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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

X	QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
AC	CT OF 1934

for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015

OR

o $\,$ 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: 001-34800

ECA MARCELLUS TRUST I

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other juris incorporation or org	ediction of	(I.R.S.	5522024 Employer cation No.)
The Bank of New Y Trust Company, N. Global Corporat 919 Congress A Austin, Tex (Address of principal ex-	A., Trustee te Trust Avenue aas		8701 o Code)
	*	2) 236-6555 ne number, including area code)	
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Large accelerated filer o	Accelerated filer x	Non-accelerated filer o	Smaller reporting company o
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

As of August 7, 2015, 17,605,000 Common Units of Beneficial Interest in ECA Marcellus Trust I were outstanding.

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PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

ECA Marcellus Trust I

Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Trust Corpus

(Unaudited)

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 186,391	\$ 403,890
Royalty income receivable	1,425,423	3,301,440
Royalty interest in gas properties	352,100,000	352,100,000
Accumulated amortization	(288,023,674)	(285,008,719)
Net royalty interest in gas properties	64,076,326	67,091,281
Total Assets	\$ 65,688,140	\$ 70,796,611
LIABILITIES AND TRUST CORPUS:		
Liabilities:		
Distributions payable to unitholders	\$ 1,077,082	\$ 3,165,307
Trust corpus; 17,605,000 common units authorized, issued and outstanding	64,611,058	67,631,304
Total Liabilities and Trust Corpus	\$ 65,688,140	\$ 70,796,611

See notes to the unaudited financial statements.

ECA Marcellus Trust I

Statements of Distributable Income

(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,				Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2015		2014	2015		2014	
Royalty income	\$ 3,551,359	\$	11,869,709	1,425,423	\$	5,344,585	
Hedge proceeds			268,632				
Net proceeds to Trust	\$ 3,551,359	\$	12,138,341	1,425,423	\$	5,344,585	
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General and administrative expense	(997,158)		(800,343)	(348,341))	(393,393)	
Interest income	4						
Income available for distribution prior to cash							
reserves	\$ 2,554,205	\$	11,337,998	1,077,082	\$	4,951,192	
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Cash reserves withheld by Trustee			(500,000)				
Distributable income available to unitholders	\$ 2,554,205	\$	10,837,998	1,077,082	\$	4,951,192	
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Distributable income per unit (17,605,000 units authorized and outstanding)	\$ 0.145	\$	0.615	0.061	\$	0.281	

See notes to the unaudited financial statements.

ECA Marcellus Trust I

Statements of Trust Corpus

(Unaudited)

		Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2015			2014		
Trust Corpus, Beginning of Period	\$	67,631,304	\$	234,466,505		
Cash reserves withheld				500,000		
Distributable income		2,554,205		10,837,998		
Distributions paid or payable to unitholders		(2,559,496)		(10,831,727)		
Amortization of royalty interest in gas properties		(3,014,955)		(11,813,366)		
Amortization of floor price contracts				(480,480)		
Trust Corpus, End of Period	\$	64,611,058	\$	222,678,930		

See notes to the unaudited financial statements.

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ECA MARCELLUS TRUST I

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

NOTE 1. Organization of the Trust

ECA Marcellus Trust I is a Delaware statutory trust formed in March 2010 by Energy Corporation of America (ECA) to own royalty interests in fourteen producing horizontal natural gas wells producing from the Marcellus Shale formation, all of which are online and are located in Greene County, Pennsylvania (the Producing Wells), and royalty interests in 52 horizontal natural gas development wells subsequently drilled to the Marcellus Shale formation (the PUD Wells) within the Area of Mutual Interest, or AMI , comprising approximately 9,300 acres held by ECA, of which it owns substantially all of the working interests in Greene County, Pennsylvania. The effective date of the Trust was April 1, 2010; consequently, the Trust received the proceeds of production attributable to the PDP Royalty Interest (defined herein) from that date even though the PDP Royalty Interest was not conveyed to the Trust until the closing of the initial public offering on July 7, 2010. The total number of units the Trust is authorized to issue is 17,605,000 units, all of which are now common units. The royalty interests were conveyed from ECA s working interest in the Producing Wells and the PUD Wells limited to the Marcellus Shale formation (the Underlying Properties). The royalty interest in the Producing Wells (the PDP Royalty Interest) entitles the Trust to receive 90% of the proceeds (exclusive of any production or development costs but after deducting post-production costs and any applicable taxes) from the sale of production of natural gas attributable to ECA s interest in the Producing Wells. The royalty interest in the PUD Wells (the PUD Royalty Interest and collectively with the PDP Royalty Interest, the Royalty Interests) entitles the Trust to receive 50% of the proceeds (exclusive of any production or development costs but after deducting post-production costs and any applicable taxes) from the sale of production of natural gas attributable to ECA s interest in the PUD Wells. As of the formation of the Trust, approximately 50% of the originally estimated natural gas production attributable to the Trust s Royalty Interests had been hedged with a combination of floors and swaps through March 31, 2014. The floor price contracts were transferred to the Trust by ECA, while ECA entered into a back-to-back swap agreement with the Trust to provide the Trust with the benefit of swap contracts ECA entered into with third parties.

ECA was obligated to drill all of the PUD Wells no later than March 31, 2014. As of November 30, 2011, ECA had met its drilling obligation and had drilled 52.06 Equivalent PUD Wells. The Trust was not responsible for any costs related to the drilling of development wells or any other development or operating costs. The Trust s cash receipts in respect of the Royalty Interests are determined after deducting post-production costs and any applicable taxes associated with the PDP and PUD Royalty Interests. The Trust s cash available for distribution includes any cash receipts from the floor price contracts and is reduced by Trust administrative expenses. Post-production costs generally consist of costs incurred to gather, compress, transport, process, treat, dehydrate and market the natural gas produced. Charges (the Post-Production Services Fee) payable to ECA for such post-production costs on the Greene County Gathering System were limited to \$0.52 per MMBtu gathered until ECA fulfilled its drilling obligation (which it did in November 2011); thereafter, ECA is permitted to increase the Post-Production Services Fee to the extent necessary to recover certain capital expenditures in the Greene County Gathering System. Additionally, if electric compression is utilized in lieu of gas as fuel in the compression process, the Trust is charged for the electric usage as provided for in the Trust conveyance documents.

Generally, the percentage of production proceeds received by the Trust with respect to a well equals the product of (i) the percentage of proceeds to which the Trust is entitled under the terms of the conveyances (90% for the Producing Wells and 50% for the PUD Wells) multiplied by (ii) ECA s net revenue interest in the well. ECA on average owns an 81.53% net revenue interest in the Producing Wells. Therefore, the Trust is entitled to receive on average 73.37% of the proceeds of production from the Producing Wells. With respect to the PUD Wells, the conveyance related to the PUD Royalty Interest provides that the proceeds from the PUD Wells will be calculated on the basis that the underlying PUD Wells are burdened only by interests that in total would not exceed 12.5% of the revenues from such properties, regardless of whether the royalty interest owners are actually entitled to a greater percentage of revenues from such properties. As an example, assuming ECA owns a 100% working interest in a PUD well, the applicable net revenue interest is calculated by multiplying ECA s percentage working interest in the

100% working interest well by the unburdened interest percentage (87.5%) and such well would have a minimum 87.5% net revenue interest. Accordingly, the Trust is entitled to a minimum of 43.75% of the production proceeds

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from the well provided in this example. To the extent ECA s working interest in a PUD well is less than 100%, the Trust s share of proceeds is proportionately reduced.

The Trust makes quarterly cash distributions of substantially all of its cash receipts, after deducting Trust administrative expenses, including the costs incurred as a result of being a publicly traded entity, on or about 60 days following the completion of each quarter. Unless sooner liquidated, the Trust is scheduled to liquidate on or about March 31, 2030 (the Termination Date). At the termination of the Trust, 50% of each of the PDP Royalty Interest and the PUD Royalty Interest will revert automatically to ECA. The remaining 50% of each of the PDP Royalty Interest will be sold, and the net proceeds will be distributed pro rata to the unitholders soon after the termination of the Trust. ECA will have a right of first refusal to purchase the remaining 50% of the Royalty Interests upon termination of the Trust.

The business and affairs of the Trust are administered by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee. Although ECA operates all of the Producing Wells and all of the PUD Wells, ECA has no ability to manage or influence the management of the Trust. Neither the Trust nor the Trustee has any authority or responsibility for, or any involvement with or influence over, any aspect of the operations on or relating to the properties to which the Royalty Interests relate.

NOTE 2. Basis of Presentation

The preparation of financial statements requires the Trust to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Without limiting the foregoing statement, the information furnished is based upon certain estimates of the revenues attributable to the Trust from natural gas production for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and is therefore subject to adjustment in future periods to reflect actual production for the periods presented.

The information furnished reflects all normal and recurring adjustments which are, in the opinion of the Trustee, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim period presented. The accompanying unaudited interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Trust s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. The December 31, 2014 condensed balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 3. Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying unaudited financial information has been prepared by the Trustee in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q. The financial statements of the Trust differ from financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) because certain cash reserves may be established for contingencies, which would not be accrued in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. Amortization of expired floor price contract premiums did not reduce Distributable Income, rather it was charged directly to Trust Corpus. Floor price contract premiums became fully amortized as of March 31, 2014. Amortization of the investment in overriding royalty interests calculated on a unit-of-production basis is charged directly to Trust Corpus. This comprehensive basis of accounting other than GAAP corresponds to the accounting permitted for royalty trusts by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as specified by Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 932 Extractive Activities Oil and Gas: Financial Statements of Royalty Trusts (ASC 932).

Income determined on the basis of GAAP would include all expenses incurred for the period presented. However, the Trust serves as a pass-through entity, with expenses for depreciation, depletion, and amortization, interest and income taxes being based on the status and elections of the Trust unitholders. General and administrative expenses, production taxes or any other allowable costs are charged to the Trust only when cash has been paid for those expenses. In addition, the Royalty Interest is not burdened by field and lease operating expenses. Thus, the statement shows distributable income, defined as income of the Trust available for distribution to the Trust unitholders before application of those additional expenses, if any, for depreciation, depletion, and amortization, interest and income taxes. The revenues are presented net of existing royalties and overriding royalties and have been reduced by gathering/post-production expenses.

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Cash:
Cash may include highly liquid instruments maturing in three months or less from the date acquired.
Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements:
The preparation of financial statements requires the Trust to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
Revenue and Expenses:
The Trust serves as a pass-through entity, with items of depletion, interest income and expense, and income tax attributes being based upon the status and election of the unitholders. Thus, the Statements of Distributable Income show income available for distribution before application of those unitholders—additional expenses, if any, for depletion, interest income and expense, and income taxes.
The Trust uses the accrual basis to recognize revenue, with royalty income recorded as reserves are extracted from the Underlying Properties and sold. Expenses are recognized when paid.
Royalty Interest in Gas Properties:
The Royalty Interests in gas properties are assessed to determine whether their net capitalized cost is impaired, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that its carrying amount may not be recoverable, pursuant to ASC 360, Property, Plant and Equipment (ASC 360). The Trust will determine if a write-down is necessary to its investment in the Royalty Interests in gas properties to the extent that total capitalized costs, less accumulated amortization, exceed undiscounted future net revenues attributable to proved gas reserves of the Underlying Properties. Determination as to whether and how much an asset is impaired involves estimates on highly uncertain matters such as future commodity prices,

the effects of inflation, weighted average cost of capital, and technology improvements on post-production costs and the outlook for national or regional market supply and demand conditions. If required, the Trust will provide a write-down to the extent that the net capitalized costs exceed the discounted fair value of the investment in net profits interests attributable to proved gas reserves of the Underlying Properties. Any such write-down would not reduce Distributable Income, although it would reduce Trust Corpus. At December 31, 2014, the Underlying Properties were impaired by approximately \$144 million primarily as a result of the decrease in the futures prices of natural gas as well as a decrease in Basis. No impairment in the Underlying Properties has been recognized during 2015. Significant dispositions or abandonment of

the Underlying Properties are charged to Royalty Interests and the Trust Corpus.

Amortization of the Royalty Interests in gas properties is calculated on a units-of-production basis, whereby the Trust s cost basis in the properties is divided by Trust total proved reserves to derive an amortization rate per reserve unit. Such amortization does not reduce Distributable Income, rather it is charged directly to Trust Corpus. Revisions to estimated future units-of-production are treated on a prospective basis beginning on the date significant revisions are known.

The conveyance of the Royalty Interests to the Trust was accounted for as a purchase transaction. The \$352,100,000 reflected in the Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus as Royalty Interests in Gas Properties represents 17,605,000 Trust Units valued at \$20.00 per unit. The carrying value of the Trust s investment in the Royalty Interests is not necessarily indicative of the fair value of such Royalty Interests.

NOTE 4. Commodity Hedges

The Trust is exposed to risk fluctuations in energy prices in the normal course of operations. ECA conveyed to the Trust natural gas derivative floor price contracts and entered into a back-to-back swap agreement with the Trust which conveyed the benefit of certain swap agreements which ECA had previously entered into with third parties. The volumes originally covered by these agreements equated to approximately 50% of the originally estimated natural gas to be produced by the Trust properties through March 31, 2014. The swap contracts expired on June 30, 2012. The floor contracts, which expired March 31, 2014, had a price of \$5.00 per MMBtu on a total

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volume of 11,268,000 MMBtu for the period from October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2014. The Trust used the cash method to account for commodity contracts. Under this method, gains or losses associated with the contracts were recognized at the time the hedged production occurred. For the quarter ended March 31, 2014, the Trust had realized hedge proceeds of \$268,632. However, no hedge arrangements have been in effect since March 31, 2014, and no additional proceeds have been realized since that date.

NOTE 5. Income Taxes

The Trust is a Delaware statutory trust, which is taxed as a partnership for federal and state income taxes. Accordingly, no provision for federal or state income taxes has been made. Uncertain tax positions are accounted for under ASC 740, *Income Taxes* (ASC 740), which prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for financial statement disclosure of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. Additionally, ASC 740 provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The Trust has not identified any uncertain tax positions through the period ended June 30, 2015.

NOTE 6. Related Party Transactions

Trustee Administrative Fee:

Under the terms of the Trust Agreement, the Trust pays an annual administrative fee of \$150,000 to the Trustee, which may be adjusted beginning January 1, 2016 as provided in the Trust Agreement. These costs, as well as those to be paid to ECA pursuant to the Administrative Services Agreement referred to below, are deducted by the Trust in the period paid.

Administrative Services Fee:

The Trust has an Administrative Services Agreement with ECA that obligates the Trust to pay ECA each quarter an administrative services fee for accounting, bookkeeping and informational services to be performed by ECA on behalf of the Trust relating to the Royalty Interests. The annual fee of \$60,000 is payable in equal quarterly installments. Under certain circumstances, ECA and the Trustee each may terminate the Administrative Services Agreement at any time following delivery of notice no less than 90 days prior to the date of termination.

Cash Advance:

Pursuant to a letter agreement between the Trustee and ECA dated July 7, 2010, during the quarters ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Trustee provided a funding request and ECA subsequently advanced \$200,000 to the Trust for use in paying current and future liabilities of the Trust as they became due. ECA recovered the advances by withholding \$200,000 from royalty income proceeds payable to the Trust during the quarters ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. ECA made no advances to the Trust for the quarters ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

Related Party Ownership and Registration Rights Agreement:

Pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement to which ECA and the Trust are parties, ECA and the Trust filed a registration statement on Form S-3 pursuant to which ECA could publicly offer and sell up to 4,573,128 common units. ECA and the Trust also filed a registration statement on Form S-4 pursuant to which ECA could publicly offer to exchange up to 3,957,527 depositary units of Eastern American Natural Gas Trust for up to 4,120,059 common units of the Trust. The registration statements were declared effective on February 8, 2013. In March 2013, ECA exchanged 1,288,456 common units of the Trust for 946,750 Depositary Units of Eastern American Natural Gas Trust that had been validly tendered for exchange under the registration statement on Form S-4. During May 2014, ECA sold or conveyed the remainder of its Trust units. As of June 30, 2015, ECA held no common units of the Trust.

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

References to the Trust in this document refer to ECA Marcellus Trust I. References to ECA in this document refer to Energy Corporation of America and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, and when discussing the conveyance documents, include the private investors. The following review of the Trust s financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto and the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Trust s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Trust s annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and all amendments to those reports are available on the SEC s website at www.sec.gov and also at www.businesswire.com/cnn/ect.htm. Certain terms used herein are defined in Appendix A.

Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements about ECA and the Trust and other matters discussed herein that are subject to risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this document, including, without limitation, statements under Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Risk Factors regarding the financial position, business strategy, production and reserve growth, development activities and costs and other plans and objectives for the future operations of ECA and all matters relating to the Trust are forward-looking statements. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from those projected.

When used in this document, the words believes, expects, anticipates, intends or similar expressions, are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Further, all statements regarding future circumstances or events are forward-looking statements. The following important factors, in addition to those discussed elsewhere in this document, could affect the future results of the energy industry in general, and ECA and the Trust in particular, and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in such forward-looking statements:

- risks incident to the operation of natural gas wells;
- future production costs;
- the effects of existing and future laws and regulatory actions;
- the effects of changes in commodity prices;
- conditions in the capital markets;

•	competition in the energy industry;

- the uncertainty of estimates of natural gas reserves and production; and
- other risks described under the caption Risk Factors in the Trust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

This Form 10-Q describes other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations of ECA and the Trust, including those referenced in Item 1A of Part II under the caption Risk Factors. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to ECA or the Trust or persons acting on behalf of ECA or the Trust are expressly qualified in their entirety by such factors. The Trust assumes no obligation, and disclaims any duty, to update these forward-looking statements.

Overview

The Trust is a statutory trust created under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. serves as Trustee. The Trust does not conduct any operations or activities. The Trust s purpose is, in general, to hold the Royalty Interests (described below), to distribute to the Trust unitholders cash that the Trust receives in respect of the Royalty Interests after payment of Trust expenses, and to perform certain

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administrative functions in respect of the Royalty Interests and the Trust units. The Trustee has no authority or responsibility for, and no involvement with, any aspect of the oil and gas operations on the properties to which the Royalty Interests relate. The Trust derives all or substantially all of its income and cash flows from the Royalty Interests, which in turn were subject to the hedge contracts described in Part I, Item 3. The Trust is treated as a partnership for federal and state income tax purposes.

ECA completed its drilling obligation to the Trust under the Development Agreement as of November 30, 2011, substantially in advance of the required completion date of March 31, 2014. Consequently, no additional wells will be drilled for the Trust. As of June 30, 2015 the Trust owns royalties in the 14 Producing Wells and the 40 development wells (52.06 Equivalent PUD Wells) that are now completed and in production.

The Royalty Interests were conveyed from ECA s working interest in the Producing Wells and the PUD Wells limited to the Underlying Properties. The PDP Royalty Interest entitles the Trust to receive 90% of the proceeds (exclusive of any production or development costs but after deducting post-production costs and any applicable taxes) from the sale of production of natural gas attributable to ECA s interest in the Producing Wells for a period of 20 years commencing on April 1, 2010 and 45% thereafter. The PUD Royalty Interest entitles the Trust to receive 50% of the proceeds (exclusive of any production or development costs but after deducting post-production costs and any applicable taxes) from the sale of production of natural gas attributable to ECA s interest in the PUD Wells for a period of 20 years commencing on April 1, 2010 and 25% thereafter. Approximately 50% of the originally estimated natural gas production attributable to the Royalty Interests had been hedged through March 31, 2014. See Item 3 regarding a more complete description of the hedge contracts.

ECA was obligated to drill all of the PUD Wells by March 31, 2014. As of November 30, 2011, ECA had fulfilled its drilling obligation to the Trust by drilling 40 PUD Wells (52.06 Equivalent PUD Wells). The Trust was not responsible for any costs related to the drilling of development wells or any other development or operating costs. The Trust scash receipts in respect of the Royalty Interests are determined after deducting post-production costs and any applicable taxes associated with the Royalty Interests, and, prior to the expiration of the hedge arrangements on March 31, 2014, the Trust scash available for distribution included any cash receipts from the hedge contracts. Cash available for distribution is also reduced by Trust administrative expenses and any amounts reserved for administrative expenses. Post-production costs generally consist of costs incurred to gather, compress, transport, process, treat, dehydrate and market the natural gas produced. Charges payable to ECA for such post-production costs on its Greene County Gathering System were limited to \$0.52 per MMBtu gathered until ECA fulfilled its drilling obligation in 2011; thereafter, ECA is permitted to increase the Post-Production Services Fee to the extent necessary to recover certain capital expenditures in the Greene County Gathering System.

Generally, the percentage of production proceeds received by the Trust with respect to a well equals the product of (i) the percentage of proceeds to which the Trust is entitled under the terms of the conveyances (90% for the Producing Wells and 50% for the PUD Wells) multiplied by (ii) ECA s net revenue interest in the well. ECA on average owns an 81.53% net revenue interest in the Producing Wells. Therefore, the Trust is entitled to receive on average 73.37% of the proceeds of production from the Producing Wells. With respect to the PUD Wells, the conveyance related to the PUD Royalty Interest provides that the proceeds from the PUD Wells will be calculated on the basis that the underlying PUD Wells are burdened only by interests that in total would not exceed 12.5% of the revenues from such properties, regardless of whether the royalty interest owners are actually entitled to a greater percentage of revenues from such properties. As an example, assuming ECA owns a 100% working interest in a PUD Well, the applicable net revenue interest is calculated by multiplying ECA s percentage working interest in the 100% working interest well by the unburdened interest percentage (87.5%), and such well would have a minimum 87.5% net revenue interest. Accordingly, the Trust is entitled to a minimum of 43.75% of the production proceeds from the well provided in this example. To the extent ECA s working interest in a PUD Well is less than 100%, the Trust s share of proceeds is proportionately reduced.

The Trust makes quarterly cash distributions of substantially all of its cash receipts, after deducting Trust administrative expenses and costs and reserves therefor, on or about 60 days following the completion of each quarter. Unless sooner terminated, the Trust is scheduled to terminate in 2030.

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comparable between the periods.

The amount of Trust revenues and cash distributions to Trust unitholders will depend on, among other things:
• natural gas prices received;
• the volume and Btu rating of natural gas produced and sold;
• post-production costs and any applicable taxes; and
• administrative expenses of the Trust including expenses incurred as a result of being a publicly traded entity, and any changes in amounts reserved for such expenses.
The amount of the quarterly distributions will fluctuate from quarter to quarter, depending on the proceeds received by the Trust, among other factors. There is no minimum required distribution.
Pursuant to IRC Section 1446, withholding tax on income effectively connected to a United States trade or business allocated to foreign partners should be made at the highest marginal rate. Under Section 1441, withholding tax on fixed, determinable, annual, periodic income from United States sources allocated to foreign partners should be made at 30% of gross income unless the rate is reduced by treaty. This release is intended to be a qualified notice to nominees and brokers as provided for under Treasury Regulation Section 1.1446-4(b) by ECA Marcellus Trust I, and while specific relief is not specified for Section 1441 income, this disclosure is intended to suffice. Nominees and brokers should withhold 39.6% of the distribution made to foreign partners.
Results of Trust Operations
For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2015 compared to the Three Months Ended June 30, 2014
Distributable income for the three months ended June 30, 2015 decreased to \$1.1 million from \$5.0 million for the three months ended June 30,

Royalty income decreased from \$5.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 to \$1.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015, a decrease of \$3.9 million. This decrease was due primarily to a decrease in production and the average sales price.

2014. Compared to the quarter ended June 30, 2014, royalty income decreased \$3.9 million and general and administrative expenses were

The average price realized for the three months ended June 30, 2015 decreased \$2.42 per Mcf to \$1.80 per Mcf as compared to \$4.22 for the three months ended June 30, 2014. The decrease in the average sales price for gas production was due to a decrease in the weighted average monthly closing NYMEX price and a decrease in the average basis, offset by lower post production costs. The decrease in the average sales price for gas production was primarily the result of a decrease in the weighted average monthly closing NYMEX price for the current period to \$2.64 per MMBtu compared to the three months ended June 30, 2014 weighted average monthly closing NYMEX price of \$4.66 per MMBtu together with a \$0.34 per MMbtu decrease in the average Basis from minus \$0.91 per MMBTU in the current period compared to the prior period Basis of minus \$0.57 per MMbtu. A decrease in post-production costs slightly offset a lower average sales price for gas production during the current period.

Post-production costs consist of a post-production services fee together with a charge for electricity used in lieu of gas for compression on the gathering system and firm transportation charges on interstate gas pipelines and, as of July 2013, an additional gathering charge for system enhancements applicable to certain wells in an effort to increase production by reducing the high line pressure previously experienced by those wells. Overall, average post-production costs decreased to \$0.65 per Mcf for the three months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to \$0.69 per Mcf for the three months ended June 30, 2014. This decrease was primarily the result of an overall decline in gathering related charges.

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Production decreased 18% from 1,516 MMcf for the three months ended June 30, 2014 to 1,237 MMcf for the three months ended June 30, 2015. The decreased production was primarily a result of natural production declines that occur during the life of a well.

General and administrative expenses paid by the Trust decreased \$0.05 million from \$0.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 to \$0.35 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015. This decrease was primarily due to the Trustee administrative fee not being paid in the current quarter.

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2015 compared to the Six Months Ended June 30, 2014

Distributable income for the six months ended June 30, 2015 decreased to \$2.6 million from \$10.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014. Compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014, royalty income decreased \$8.3 million, hedge proceeds decreased \$0.3 million, and general and administrative expenses increased \$0.2 million. These decreases to distributable income were offset by the absence of a cash reserve balance held by the Trustee for the six months ended June 30, 2015, which increased distributable income by \$0.5 million compared to the same period in 2014.

Royalty income decreased from \$11.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 to \$3.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015, a decrease of \$8.3 million. This decrease was primarily due to a decrease in production and average sales price.

The average price realized for gas production decreased from \$4.54 per Mcf for the six months ended June 30, 2014 to \$2.11 per Mcf for the six months ended June 30, 2015. This decrease in price was primarily the result of a \$1.99 decrease in the weighted average monthly closing NYMEX price for the current period to \$2.80 per MMBtu compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014 weighted average monthly closing NYMEX price of \$4.79 per MMBtu, as well as a \$0.38 decrease in the average Basis compared to the prior period.

Post-production costs consist of a post-production services fee together with a charge for electricity used in lieu of gas for compression on the gathering system and firm transportation charges on interstate gas pipelines and, as of July 2013, an additional gathering charge for system enhancements applicable to certain wells in an effort to increase production by reducing the high line pressure previously experienced by those wells. Overall, average post-production costs increased to \$0.66 per Mcf for the six months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to \$0.65 per Mcf for the six months ended June 30, 2014. Post-production costs were slightly higher than the previous period primarily as a result of increases in the firm transportation costs and plastic pipe gathering fees.

Production decreased 19.8% from 3,053 MMcf for the six months ended June 30, 2014 to 2,447 MMcf for the six months ended June 30, 2015. The decreased production was primarily a result of natural production declines that occur during the life of a well.

As a result of the expiration of the \$5.00 fixed price floor contract on March 31, 2014, there were no hedge proceeds for the six months ended June 30, 2015. Hedge proceeds were \$0.3 million and the Trust had 1,092,000 MMBtu hedged during the six months ended June 30, 2014, which reflects the proceeds received through and MMBtu hedged as of March 31, 2014, when the contracts expired.

As a result of the expiration of the floor hedging arrangements, distributions after this expiration have been more volatile and could, depending on natural gas prices, be substantially lower or higher than those during the period that the hedging arrangements were in effect.

General and administrative expenses paid by the Trust were \$1.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to \$0.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014. The increase in expenses was primarily related to an increase in the payment for tax services rendered on behalf of the Trust.

The Trustee may establish, and release if desired, a net cash reserve for use in paying current and future liabilities of the Trust as they become due. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Trustee re-established a reserve of \$500,000, which decreased distributable income by \$500,000. There was no net cash reserve established by the Trustee in the current year through June 30, 2015.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Trust has no source of liquidity or capital resources other than net cash flows from the Royalty Interests. Other than Trust administrative expenses, including, if applicable, expense reimbursements to ECA and any reserves established by the Trustee for future liabilities, the Trust s only use of cash is for distributions to Trust unitholders. Administrative expenses include payments to the Trustee and the Delaware Trustee as well as a quarterly fee of \$15,000 to ECA pursuant to the Administrative Services Agreement. Each quarter, the Trustee determines the amount of funds available for distribution. Available funds are the excess cash, if any, received by the Trust from the Royalty Interests and other sources (such as interest earned on any amounts reserved by the Trustee) that quarter, over the Trust s expenses for that quarter. Available funds are reduced by any cash the Trustee determines to hold as a reserve against future expenses or liabilities. The Trustee may borrow funds required to pay expenses or liabilities if the Trustee determines that the cash on hand and the cash to be received are insufficient to cover the Trust s expenses or liabilities. If the Trustee borrows funds, the Trust unitholders will not receive distributions until the borrowed funds are repaid.

Payments to the Trust in respect of the Royalty Interests are based on the complex provisions of the various conveyances held by the Trust, copies of which are filed as exhibits to this report, and reference is hereby made to the text of the conveyances for the actual calculations of amounts due to the Trust.

The Trust does not have any transactions, arrangements or other relationships with unconsolidated entities or persons that could materially affect the Trust s liquidity or the availability of capital resources.

Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Trust differ from financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) because, among other differences, certain cash reserves may be established for contingencies, which would not be accrued in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. Amortization of the investment in overriding royalty interests calculated on a unit-of-production basis is charged directly to Trust Corpus. This comprehensive basis of accounting other than GAAP corresponds to the accounting permitted for royalty trusts by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as specified by ASC 932.

Income determined on the basis of GAAP would include all expenses incurred for the period presented. However, the Trust serves as a pass-through entity, with expenses for depreciation, depletion, and amortization, interest and income taxes being based on the status and elections of the Trust unitholders. General and administrative expenses, production taxes or any other allowable costs are charged to the Trust only when cash has been paid for those expenses. In addition, the Royalty Interests are not burdened by field and lease operating expenses. Thus, the statement shows distributable income, defined as income of the Trust available for distribution to the Trust unitholders before application of those unitholders—additional expenses, if any, for depreciation, depletion, and amortization, interest and income taxes. The revenues are reflected net of existing royalties and overriding royalties and have been reduced by gathering/post-production expenses.

Revenue and Expenses:

The Trust serves as a pass-through entity, with items of depletion, interest income and expense, and income tax attributes being based upon the status and election of the unitholders. Thus, the Statements of Distributable Income show income available for distribution before application of those unitholders additional expenses, if any, for depletion, interest income and expense, and income taxes.

The Trust uses the accrual basis to recognize revenue, with royalty income recorded as reserves are extracted from the Underlying Properties and sold. Expenses are recognized when paid.

Royalty Interest in Gas Properties:

The Royalty Interests in gas properties are assessed to determine whether their net capitalized cost is impaired, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that its carrying amount may not be recoverable, pursuant to

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ASC 360. The Trust will determine if a write down is necessary to its investment in the Royalty Interests in gas properties to the extent that total capitalized costs, less accumulated amortization, exceed undiscounted future net revenues attributable to proved gas reserves of the Underlying Properties. Determination as to whether and how much an asset is impaired involves estimates of highly uncertain matters such as future commodity prices, the effects of inflation, weighted average cost of capital, and technology improvements on post-production costs and the outlook for national or regional market supply and demand conditions. If required, the Trust will provide a write down to the extent that the net capitalized costs exceed the discounted fair value of the investment in net profits interests attributable to proved gas reserves of the Underlying Properties. Any such write-down would not reduce Distributable Income, although it would reduce Trust Corpus. At December 31, 2014, the Underlying Properties were impaired by approximately \$144 million primarily as a result of the decrease in the futures prices of natural gas as well as a decrease in Basis. No impairment in the Underlying Properties has been recognized during 2015. Significant dispositions or abandonment of the Underlying Properties are charged to Royalty Interests and the Trust Corpus.

Amortization of the Royalty Interests in gas properties is calculated on a units-of-production basis, whereby the Trust s cost basis in the properties is divided by Trust total proved reserves to derive an amortization rate per reserve unit. Such amortization does not reduce Distributable Income, rather it is charged directly to Trust Corpus. Revisions to estimated future units-of-production are treated on a prospective basis beginning on the date significant revisions are known.

The conveyance of the Royalty Interests to the Trust was accounted for as a purchase transaction. The \$352,100,000 reflected in the Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus as Royalty Interests in Gas Properties represents 17,605,000 Trust units valued at \$20.00 per unit. The carrying value of the Trust s investment in the Royalty Interests is not necessarily indicative of the fair value of such Royalty Interests.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

Hedge Contracts

The primary asset of and source of income to the Trust are the Royalty Interests, which generally entitle the Trust to receive varying portions of the net proceeds from gas production from the Underlying Properties. Consequently, the Trust is exposed to market risk from fluctuations in gas prices. Through March 31, 2014, however, the Royalties had been subject to the hedge contracts described below, which reduced the Trust s exposure to natural gas price volatility in prior periods.

The hedge contracts consisted of natural gas derivative swap and floor price contracts ECA entered into and subsequently conveyed to the Trust to provide the Trust with the economic effects of certain contracts previously entered into between ECA and third parties that equate to approximately 50% of the remaining natural gas originally estimated in connection with the formation of the Trust to be produced by the Trust properties from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2014. The swap expired on June 30, 2012, and the floors expired on March 31, 2014. With respect to all production after March 31, 2014, all hedge contracts have expired, and no production attributable to the Trust is or will be hedged.

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The following table sets forth the volumes of natural gas that had been covered by the natural gas hedging contracts and the swap and floor prices for each quarter during the term of the contracts.

	Swap Volume (MMBtu)	Swap Price (MMBtu)	Floor Volume (MMBtu)	Floor Price (MMBtu)
Second Quarter 2010	682,500	\$ 6.75		
Third Quarter 2010	690,000	\$ 6.75		
Fourth Quarter 2010	690,000	\$ 6.75	225,000	\$ 5.00
First Quarter 2011	675,000	\$ 6.75	159,000	\$ 5.00
Second Quarter 2011	682,500	\$ 6.75	210,000	\$ 5.00
Third Quarter 2011	690,000	\$ 6.82	405,000	\$ 5.00
Fourth Quarter 2011	690,000	\$ 6.82	384,000	\$ 5.00
First Quarter 2012	682,500	\$ 6.82	369,000	\$ 5.00
Second Quarter 2012	682,500	\$ 6.82	516,000	\$ 5.00
Third Quarter 2012			1,305,000	\$ 5.00
Fourth Quarter 2012			1,362,000	\$ 5.00
First Quarter 2013			1,395,000	\$ 5.00
Second Quarter 2013			1,380,000	\$ 5.00
Third Quarter 2013			1,278,000	\$ 5.00
Fourth Quarter 2013			1,188,000	\$ 5.00
First Quarter 2014			1,092,000	\$ 5.00
Thereafter			0	N/A

As of March 31, 2014, all hedge contracts held previously by the Trust have expired and therefore the Trust now has greater exposure to market risk from the fluctuation in gas prices.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Trustee maintains disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Trust in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended , is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms promulgated by the SEC. Disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Trust in the reports that it files or submits under the Act is accumulated and communicated by ECA to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee of the Trust, and its employees who participate in the preparation of the Trust s periodic reports as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Trustee carried out an evaluation of the Trustee s disclosure controls and procedures. Sarah Newell, as Trust Officer of the Trustee, has concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures of the Trust are effective.

Due to the nature of the Trust, there are certain potential weaknesses that may limit the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures established by the Trustee. The limitations include the facts that:

- ECA and its consolidated subsidiaries manage virtually all of the information relating to the Trust, including all information regarding (i) historical operating data, production volumes, the number of producing wells and acreage, the marketing and sale of production, operating and capital expenditures, environmental matters and other potential expenses and liabilities, and the effects of regulatory matters and changes, (ii) plans for future operating and capital expenditures and (iii) geological data relating to reserves, and the Trustee necessarily relies on ECA for all such information; and
- The Trustee necessarily relies upon the independent reserve engineer as an expert with respect to the annual reserve report, which includes projected production, operating expenses and capital expenses.

Other than reviewing the financial and other information provided to the Trust by ECA and the independent reserve engineer, the Trustee has made no independent or direct verification of this financial or other information.

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The Trustee does not intend to expand its responsibilities beyond those permitted or required by the Trust Agreement and those required under applicable law.

The Trustee does not expect that the Trustee s disclosure controls and procedures or the Trustee s internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors or all fraud. Further, the design of disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. 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, have been detected.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting. During the quarter ended June 30, 2015, there has been no change in the Trustee s internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Trustee s internal control over financial reporting relating to the Trust. The Trustee notes for purposes of clarification that it has no authority over, and makes no statement concerning, the internal control over financial reporting of ECA.

PART II-OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Risk factors relating to the Trust are contained in Item 1A of the Trust s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. No material change to such risk factors has occurred as of June 30, 2015.

Item 6. Exhibits.

The exhibits listed in the accompanying index to exhibits are filed as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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SIGNATURES

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

ECA MARCELLUS TRUST I

By: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., trustee

By: /s/ SARAH NEWELL

Sarah Newell Vice President

Date: August 10, 2015

The registrant, ECA Marcellus Trust I, has no principal executive officer, principal financial officer, board of directors or persons performing similar functions. Accordingly, no additional signatures are available, and none have been provided. In signing the report above, the Trustee does not imply that it has performed any such function or that such function exists pursuant to the terms of the Trust agreement under which it serves.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Certificate of Trust of ECA Marcellus Trust I (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to Registration Statement on
3.1	Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-165833))
3.2	Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of ECA Marcellus Trust I, dated July 7, 2010, by and among Energy Corporation of America, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee, and Corporation Trust Company, as Delaware
	Trustee. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Trust s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 13, 2010 (File No. 001-34800))
10.1*	Perpetual Overriding Royalty Interest Conveyance (PDP), dated effective April 1, 2010, from Energy Corporation of America to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee.
10.2*	Perpetual Overriding Royalty Interest Conveyance (PUD), dated effective April 1, 2010, from Energy Corporation of America to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee.
10.3*	Private Investor Conveyance, dated July 7, 2010, by and among ECA Marcellus Trust I and certain private investors named therein
10.4*	Assignment of Royalty Interest, dated effective April 1, 2010, from Eastern Marketing Corporation to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee.
10.5*	Term Overriding Royalty Interest Conveyance (PDP), dated effective April 1, 2010, from Energy Corporation of America to Eastern Marketing Corporation.
10.6*	Term Overriding Royalty Interest Conveyance (PUD), dated effective April 1, 2010, from Energy Corporation of America to Eastern Marketing Corporation.
10.7*	Administrative Services Agreement, dated July 7, 2010, by and between Energy Corporation of America and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee
10.8*	Development Agreement, dated July 7, 2010, by and between Energy Corporation of America and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee.
10.9*	Royalty Interest Lien Agreement, dated July 7 2010, by and between Energy Corporation of America and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee.
10.10*	Registration Rights Agreement, dated July 7, 2010, by and among ECA Marcellus Trust I, Energy Corporation of America, and certain affiliates of Energy Corporation of America.
10.11	Underwriting Agreement dated as of June 30, 2010, by and among Energy Corporation of America, ECA Marcellus Trust I, and the underwriters named therein (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Trust s Current Report on Form 8-K
10.12	filed on July 6, 2010 (File No. 001-34800)). Underwriting Agreement dated as of April 12, 2011, by and among Energy Corporation of America, ECA Marcellus Trust I, and the underwriters named therein (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Trust s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 15, 2011 (File No. 001-34800)).
31	Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32	Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

^{*}Exhibit previously filed with the SEC and incorporated herein by reference to the exhibit of like designation filed with the Trust s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 13, 2010 (File No. 001-34800).

APPENDIX A

GLOSSARY OF CERTAIN TERMS

The following are definitions of certain significant terms used in this report. Other terms are defined in the text of this report.

AMI - The area of mutual interest, or AMI, consisted of the Marcellus Shale formation in approximately 121 square miles of property located in Greene County, Pennsylvania in which ECA had leased approximately 9,300 acres and owned substantially all of the working interests at the date of formation of the Trust. ECA was obligated to drill the 52 development wells from drill sites on approximately 9,300 leased acres in the AMI. Until ECA satisfied its drilling obligation on November 30, 2011, it was not permitted to drill and complete any well in the Marcellus Shale formation within the AMI for its own account.

Basis The difference between the spot or cash price and the futures price of the same or related commodity. For natural gas, basis equals the local cash market price minus the price of the nearby NYMEX natural gas futures contract.

Completion - (or its derivatives) means that the well has been perforated, stimulated, tested and permanent equipment for the production of natural gas has been installed.

Development Agreement - An agreement under which ECA was obligated to drill all of the PUD Wells no later than March 31, 2014. In order to secure the estimated amount of the drilling costs for the Trust s interests in the PUD Wells, ECA granted to the Trust a lien on ECA s interest in the Marcellus Shale formation in the AMI, excluding the Producing Wells and any other wells which were producing and not subject to the Royalty Interests.

Equivalent PUD Well - is defined as a well that is drilled horizontally in the Marcellus formation for a lateral distance of 2,500 feet measured from the midpoint of the curve to the end of the lateral multiplied by the working interest held by ECA. Wells with a horizontal lateral less than 2,500 feet count as fractional wells in proportion to the total lateral length divided by 2,500 feet. Wells with a horizontal lateral greater than 2,500 feet (subject to a maximum of 3,500 feet) count as fractional wells in proportion to the total lateral length divided by 2,500 feet.

Gas - means natural gas and all other gaseous hydrocarbons, excluding condensate, butane, and other liquid and liquefiable components that are actually removed from the Gas stream by separation, processing, or other means.

MMBtu - One million British Thermal Units.
Mcf - One thousand cubic feet of natural gas.
MMcf - One million cubic feet of natural gas.
Producing Wells - means the 14 natural gas wells located in Greene County, Pennsylvania and described as the Producing Wells in the Prospectus.
<i>Prospectus</i> - the prospectus dated July 1, 2010 and filed with the SEC pursuant to rule 424(b) on July 1, 2010 relating to the initial public offering of the Trust units.
SEC - means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
Subject Gas - means Gas from the Marcellus Shale formation from any Producing Well or PUD Well.
Working Interest - The right granted to the lessee of a property to explore for and to produce and own oil, gas, or other minerals. The working interest owners bear the exploration, development, and operating costs on either a cash, penalty, or carried basis.
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