects, equipment, and inventory. The 2010 budget is set below our 2010 estimated maintenance capital level of \$25.3 million. Our capital spending in 2010 has been reduced from our 2009 spending level of \$22.9 million and our 2008 spending level of \$47.9 million. We expect to spend substantially the entire capital budget in the Cherokee Basin during the second and third quarters of 2010 and have not planned for any investment capital expenditures. Because we have reduced capital spending in 2010 and in 2009 below a maintenance level, we anticipate lower production in 2010 which may reduce our operating cash flows. We currently expect that we will resume capital spending at a level to maintain our production in 2011.

The amount and timing of our capital expenditures is largely discretionary and within our control. If natural gas prices decline to levels below acceptable levels, and the total borrowing base under our reserve-based credit facility is further reduced, or drilling costs escalate, 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 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 our planned capital expenditures and other cash requirements for the twelve months ending December 31, 2010. In 2010, we expect that our excess operating cash flows will be used to reduce our outstanding debt level. However, future cash flows are subject to a number of variables, including the level of 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. 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 by financing activities was \$10.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, compared to \$4.5 million provided by financing activities for the same period in 2009. During 2010, we used \$10.0 million in operating cash flows to reduce our outstanding debt level. During the first quarter of 2010, we reduced our outstanding debt from \$195.0 million to \$185.0 million or by 5%. In November 2009, we also entered into a new reserve-based credit facility that matures in November 2012. At March 31, 2010, we have approximately \$5.1 million in debt issue costs remaining to be amortized through November 2012.

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We have suspended \$2.6 million in quarterly distributions on the Class D interests associated with each of the quarterly periods since March 31, 2008. We expect that these quarterly distributions on the Class D interests, and all future quarterly distributions on the Class D interests, will remain suspended until the litigation surrounding the Torch NPI is finally resolved and such distributions are permitted under our reserve-based credit facility and limited liability company agreement. We have suspended our quarterly distributions to unitholders since the quarter ended June 30, 2009, to reduce our outstanding indebtedness. Given our current focus on debt reduction, we anticipate that our distribution will remain suspended through the fourth quarter of 2010. Assuming that the quarterly distribution rate would have remained at \$0.13 per unit for each quarter in 2010, this suspension of the quarterly distribution would provide approximately \$12.8 million in cash flow during 2010 that could be used to reduce our outstanding debt balance under our reserve-based credit facility. For additional information, refer to *Outlook* on page 32.

Our net cash provided by financing activities was \$4.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009. In 2009, we borrowed a net of \$7.5 million to finance capital expenditures and for working capital needs. We also paid distributions of \$2.9 million to our common and Class A unitholders in 2009.

**Contractual Obligations**

At March 31, 2010, we had the following contractual obligations or commercial commitments:

	Payments Due By Year <sup>(1)(2)</sup>						Total
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Thereafter	
	(In thousands)						
Reserve-based credit facility	\$	\$	\$ 185,000	\$	\$	\$	\$ 185,000
Support Services Agreement		1,265					1,265
Offices Leases	414	416	424	408	422	752	2,836
Total	\$ 1,679	\$ 416	\$ 185,424	\$ 408	\$ 422	\$ 752	\$ 189,101

(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 5.9% at March 31, 2010.

At March 31, 2010, our asset retirement obligation was approximately \$12.3 million.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no off-balance sheet debt to 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**

Our internal risk committee actively monitors the credit exposure and risks associated with our counterparties. Additionally, we continue to monitor the recent adverse developments in the 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 May 7, 2010, 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, Ltd., 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 million in purchases through December 31, 2011. As of May 7, 2010, 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 May 7, 2010, we have no past due receivables from Scissortail.

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### *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. As of May 7, 2010, 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 October 2010. As of May 7, 2010, we have no past due receivables from J.P. Morgan Ventures Energy Corporation.

### *Derivative Counterparties*

As of May 7, 2010, all of our derivatives are with BNP Paribas, The Royal Bank of Scotland, Societe Generale, Wells Fargo and Bank of Nova Scotia. These banks are lenders who participate in our reserve-based credit facility. All of our derivatives are collateralized by the assets securing our reserve-based credit facility and therefore do not require the posting of cash collateral. As of May 7, 2010, each of these financial institutions has an investment grade credit rating.

### *Reserve-Based Credit Facility*

As of May 7, 2010, the banks and their percentage commitments in our reserve-based credit facility are: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (26.83%), BNP Paribas (21.95%), The Bank of Nova Scotia (21.95%), Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (14.63%), and Societe Generale (14.63%). As of May 7, 2010, each of these financial institutions has an investment grade credit rating.

## **Outlook**

During 2010, 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 2010 Expected Results*

Our 2010 business plan and forecast is focused on reducing our outstanding debt level and promoting financial flexibility by further enhancing our liquidity position. This plan will result in limited maintenance capital expenditures and the continued suspension of our quarterly distribution through the fourth quarter of 2010. Our current goal is to sustain the company through the current business cycle and to further reduce our debt level so that we can resume maintenance capital expenditures. Ultimately we intend to position our operations to create long-term value. We expect to resume full maintenance capital expenditures as part of our 2011 business plan. We also intend to evaluate the possibility of a resumption of a limited quarterly distribution for the first quarter of 2011. We expect our full year 2010 results to be impacted by declining production of natural gas, further commodity price volatility, continued limited ability to access our reserve-based credit facility, and weak economic activity muting the demand and prices for oil and natural gas in our market areas.

We currently anticipate:

Our production to be between 14.5 Bcfe and 15.5 Bcfe.

Our operating expenses to be relatively flat with our 2009 operating expenses, resulting in a range of \$52.0 million to \$56.0 million.

Our total capital expenditures to be between \$10.0 million and \$12.0 million, which assumes a decline rate of 15 percent and a dollar per flowing Mcfe range of \$4,400 to \$4,700. This capital budget has been reduced to a level below our estimated maintenance level

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of capital expenditures of approximately \$25.3 million. We expect to drill and complete approximately 25 net wells and recompletions, primarily in the Cherokee Basin. We will review our drilling and recompletion opportunities and anticipate allocating capital to the highest value-added projects across all of our available opportunities.

We anticipate that any possible future distribution levels in 2011 will be set at a sustainable rate based on our operating results, the market prices for oil and natural gas and our projected business plan being achieved. All future quarterly distributions must be approved by our board of managers.



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### *Impact of 2010 Plan*

We currently prepare a five-year plan to manage our business. Our goal is to maintain production rates and operating cash flows at a steady level by developing our proved undeveloped reserve locations each year. Although during 2010, the focus of our business plan is to further reduce our outstanding debt by reducing maintenance capital expenditures and continuing the suspension of our quarterly distribution to unitholders. We expect that this will position us to resume maintenance capital expenditures in 2011 through 2014. We expect that this plan will likely result in lower production levels in 2010. If we resume maintenance capital expenditures in 2011 as we currently anticipate, it will likely result in production levels at or near our 2010 production run rates in 2011 through 2014. This plan is expected to reduce our leverage, improve our liquidity position, and reduce future cash interest expenses on our outstanding unhedged debt.

### **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.

As of March 31, 2010, 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, 2009. The policies disclosed included the accounting for natural gas properties, 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**

In January 2010, the FASB issued its final guidance on additional supplemental fair value disclosures. Two new disclosures will be 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 are effective this quarter for calendar year-end companies, except for the Level 3 gross activity disclosures, which will be deferred until the first quarter of 2011. The adoption of this 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 a material impact on our financial statements or our disclosures.

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

As of March 31, 2010, 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.

### **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*

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During 2009 and 2008, there was unprecedented volatility in the global financial and energy markets. Additionally, the economic recession reduced the demand for oil and natural gas, which negatively impacted market prices for these products.

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We expect that our ability to issue debt and equity may be limited over the next year, that the borrowing base of our reserve-based credit facility could potentially be reduced if future expected market prices for natural gas decline further, and that the cost of capital may increase during this time. We also may have difficulty in accessing credit should we have the need to. In response to the credit crisis and the decline in the market prices for oil and natural gas, we have suspended our cash distribution since June 2009 and lowered our maintenance capital spending in 2009 and 2010. We expect that if market prices for natural gas remains depressed, 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 cash distributions to our unitholders.

**Commodity Price Risk**

Our major market risk exposure is in the pricing applicable to our natural gas production. Realized pricing is primarily driven by the 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, and the Inside FERC price for the CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (East) for our properties in the Woodford Shale, and the spot market prices applicable to all of our natural gas production. Historically, pricing for natural gas production 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 will lower our 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 reducing our outstanding debt level. The prices we receive for production depend on many factors outside our control, including weather, economic conditions, and the total supply of oil and natural gas for sale in the market.

We have entered into hedging arrangements with respect to a portion of our projected natural gas production through various derivatives that hedge the future prices received. These hedging activities are intended to support natural gas prices at targeted levels and to manage our exposure to natural gas price fluctuations. We do not hold or issue derivative instruments for speculative trading purposes. The use of hedging transactions also involves the risk that the counterparties will be unable to meet the financial terms of the transactions. We attempt to minimize this risk by entering into our derivative transactions with counterparties that are lenders 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 natural gas production and as a result, we are subject to commodity price risks on our remaining unhedged natural gas production.

		10 Percent Increase		10 Percent Decrease	
	Fair Value	Fair Value	(Decrease)	Fair Value	Increase
	(in 000 s)				
Impact of changes in commodity prices on derivative commodity instruments at March 31, 2010	\$ 92,292	\$ 70,799	\$ (21,493)	\$ 113,785	\$ 21,493

**Interest Rate Risk**

At March 31, 2010, the one-month LIBOR rate was 0.249%, the three-month LIBOR rate was 0.292%, and our applicable margin on LIBOR borrowings was 3.5%. At March 31, 2010, the ABR rate was 3.25%, and our applicable margin on ABR borrowings was 2.5%. At March 31, 2010, we had debt outstanding of \$185.0 million. This entire amount incurred interest at a rate of a three-month LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin of 3.5% based on utilization. We had no debt outstanding at the one-month LIBOR rate or at the ABR rate. At March 31, 2010, the carrying value and fair value of our debt is \$185.0 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.

	10 Percent Increase		10 Percent Decrease	
Fair Value	Fair Value	Increase	Fair Value	(Decrease)

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	(in 000 s)				
Impact of changes in LIBOR on derivative interest rate instruments at March 31, 2010	\$ (4,855)	\$ (4,423)	\$ 432	\$ (5,287)	\$ (432)

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We enter into hedging arrangements to reduce the impact of volatility of changes in the LIBOR interest rate on our interest payments for our debt. At March 31, 2010, we have the following outstanding interest rate swaps that fix our LIBOR rate:

<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Total Debt Hedged (in 000 s)</b>	<b>LIBOR Fixed Rate</b>
August 21, 2010	\$ 28,500	2.74%
September 21, 2010	\$ 11,000	2.66%
October 22, 2010	\$ 19,000	2.91%
August 20, 2012	\$ 11,000	2.75%
September 20, 2012	\$ 45,000	3.03%
October 19, 2012	\$ 29,500	3.21%
October 22, 2012	\$ 7,500	3.06%

**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 March 31, 2010, 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.

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### **Part II Other Information**

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

##### *Termination of the Trust and Related Litigation*

On January 25, 2008, Torch Royalty Company, Torch E&P Company, and CEP (collectively, the Claimants ) commenced an arbitration proceeding before Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services against Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee ( Trustee ) for the Trust, and to Capital One, NA, as successor to Hibernia National Bank, as trustee for Torch Energy Louisiana Royalty Trust, pursuant to the operative dispute resolution provisions of the agreement governing the Trust, the NPI and the Conveyances (as defined below). The Claimants were working interest owners in certain oil and gas fields located in Texas, Louisiana and Alabama. The working interests owned by the other Claimants were similarly subject to net profit interests (the Other NPIs ) that were also based on the gas purchase contract. The Claimants sought a declaratory judgment that the NPI payments as well as the payments owed in respect of the Other NPIs will continue to be calculated using the sharing arrangement under the gas purchase contract even though the Trust and the gas purchase contract were terminated. The Trustee took the position that the sharing arrangement under the gas purchase contract terminated upon the termination of the gas purchase contract. Trust Venture Company, LLC ( Trust Venture ) was permitted to intervene in the proceeding under an agreement whereby Trust Venture and its affiliates agreed to be bound by the formal award in the proceeding. On July 18, 2008, the arbitration panel issued its final award which, among other things, found and concluded that the sharing arrangement and other pricing terms of the gas purchase contract will continue to control the amount owed to the holder of the NPI, and on December 10, 2008, the District Court of Harris County, Texas, 152nd Judicial District, dismissed the appeal of the final award filed by the Trustee and Trust Venture and confirmed the final award.

On January 8, 2009, we were served by Trust Venture, on behalf of the Trust, with a purported derivative action filed in Alabama state court demanding an audited statement of revenues and expenses associated with the NPI, alleging a breach of contract under the conveyance associated with the NPI and the agreement establishing the Trust and asserting that above market rates for services were paid, reducing the amounts paid to the Trust in connection with the NPI. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and an accounting of the NPI. The Alabama court has made the Trust a nominal party to the Alabama litigation and ruled that the Trust is subject to regular discovery in the litigation. On August 18, 2009, Trust Venture filed an application for preliminary injunction requesting that the Alabama court enter an injunction requiring the Company to deposit into an escrow account all fees, less expenses, that it receives from water disposal under the Water Gathering and Disposal Agreement pending judgment in the lawsuit and asserting damages of approximately \$11.6 million from June 2005 to May 2009. These alleged damages appear to be calculated based on a water gathering, separation and disposal fee of \$0.05 per barrel notwithstanding the provisions of the Water Gathering and Disposal Agreement. After hearing, the Alabama court denied Trust Venture s application. Trust Venture has also recently filed a motion for partial summary judgment seeking a determination regarding the applicability of a provision in the Conveyance related to the calculation of water handling charges. That motion was heard by the court on April 30, 2010, but no ruling has yet been rendered. No trial date has been set in the litigation. We intend to defend ourselves vigorously with respect to the alleged claims. There can be no assurance as to the outcome or result of the lawsuit or the arbitration proceeding. We intend our forward-looking statements relating to the action to speak only as of the time of such statements and do not plan to update or revise them except to the extent that material information becomes available.

#### **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, 2009 that was filed on February 25, 2010. An investment in our common units involves various risks. When considering an investment in us, careful consideration should be given to the risk factors described in our 2009 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:

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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 conditions;

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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, timing 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;



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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 any sponsor; 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 1. Business; Item 1A. Risk Factors; Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of 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, estimate, predict, potential, pursue, target, continue, the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology.

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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 three months ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009

Consolidated Balance Sheets Constellation Energy Partners LLC at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Constellation Energy Partners LLC for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Members' Equity and Comprehensive Income Constellation Energy Partners LLC for the three months ended March 31, 2010

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.31	Form of Grant Agreement Relating to Restricted Units Executive Officers under the 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Constellation Energy Partners LLC on March 3, 2010, File No. 001-33147).
*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.

\* Filed herewith

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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: May 7, 2010

By /s/ MICHAEL B. HINEY  
Michael B. Hiney

Chief Accounting Officer and Controller

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