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(Mark One)

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 5(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Year ended December 31, 2014

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 000-08187

NEW CONCEPT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada 75-2399477

(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer Identification

Incorporation or organization) Number)

1603 LBJ Freeway, Suite 300

Dallas, Texas 75234

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant's Telephone Number including (972) 407-8400

area code

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

NYSE MKT

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes $[\]$ No [X]

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes $[\]$ No [X]

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 [X] No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website if any, every interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted 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 [X] No []
Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X]
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes [] No [X] Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Yes [] No [X]
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 definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Mon-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Mon-accelerated filer
The aggregate market value of the shares of voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the Registrant, computed by reference to the closing price at which the common equity was last sold which was the sales price of the Common Stock on the NYSE MKT as of June 30, 2014 (the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter) was \$923,000 based upon a total of 895,982 shares held as of June 30, 2013 by persons believed to be non-affiliates of the Registrant. The basis of the calculation does not constitute a determination by the Registrant as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, such calculation, if made as of a date within sixty days of this filing, would yield a different value.
As of March 31, 2015, there were 1,946,935 shares of common stock outstanding. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE: NONE

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Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this Form 10-K are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The words "estimate", "plan", "intend", "expect", "anticipate", "and believe" and similar expressions are intend identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are found at various places throughout this Report and in the documents incorporated herein by reference. New Concept Energy, Inc. disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Although we believe that our expectations are based upon reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance that our goals will be achieved. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ from estimates or projections contained in any forward-looking statements are described under Item 1A. Risk Factors beginning on page 5.

PART I

Item 1. Business

New Concept Energy, Inc. ("New Concept", "NCE" or the "Company" or "we" or "us") was incorporated in Nevada on May 1991, under the name Medical Resource Companies of America, Inc. The Company is the successor-by-merger to Wespac Investors Trust, a California business trust that began operating in 1982. On March 26, 1996, the name was changed to Greenbriar Corporation. On February 8, 2005, the name of the Company was changed to CabelTel International Corporation. On May 21, 2008, the name of the company was changed to New Concept Energy, Inc.

Oil and Gas Operations

The Company, through its wholly owned subsidiaries Mountaineer State Energy, Inc. and Mountaineer State Operations, LLC, owns and operates oil and gas wells and mineral leases in Athens and Meigs Counties in Ohio and in Calhoun, Jackson and Roane Counties in West Virginia. The majority of our oil & gas operation was acquired through the acquisition of the Carl E. Smith Companies in 2008.

As of December 31, 2014 the Company has 153 producing gas wells, 31 non-producing wells and related equipment and mineral leases covering approximately 20,000 acres.

Retirement Community

The Company leases and operates Pacific Pointe Retirement Inn ("Pacific Pointe") in King City, Oregon. Pacific Pointe, a retirement center, has a capacity of 114 residents and provides community living with basic services such as meals, housekeeping, laundry, 24/7 staffing, transportation and social and recreational activities. Our residents do not yet need assistance or support with activities of daily living but prefer the physical and psychological comfort of a residential community of like-minded people and access to senior-oriented services.

Business Strategy

The Company is a Nevada corporation which owns and operates oil and gas wells in Ohio and West Virginia.

The Company intends to continue to pursue acquisition of undervalued or distressed oil and gas related businesses, as well as additional acquisitions of oil and gas leases. The Company may choose to develop or resell the acquired acreage as management deems most beneficial to the Company. The Company's strategy is dependent on available financing as well as the market price for oil and gas.

The Company intends to maintain its interest in the retirement center it currently operates, however, management has no current intentions to own or operate any additional retirement facilities.

Insurance

The Company currently maintains property and liability insurance intended to cover claims in its oil and gas operations, retirement community and corporate operations. The provision of personal services entails an inherent risk of liability compared to more institutional long-term care communities. The Company also carries property insurance on each of its owned and leased properties, as appropriate.

Employees

At December 31, 2014, the Company employed, in all segments, 49 people (27 full-time and 22 part-time). The Company believes it maintains good relationships with its employees. None of the Company's employees are represented by a collective bargaining group.

The Company's operations are subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act. Many of the Company's employees are paid at rates related to the minimum wage and any increase in the minimum wage will result in an increase in labor costs.

Management is not aware of any non-compliance by the Company as regards applicable regulatory requirements that would have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Quality Assurance

Energy Philosophy – The Company is committed to the preservation and enhancement of the environment in which we operate. We are philosophically and operationally focused to continually prioritize the sensitivity of our ecological system in which we develop resources for our generation as well as our children's. Management's legacy is to prove that the energy industry can develop the earth's natural resources with clean and efficient technologies while preserving its fragile beauty. Our technologies directly and significantly reduce the impact of our operations on nature and wildlife by minimizing surface disturbance.

Retirement Center Philosophy – The Company's philosophy of management is to demonstrate by its actions and require from its employees high standards of personal integrity, to develop a climate of openness and trust, to demonstrate respect for human dignity in every circumstance, to be supportive in all relationships, to promote teamwork by involving employees in the management of their own work and to promote the free expression of ideas and opinions. In operating a retirement community, our commitment to quality assurance is designed to achieve a high degree of resident and family member satisfaction with the care and services the Company provides.

Regular Property Inspections – Property inspections are conducted by corporate personnel. These inspections cover the appearance of the exterior and grounds, the appearance and cleanliness of the interior, the professionalism and friendliness of staff and notes on maintenance.

Marketing

The Company's sell its oil and natural gas production to a limited number of purchasers. While there is an available market for crude oil and natural gas production, we cannot be assured that the loss of these purchasers would not have a material impact on the Company. Further a reduction in the market price for oil and gas will have a negative effect on the Company's financial position.

At Pacific Pointe, the Company's marketing and sales efforts are undertaken at the local level. These are intended to create awareness of our property and its services among prospective residents, their families and other key referral sources. The property engages in traditional types of marketing activities such as special events, radio spots, direct mailings, print advertising, signs and yellow page advertising. These marketing activities and media advertisements are directed to potential customers.

Government Regulation

Management is not aware of any non-compliance by the Company of applicable regulatory requirements that would have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Competition

The oil and natural gas industry is highly competitive. We encounter strong competition from other independent operators and from major oil companies in acquiring properties, contracting for drilling equipment and securing trained personnel. Many of these competitors have financial and technical resources and personnel substantially larger than ours. As a result, our competitors may be able to pay more for desirable leases, or to evaluate, bid for and purchase a greater number of properties or prospects than our financial or personnel resources will permit.

We are also affected by competition for drilling rigs and the availability of related equipment. In the past, the oil and natural gas industry has experienced shortages of drilling rigs, equipment, pipe and personnel, which has delayed development drilling and other exploitation activities and has caused significant price increases. We are unable to predict when, or if, such shortages may again occur or how they would affect our development and exploitation program.

Competition is also strong for attractive oil and natural gas producing properties, undeveloped leases and drilling rights, and we cannot assure you that we will be able to compete satisfactorily. Many large oil companies have been actively marketing some of their existing producing properties for sale to independent producers. We regularly evaluate acquisition opportunities and submit bids as part of our growth strategy.

Our retirement community is in a highly competitive environment which and will continue to become increasingly competitive in the future. The Company competes with other retirement companies and numerous other companies providing similar long-term care alternatives, such as home healthcare agencies, community-based service programs and convalescent centers (nursing homes).

Available Information

The Company maintains an internet website at www.newconceptenergy.com. The Company has available through the website, free of charge, Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, reports filed pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and amendments to those reports as soon as rea-sonably practicable after we electronically file or furnish such materials to the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, the Company has posted the charters for our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Governance and Nominating Committee, as well as our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Corporate Governance Guidelines on Director Independence and other information on the website. These charters and principles are not incorporated in this Report by reference. The Company will also provide a copy of these documents free of charge to stockholders upon request. The Company issues Annual Reports containing audited financial statements to its common stockholders.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Risks Related to the Company

An investment in our securities involves various risks. An investor should carefully consider the following risk factors in conjunction with the other information in this report before trading our securities.

The oil & gas industry is highly competitive. Competition for leasehold interests, subcontractors and qualified employees are keen and we are competing against companies that are larger, more experienced and better capitalized than we are.

The oil & gas industry faces exposure from changes in oil and gas prices due to market fluctuations beyond the Company's control.

Our governing documents contain anti-takeover provisions that may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us. Our Articles of Incorporation contain provisions designed to discourage attempts to acquire control of the Company by a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or removal of incumbent management without the approval of our Board of Directors. As a result, a transaction which otherwise might appear to be in your best interests as a stockholder could be delayed, deferred or prevented altogether, and you may be deprived of an opportunity to receive a premium for your shares over prevailing market rates. The provisions contained in our Articles of Incorporation include:

the requirement of an 80% vote to make, adopt, alter, amend, change or repeal our Bylaws or certain key provisions of the Articles of Incorporation that embody, among other things, the anti-takeover provisions;

the so-called business combination "control act" requirements involving the Company and a person that beneficially owns 10% or more of the outstanding common stock except under certain circumstances; and

the requirement of holders of at least 80% of the outstanding Common Stock to join together to request a special meeting of stockholders.

As of March 27, 2015 a group of entities owned and controlled approximately 42% of the Company's outstanding common stock. This group has significant voting power to block any attempted change in control – See Item 12 – Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Shareholder Matters.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

Item 2. Properties

The Company's principal offices are located at 1603 LBJ Freeway Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75234. The Company believes this space is presently suitable, fully utilized and will be adequate for the foreseeable future.

Retirement Community

The Company under a long term lease operates Pacific Pointe Retirement Inn ("Pacific Pointe") in King City, Oregon. Pacific Pointe began operations in 1993, has a capacity of 114 residents and provides community living with basic services such as meals, housekeeping, laundry, 24/7 staffing, transportation and social and recreational activities. These residents do not yet need assistance or support with activities of daily living but prefer the physical and psychological comfort of a residential community of like-minded people and access to senior-oriented services.

The Company's retirement community is suitable, fully utilized and adequate for the purpose to which it is devoted.

The average occupancy and lease rate per resident for our one retirement facility is as follows:

		Average	
Average	M dl D		
Occupancy	Monthly Rate		
December 2014		85.5%	\$2,235
December 2013		90.0%	\$2,290
December 2012		92.1%	\$2,225
December 2011		90.5%	\$2,191
December 2010		91.3%	\$2,139

Oil and Gas

Reserve Estimation

The Company's producing properties have been in production for over 20 years. Because individual well production volumes were not available, composite production decline curves were constructed for each of the five counties in which these wells are located. All five composite decline curves exhibit well-established production decline trends. After reviewing all available information, it was determined that the most reliable method of estimating the Proved Developed Producing Reserves was by extrapolation of the existing production decline trends to the economic limit of production.

Proved Undeveloped Reserves were estimated by analogy to currently producing wells in the various areas producing from the same formations.

The Company's reserve reports are prepared by independent petroleum engineers. The process used to control the information provided to the independent petroleum engineers includes an initial compilation of production data by experienced senior management personal in the Company's field office. This data is independently reviewed by appropriate personal in the Company's corporate office prior to being submitted to the independent petroleum engineer. The submitted data is ultimately compared to the final reserve report and then agreed to the financial statement disclosures prepared by the Company.

The Company uses the petroleum engineering firm of Lee Keeling and Associates, Inc. to prepare its reserve estimates and future net revenues from its oil and gas properties. The work is performed by a registered professional engineer who is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers with over 40 years of experience in the oil and gas industry.

According to our independent reserve engineering firm, Lee Keeling & Associates, Inc. as of December 31, 2014, our Proved Reserves in Ohio and West Virginia were approximately 2.9 million Mcf of natural gas and 139 thousand Bbls of oil. Of the total Proved Reserves, approximately 33% were Proved Developed Reserves. As of December 31, 2014, the related PV-10 of our Proved Reserves was approximately \$10.8 million from Ohio & West Virginia.

Additional Oil and Gas Information

Production

2014 - 159,000 Mcf of natural gas and 10,459 Bbls of oil 2013 - 194,000 Mcf of natural gas and 12,404 Bbls of oil 2012 - 178,000 Mcf of natural gas and 8,115 Bbls of oil

Average sales price per unit

2014 - \$4.53 per Mcf and \$90.82 per Bbls 2013 - \$4.23 per Mcf and \$96.00 per Bbls 2012 - \$3.59 per Mcf and \$92.43 per Bbls

Productive wells

2014 - 153 2013 - 152 2012 - 152

Developed acreage – approximately 20,000 acres

Drilling activity – The Company acquired the operations in Ohio and West Virginia in October 2008 and has, for the most part, focused on improving production from wells. Since the acquisition the Company has drilled 15 wells.

Development plan

In September 2008, the Company through its acquisition of Carl E. Smith, Inc. (now known as Mountaineer State Energy, Inc.) acquired 20,000 acres of mineral rights in Ohio and West Virginia. The 20,000 acres are both surrounded and interspersed of hundreds of existing wells of which 138 producing wells were owned by the Company and other non-related entities owned the rest of such wells. The entire area has pipelines in place and decades of information regarding reserves.

In connection with the acquisition, the Company formulated a development plan to rework existing wells, to improve production using modern technology (both in Proved Developed and Proved Undeveloped Reserves), and to follow up with the drilling of new wells. The Company's plan is to use the current knowledge of the area and new technologies available to both rework its existing wells and drill new wells.

Proved Reserves

The following table presents our estimated Proved Reserves as of December 31, 2014. These estimates correspond with the method used in presenting the "Supplemental Information on Oil and Gas Operations" in Note N to our consolidated financial statements included in this report.

Gas Oil (MMCF) (MBBLS)

Proved Reserves		
U.S. Onshore		
Developed Producing	673	53
Developed Non-Producing	25	18
Undeveloped	2,168	68
Total Proved Reserves	2,866	139
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The following table presents the changes in our total proved undeveloped reserves.

	Gas	Oil
	(MMCF)	(MBBLS)
Proved Undeveloped Reserves as of December 31, 2013	2,168	68
Revaluation of Undeveloped Reserves	-	-
Conversion to Proved Developed Reserves	-	-
Proved Undeveloped Reserves as of December 31, 2014	2,168	68

Well Statistics

The following table sets forth our wells (all natural gas) as of December 31, 2014.

Wells
Gross (1)
Net (2)