

PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP  
Form 10-Q  
November 08, 2016  
Table of Contents

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

---

FORM 10-Q

---

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016

OR

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

Commission File Number: 1-36132

---

PLAINS GP HOLDINGS, L.P.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Delaware 90-1005472  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)  
333 Clay Street, Suite 1600, Houston, Texas 77002  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(713) 646-4100  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

---

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 and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T 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

Edgar Filing: PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP - Form 10-Q

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

As of November 1, 2016, there were 268,352,408 Class A Shares outstanding.

---

Table of Contents

PLAINS GP HOLDINGS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
<u>PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>	
<u>Item 1. UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:</u>	
<u>Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets: As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015</u>	3
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations: For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015</u>	4
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income: For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015</u>	5
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss): For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015</u>	5
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows: For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015</u>	6
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Partners' Capital: For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015</u>	7
<u>Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements:</u>	
<u>1. Organization and Basis of Consolidation and Presentation</u>	8
<u>2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements</u>	10
<u>3. Net Income Per Class A Share</u>	11
<u>4. Accounts Receivable, Net</u>	12
<u>5. Inventory, Linefill and Base Gas and Long-term Inventory</u>	12
<u>6. Goodwill</u>	13
<u>7. Debt</u>	13
<u>8. Partners' Capital and Distributions</u>	15
<u>9. Derivatives and Risk Management Activities</u>	17
<u>10. Related Party Transactions</u>	25
<u>11. Equity-Indexed Compensation Plans</u>	26
<u>12. Commitments and Contingencies</u>	26
<u>13. Operating Segments</u>	31
<u>14. Acquisitions, Investments in Unconsolidated Entities, Dispositions and Impairments</u>	33
<u>15. Simplification Transactions</u>	33
<u>Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS</u>	37
<u>Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK</u>	55
<u>Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES</u>	57
<u>PART II. OTHER INFORMATION</u>	
<u>Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS</u>	58
<u>Item 1A. RISK FACTORS</u>	58
<u>Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS</u>	58
<u>Item 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES</u>	58
<u>Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES</u>	58
<u>Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION</u>	58
<u>Item 6. EXHIBITS</u>	58
<u>SIGNATURES</u>	59



Table of Contents

## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PLAINS GP HOLDINGS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (in millions, except share data)

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(unaudited)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$34	\$ 30
Trade accounts receivable and other receivables, net	1,946	1,785
Inventory	1,258	916
Other current assets	538	241
Total current assets	3,776	2,972
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Accumulated depreciation	16,144	15,695
Property and equipment, net	(2,315 )	(2,202 )
	13,829	13,493
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Goodwill	2,353	2,405
Investments in unconsolidated entities	2,216	2,027
Deferred tax asset	1,886	1,835
Linefill and base gas	899	898
Long-term inventory	146	129
Other long-term assets, net	306	383
Total assets	\$25,411	\$ 24,142
<b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$2,281	\$ 2,040
Short-term debt	1,384	999
Other current liabilities	414	370
Total current liabilities	4,079	3,409
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Senior notes, net of unamortized discounts and debt issuance costs	9,130	9,698
Other long-term debt, net of unamortized debt issuance costs	1,106	1,234
Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits	722	567
Total long-term liabilities	10,958	11,499
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 12)</b>		
<b>PARTNERS' CAPITAL</b>		

Edgar Filing: PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP - Form 10-Q

Class A Shareholders (268,352,408 and 229,278,980 shares outstanding, respectively)	1,768	1,762
Noncontrolling interests	8,606	7,472
Total partners' capital	10,374	9,234
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$25,411	\$ 24,142

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

3

---

Table of Contents

PLAINS GP HOLDINGS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
 (in millions, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	
	2015	2015	2015	2015
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Supply and Logistics segment revenues	\$4,876	\$5,247	\$13,344	\$17,225
Transportation segment revenues	159	172	482	538
Facilities segment revenues	135	132	405	393
Total revenues	5,170	5,551	14,231	18,156
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES</b>				
Purchases and related costs	4,429	4,701	12,000	15,591
Field operating costs	289	348	893	1,111
General and administrative expenses	71	60	212	219
Depreciation and amortization	33	108	352	320
Total costs and expenses	4,822	5,217	13,457	17,241
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	348	334	774	915
<b>OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSE)</b>				
Equity earnings in unconsolidated entities	46	45	133	134
Interest expense (net of capitalized interest of \$11, \$14, \$37 and \$42, respectively)	(116)	(112)	(349)	(329)
Other income/(expense), net	17	(4)	46	(7)
<b>INCOME BEFORE TAX</b>	295	263	604	713
Current income tax expense	(4)	(11)	(45)	(72)
Deferred income tax expense	(12)	(24)	(21)	(48)
<b>NET INCOME</b>	279	228	538	593
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(255)	(196)	(436)	(500)
<b>NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO PAGP</b>	\$24	\$32	\$102	\$93
<b>BASIC NET INCOME PER CLASS A SHARE</b>	\$0.09	\$0.14	\$0.39	\$0.42
<b>DILUTED NET INCOME PER CLASS A SHARE</b>	\$0.09	\$0.14	\$0.38	\$0.42
<b>BASIC WEIGHTED AVERAGE CLASS A SHARES OUTSTANDING</b>	268	225	263	220
<b>DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE CLASS A SHARES OUTSTANDING</b>	268	225	629	220

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.





Table of Contents

PLAINS GP HOLDINGS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
 (in millions)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)	
Net income	\$279	\$228	\$538	\$593
Other comprehensive loss	(45 )	(311 )	—	(518 )
Comprehensive income/(loss)	234	(83 )	538	75
Comprehensive (income)/loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	(210 )	113	(436 )	14
Comprehensive income attributable to PAGP	\$24	\$30	\$102	\$89

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

PLAINS GP HOLDINGS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN  
 ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)  
 (in millions)

	Derivative Instruments	Translation Adjustments (unaudited)	Total
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ (203 )	\$ (878 )	\$(1,081)
Reclassification adjustments	7	—	7
Deferred loss on cash flow hedges	(178 )	—	(178 )
Currency translation adjustments	—	171	171
Total period activity	(171 )	171	—
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$ (374 )	\$ (707 )	\$(1,081)

	Derivative Instruments	Translation Adjustments (unaudited)	Total
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ (159 )	\$ (308 )	\$(467)
Reclassification adjustments	(21 )	—	(21 )
Deferred loss on cash flow hedges	(28 )	—	(28 )
Currency translation adjustments	—	(469 )	(469 )
Total period activity	(49 )	(469 )	(518 )
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$ (208 )	\$ (777 )	\$(985)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.



Table of Contents

PLAINS GP HOLDINGS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
 (in millions)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 2015 (unaudited)	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income	\$538	\$593
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	352	320
Equity-indexed compensation expense	40	27
Inventory valuation adjustments	3	25
Deferred income tax expense	21	48
(Gain)/loss on foreign currency revaluation	1	(20 )
Settlement of terminated interest rate hedging instruments	(50 )	(48 )
Change in fair value of Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option (Note 9)	(42 )	—
Equity earnings in unconsolidated entities	(133 )	(134 )
Distributions from unconsolidated entities	151	159
Other	13	(5 )
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions	(264 )	248
Net cash provided by operating activities	630	1,213
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash paid in connection with acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(282 )	(104 )
Investments in unconsolidated entities	(171 )	(213 )
Additions to property, equipment and other	(1,030)	(1,617)
Cash paid for purchases of linefill and base gas	(7 )	(131 )
Proceeds from sales of assets	638	4
Other investing activities	(2 )	(8 )
Net cash used in investing activities	(854 )	(2,069)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net borrowings/(repayments) under PAA commercial paper program (Note 7)	(617 )	151
Net borrowings under PAA senior secured hedged inventory facility (Note 7)	424	—
Net borrowings under AAP senior secured revolving credit facility (Note 7)	44	(27 )
Proceeds from AAP term loan	—	50
Proceeds from the issuance of PAA senior notes	—	998
Repayments of PAA senior notes (Note 7)	(175 )	(549 )
Net proceeds from the sale of Series A preferred units by a subsidiary (Note 8)	1,569	—
Net proceeds from the sale of common units by a subsidiary (Note 8)	283	1,099
Distributions paid to Class A shareholders (Note 8)	(179 )	(143 )
Distributions paid to noncontrolling interests (Note 8)	(1,112)	(1,086)
Other financing activities	(13 )	(13 )
Net cash provided by financing activities	224	480

Edgar Filing: PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP - Form 10-Q

Effect of translation adjustment on cash	4	(3 )
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	4	(379 )
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	30	404
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$34	\$25
Cash paid for:		
Interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$323	\$295
Income taxes, net of amounts refunded	\$78	\$43

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

## PLAINS GP HOLDINGS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PARTNERS' CAPITAL

(in millions)

	Class A Shareholders	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Partners' Capital
	(unaudited)		
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 1,762	\$ 7,472	\$ 9,234
Net income	102	436	538
Cash distributions to partners	(179 )	(1,112 )	(1,291 )
Deferred tax asset	102	—	102
Change in ownership interest in connection with Exchange Right exercises (Note 8)	(17 )	17	—
Sale of Series A preferred units by a subsidiary	—	1,509	1,509
Sale of common units by a subsidiary	—	283	283
Other	(2 )	1	(1 )
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$ 1,768	\$ 8,606	\$ 10,374

	Class A Shareholders	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Partners' Capital
	(unaudited)		
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 1,657	\$ 7,724	\$ 9,381
Net income	93	500	593
Cash distributions to partners	(143 )	(1,086 )	(1,229 )
Deferred tax asset	198	—	198
Change in ownership interest in connection with Exchange Right exercises	(4 )	4	—
Sale of common units by a subsidiary	—	1,099	1,099
Other comprehensive loss	(4 )	(514 )	(518 )
Other	—	2	2
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$ 1,797	\$ 7,729	\$ 9,526

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

PLAINS GP HOLDINGS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(unaudited)

Note 1—Organization and Basis of Consolidation and Presentation

Organization

Plains GP Holdings, L.P. (“PAGP”) is a Delaware limited partnership formed on July 17, 2013 to own an interest in the general partner and incentive distribution rights (“IDRs”) of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (“PAA”), a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership. PAGP has elected to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As used in this Form 10-Q and unless the context indicates otherwise (taking into account the fact that PAGP has no operating activities apart from those conducted by PAA and its subsidiaries), the terms “Partnership,” “we,” “us,” “our,” “ours” and similar terms refer to PAGP and its consolidated subsidiaries.

As of September 30, 2016, our sole assets consisted of (i) a 100% managing member interest in Plains All American GP LLC (“GP LLC”) and (ii) an approximate 42% limited partner interest in Plains AAP, L.P. (“AAP”) through our ownership of 268,352,408 Class A units of AAP (“AAP units”). GP LLC is a Delaware limited liability company that holds the general partner interest in AAP. AAP is a Delaware limited partnership that directly owns all of PAA’s IDRs and indirectly owns the 2% general partner interest in PAA. AAP is the sole member of PAA GP LLC (“PAA GP”), a Delaware limited liability company that directly holds the 2% general partner interest in PAA. PAA GP Holdings LLC (“GP Holdings”), a Delaware limited liability company, is our general partner.

GP LLC manages the business and affairs of PAA and AAP. Except for certain matters relating to PAA that require the approval of the limited partners of PAA, and certain matters relating to AAP that require the approval of the limited partners of AAP or of us as the sole member of GP LLC, either pursuant to the governing documents of PAA, AAP or GP LLC, or as may be required by non-waivable provisions of applicable law, GP LLC has full and complete authority, power and discretion to manage and control the business, affairs and property of PAA and AAP, to make all decisions regarding those matters and to perform any and all other acts or activities customary or incident to the management of PAA and AAP’s business, including the execution of contracts and management of litigation. GP LLC employs all domestic officers and personnel involved in the operation and management of PAA and AAP. PAA’s Canadian officers and personnel are employed by Plains Midstream Canada ULC (“PMC”).

PAA is a publicly traded master limited partnership that owns and operates midstream energy infrastructure and provides logistics services for crude oil, natural gas liquids (“NGL”), natural gas and refined products. PAA owns an extensive network of pipeline transportation, terminalling, storage and gathering assets in key crude oil and NGL producing basins and transportation corridors and at major market hubs in the United States and Canada. Our business activities are conducted through three operating segments: Transportation, Facilities and Supply and Logistics. See Note 13 for further discussion of our operating segments.

Simplification Agreement

On July 11, 2016, PAGP, PAA, AAP, PAA GP, GP LLC and GP Holdings entered into a Simplification Agreement pursuant to which, upon closing, in exchange for the issuance by PAA to AAP of approximately 245.5 million common units representing limited partner interests in PAA and the assumption by PAA of AAP’s outstanding debt, AAP will contribute the IDRs to PAA and PAA GP’s 2% economic general partner interest in PAA will be converted into a non-economic general partner interest in PAA. Following the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Simplification Agreement, which is expected to occur on November 15, 2016, both PAGP and PAA will continue to be publicly traded. See Note 15 for further discussion of this transaction.



Table of Contents

Definitions

Additional defined terms are used in this Form 10-Q and shall have the meanings indicated below:

AOCI	= Accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)
Bcf	= Billion cubic feet
Btu	= British thermal unit
CAD	= Canadian dollar
DERs	= Distribution equivalent rights
EPA	= United States Environmental Protection Agency
FASB	= Financial Accounting Standards Board
GAAP	= Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States
ICE	= Intercontinental Exchange
LIBOR	= London Interbank Offered Rate
LTIP	= Long-term incentive plan
Mcf	= Thousand cubic feet
NGL	= Natural gas liquids, including ethane, propane and butane
NYMEX	= New York Mercantile Exchange
Oxy	= Occidental Petroleum Corporation or its subsidiaries
PLA	= Pipeline loss allowance
SEC	= United States Securities and Exchange Commission
VIE	= Variable Interest Entity
USD	= United States dollar
WTI	= West Texas Intermediate

Basis of Consolidation and Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and related notes thereto should be read in conjunction with our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K. On January 1, 2016 we adopted FASB guidance regarding the analysis that a reporting entity must perform to determine whether it should consolidate certain types of legal entities. Among other things, the guidance modified the evaluation of whether limited partnerships are variable interest entities (“VIE”) and eliminates the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership. The adoption of this standard did not impact our consolidation conclusions, but did result in a change in our analysis and an increase in disclosures regarding our analysis.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of PAGP and all of its wholly owned subsidiaries and those entities that it controls. Investments in entities over which we have significant influence but not control are accounted for by the equity method. Management judgment is required to evaluate whether PAGP controls an entity. Key areas of that evaluation include (i) determining whether an entity is a VIE; (ii) determining whether PAGP is the primary beneficiary of a VIE, including evaluating which activities of the VIE most significantly impact its economic performance and the degree of power that PAGP and its related parties have over those activities through variable interests; and (iii) identifying events that require reconsideration of whether an entity is a VIE and continuously evaluating whether PAGP is a VIE’s primary beneficiary. An entity is referred to as a VIE pursuant to accounting guidance for consolidation if it possesses one of the following criteria: (i) it is thinly capitalized, (ii) the residual equity holders do not control the entity, (iii) the equity holders are shielded from the economic losses, (iv) the equity holders do not participate fully in the entity’s residual economics, or (v) the entity was established with non-substantive voting interests. We consolidate a VIE when we have both the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the activities of the VIE and the right to receive benefits or the obligation to absorb losses of the entity that could be potentially significant to the VIE. We continually monitor both consolidated and unconsolidated VIEs to determine if any events have occurred that could cause the primary beneficiary to change.



We have determined that PAA and AAP are VIEs and should be consolidated by PAGP along with GP LLC. PAA is a VIE due to its allocation of income, but not losses, to the holder(s) of IDRs. AAP is a VIE because GP LLC controls AAP through its general partnership interest, but does not have an economic interest in AAP. AAP is the primary beneficiary of PAA because it has the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact PAA's performance. PAGP is the primary

9

---

Table of Contents

beneficiary of AAP because it has the power, through its control of GP LLC, to direct the activities that most significantly impact AAP's performance.

With the exception of a deferred tax asset of \$1,886 million and \$1,835 million as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, substantially all assets and liabilities presented on PAGP's consolidated balance sheet are those of the consolidated VIEs above. Only the assets of each respective VIE can be used to settle the obligations of that individual VIE, and the creditors of each/either of those VIEs do not have recourse against the general credit of PAGP. PAGP did not provide any financial support to PAA or AAP during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 or during the year ended December 31, 2015. Amounts associated with the interests in these entities not owned by us are reflected in our results of operations as net income attributable to noncontrolling interests and on our balance sheet in the partners' capital section as noncontrolling interests.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions for interim reporting as set forth by the SEC. All adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that in the opinion of management were necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods have been reflected. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation, and certain reclassifications have been made to information from previous years to conform to the current presentation. Such reclassifications include \$2 million and \$7 million reclassified from "Depreciation and amortization" to "Interest expense, net" in our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, due to the retrospective application of revised debt issuance costs guidance issued by the FASB, which we adopted during the fourth quarter of 2015. These reclassifications do not affect net income attributable to PAGP. The condensed consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2015 was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 should not be taken as indicative of results to be expected for the entire year.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the financial statements issuance date and have been included in the following footnotes where applicable.

Note 2—Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Except as discussed below and in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K, there have been no new accounting pronouncements that have become effective or have been issued during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 that are of significance or potential significance to us.

In February 2015, the FASB issued guidance that revises the analysis that a reporting entity must perform to determine whether it should consolidate certain types of legal entities. All legal entities are subject to reevaluation under the revised consolidation model. Among other things, this guidance (i) modifies the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are variable interest entities or voting interest entities, (ii) eliminates the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership and (iii) affects the consolidation analysis of reporting entities that are involved with variable interest entities, particularly those that have fee arrangements and related party relationships. This guidance became effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. We adopted this guidance on January 1, 2016. See Note 1 for additional disclosure. Our adoption did not have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In February 2016, the FASB issued guidance that revises the current accounting model for leases. The most significant changes are the clarification of the definition of a lease and required lessee recognition on the balance sheet of lease assets and liabilities with lease terms of more than 12 months, including extensive quantitative and qualitative disclosures. This guidance will become effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with a modified retrospective application required. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim

period. We expect to adopt this guidance on January 1, 2019. We are currently evaluating the effect that adopting this guidance will have on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Although our evaluation is ongoing, we do expect that the adoption will impact our financial statements as the standard requires the recognition on the balance sheet of a right of use asset and corresponding lease liability. We are currently analyzing our contracts to determine whether they contain a lease under the revised guidance and have not quantified the amount of the asset and liability that will be recognized on our consolidated balance sheet.

In March 2016, the FASB issued guidance to simplify several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities and classification of certain related payments on the statement of cash flows. This guidance will become effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. We expect to adopt this guidance on January 1, 2017, and do not anticipate that our adoption will have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Table of Contents

In June 2016, the FASB issued new guidance for the accounting for credit losses on certain financial instruments. This guidance will become effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted by one year. We expect to adopt this guidance on January 1, 2020, and we are currently evaluating the effect that adopting this guidance will have on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In August 2016, the FASB issued guidance relating to the classification and presentation of eight specific cash flow issues. This guidance will become effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. We plan to early adopt this guidance during the fourth quarter of 2016, and we do not currently expect that our adoption will impact our statement of cash flows.

Note 3—Net Income Per Class A Share

Basic net income per Class A share is determined by dividing net income attributable to PAGP by the weighted-average number of Class A shares outstanding during the period. Class B shares do not share in the earnings of the Partnership. Accordingly, basic and diluted net income per Class B share has not been presented.

Diluted net income per Class A share is determined by dividing net income attributable to PAGP by the diluted weighted-average number of Class A shares outstanding during the period. For purposes of calculating diluted net income per Class A share, both the net income attributable to PAGP and the diluted weighted-average number of Class A shares outstanding consider the impact of possible future exchanges of (i) AAP units and the associated Class B shares into our Class A shares and (ii) certain Class B units of AAP (referred to herein as “AAP Management Units”) into our Class A shares. In addition, the calculation of the diluted weighted-average number of Class A shares outstanding considers the effect of potentially dilutive awards under the Plains GP Holdings, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “PAGP LTIP”).

All AAP Management Units that have satisfied the applicable performance conditions are considered potentially dilutive. Exchanges of potentially dilutive AAP units and AAP Management Units are assumed to have occurred at the beginning of the period and the incremental income attributable to PAGP resulting from the assumed exchanges is representative of the incremental income that would have been attributable to PAGP if the assumed exchanges occurred on that date. See Note 8 for information regarding exchanges of AAP units and AAP Management Units. PAGP LTIP awards that are deemed to be dilutive are reduced by a hypothetical share repurchase based on the remaining unamortized fair value, as prescribed by the treasury stock method in guidance issued by the FASB.

For the three months ended September 30, 2016 and the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the possible exchange of certain AAP Management Units and the exchange of certain AAP units would not have had a dilutive effect on basic net income per Class A share. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the possible exchange of certain AAP Management Units would not have had a dilutive effect on basic net income per Class A share. The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per Class A share (in millions, except per share data):

Table of Contents

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
Basic Net Income per Class A Share				
Net income attributable to PAGP	\$24	\$32	\$102	\$93
Basic weighted average Class A shares outstanding	268	225	263	220
Basic net income per Class A share	\$0.09	\$0.14	\$0.39	\$0.42
Diluted Net Income per Class A Share				
Net income attributable to PAGP	\$24	\$32	\$102	\$93
Incremental net income attributable to PAGP resulting from assumed exchange of AAP units and AAP Management Units	—	—	138	—
Net income attributable to PAGP including incremental net income from assumed exchange of AAP units and AAP Management Units	\$24	\$32	\$240	\$93
Basic weighted average Class A shares outstanding	268	225	263	220
Dilutive shares resulting from assumed exchange of AAP units and AAP Management Units	—	—	366	—
Diluted weighted average Class A shares outstanding	268	225	629	220
Diluted net income per Class A share	\$0.09	\$0.14	\$0.38	\$0.42

## Note 4—Accounts Receivable, Net

Our accounts receivable are primarily from purchasers and shippers of crude oil and, to a lesser extent, purchasers of NGL and natural gas. To mitigate credit risk related to our accounts receivable, we utilize a rigorous credit review process. We closely monitor market conditions to make a determination with respect to the amount, if any, of open credit to be extended to any given customer and the form and amount of financial performance assurances we require. Such financial assurances are commonly provided to us in the form of advance cash payments, standby letters of credit or parental guarantees. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we had received \$62 million and \$88 million, respectively, of advance cash payments from third parties to mitigate credit risk. We also received \$103 million and \$36 million as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, of standby letters of credit to support obligations due from third parties, a portion of which applies to future business. Additionally, in an effort to mitigate credit risk, a significant portion of our transactions with counterparties are settled on a net-cash basis. Furthermore, we also enter into netting agreements (contractual agreements that allow us to offset receivables and payables with those counterparties against each other on our balance sheet) for a majority of such arrangements.

We review all outstanding accounts receivable balances on a monthly basis and record a reserve for amounts that we expect will not be fully recovered. We do not apply actual balances against the reserve until we have exhausted substantially all collection efforts. At September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, substantially all of our trade accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts) were less than 30 days past their scheduled invoice date. Our allowance for doubtful accounts receivable totaled \$3 million and \$4 million at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. Although we consider our allowance for doubtful accounts receivable to be adequate, actual amounts could vary significantly from estimated amounts.

Note 5—Inventory, Linefill and Base Gas and Long-term Inventory

Inventory, linefill and base gas and long-term inventory consisted of the following (barrels and natural gas volumes in thousands and carrying value in millions):

12

---

Table of Contents

	September 30, 2016			December 31, 2015				
	Volumes	Unit of Measure	Carrying Value	Price/Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	Volumes	Unit of Measure	Carrying Value	Price/Unit <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Inventory</b>								
Crude oil	20,494	barrels	\$ 879	\$ 42.89	16,345	barrels	\$ 608	\$ 37.20
NGL	21,087	barrels	321	\$ 15.22	13,907	barrels	218	\$ 15.68
Natural gas	15,116	Mcf	32	\$ 2.12	22,080	Mcf	53	\$ 2.40
Other	N/A		26	N/A	N/A		37	N/A
Inventory subtotal			1,258				916	
<b>Linefill and base gas</b>								
Crude oil	12,215	barrels	712	\$ 58.29	12,298	barrels	713	\$ 57.98
NGL	1,490	barrels	46	\$ 30.87	1,348	barrels	44	\$ 32.64
Natural gas	30,812	Mcf	141	\$ 4.58	30,812	Mcf	141	\$ 4.58
Linefill and base gas subtotal			899				898	
<b>Long-term inventory</b>								
Crude oil	3,428	barrels	124	\$ 36.17	3,417	barrels	106	\$ 31.02
NGL	1,418	barrels	22	\$ 15.51	1,652	barrels	23	\$ 13.92
Long-term inventory subtotal			146				129	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 2,303</b>				<b>\$ 1,943</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Price per unit of measure is comprised of a weighted average associated with various grades, qualities and locations. Accordingly, these prices may not coincide with any published benchmarks for such products.

## Note 6—Goodwill

Goodwill by segment and changes in goodwill is reflected in the following table (in millions):

	Transportation	Facilities	Supply and Logistics	Total
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 815	\$ 1,087	\$ 503	\$ 2,405
Foreign currency translation adjustments	12	5	2	19
Dispositions and reclassifications to assets held for sale	(15 )	(56 )	—	(71 )
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$ 812	\$ 1,036	\$ 505	\$ 2,353

We completed our annual goodwill impairment test as of June 30, 2016 and determined that there was no impairment of goodwill.





Table of Contents

## Note 7—Debt

Debt consisted of the following (in millions):

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
<b>SHORT-TERM DEBT</b>		
PAA commercial paper notes, bearing a weighted-average interest rate of 1.3% and 1.1%, respectively <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 256	\$ 696
PAA senior secured hedged inventory facility, bearing a weighted-average interest rate of 1.5% and 1.4%, respectively <sup>(1)</sup>	725	300
PAA senior notes:		
6.13% senior notes due January 2017	400	—
Other	3	3
Total short-term debt	1,384	999
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
PAA senior notes, net of unamortized discounts and debt issuance costs of \$70 and \$77, respectively	9,130	9,698
Other long-term debt:		
PAA commercial paper notes, bearing a weighted-average interest rate of 1.3% and 1.1%, respectively <sup>(2)</sup>	500	672
AAP term loan, bearing a weighted-average interest rate of 2.2% and 2.0%, respectively	550	550
AAP senior secured revolving credit facility, bearing a weighted-average interest rate of 2.1% and 2.0%, respectively	53	9
Unamortized debt issuance costs	(1 )	(2 )
Other	4	5
Total long-term debt	10,236	10,932
Total debt <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 11,620	\$ 11,931

(1) We classified these PAA commercial paper notes and credit facility borrowings as short-term as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, as these notes and borrowings were primarily designated as working capital borrowings, were required to be repaid within one year and were primarily for hedged NGL and crude oil inventory and NYMEX and ICE margin deposits.

(2) As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we classified a portion of our commercial paper notes as long-term based on our ability and intent to refinance such amounts on a long-term basis under our credit facilities.

PAA's fixed-rate senior notes (including current maturities) had a face value of approximately \$9.6 billion and \$9.8 billion as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. We estimated the aggregate fair value of these notes as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 to be approximately \$9.7 billion and \$8.6 billion, respectively. PAA's fixed-rate senior notes are traded among institutions, and these trades are routinely published <sup>(3)</sup> by a reporting service. Our determination of fair value is based on reported trading activity near the end of the reporting period. We estimate that the carrying value of outstanding borrowings under the credit agreements and the PAA commercial paper program approximates fair value as interest rates reflect current market rates. The fair value estimates for the PAA senior notes, the credit agreements and the PAA commercial paper program are based upon observable market data and are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

## Credit Facilities

In August 2016, PAA extended the maturity dates of its senior unsecured revolving credit facility, senior secured hedged inventory facility and 364-day credit facility to August 2021, August 2019 and August 2017, respectively.

Borrowings and Repayments

14

---

## Table of Contents

Total borrowings under the credit agreements and the PAA commercial paper program for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 were approximately \$41.4 billion and \$37.1 billion, respectively. Total repayments under the credit agreements and the PAA commercial paper program were approximately \$41.6 billion and \$36.9 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The variance in total gross borrowings and repayments is impacted by various business and financial factors including, but not limited to, the timing, average term and method of general partnership borrowing activities.

### Letters of Credit

In connection with our supply and logistics activities, we provide certain suppliers with irrevocable standby letters of credit to secure our obligation for the purchase of crude oil, NGL and natural gas. Additionally, we issue letters of credit to support insurance programs, derivative transactions and construction activities. At September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we had outstanding letters of credit of \$47 million and \$46 million, respectively.

### Senior Notes Repayments

PAA's \$175 million, 5.88% senior notes were repaid in August 2016. We utilized cash on hand and available capacity under PAA's commercial paper program and credit facilities to repay these notes.

### Note 8—Partners' Capital and Distributions

### Exchange Rights

Holders of AAP units and their permitted transferees each have the right to exchange all or a portion of their AAP units for Class A shares at an exchange ratio of one Class A share for each AAP unit exchanged (referred to herein as the "Exchange Right"). This Exchange Right may be exercised only if, simultaneously therewith, an equal number of Class B shares and general partner units are transferred by the exercising party to us. Additionally, a holder of vested AAP Management Units is entitled to convert his or her AAP Management Units into AAP units and a like number of our Class B shares based on a conversion ratio of 0.941 AAP units for each AAP Management Unit. Following any such conversion, the holder will have the Exchange Right for our Class A shares. Holders of AAP Management Units who convert such units into AAP units and our Class B shares will not receive general partner units and thus will not need to include any general partner units in a transfer or the exercise of their Exchange Right. See Note 15 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for more information regarding AAP Management Units.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, certain holders of AAP units and their permitted transferees exercised their Exchange Right, which resulted in the exchange of AAP units, general partner units and our Class B shares for our Class A shares. Additionally, during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, certain holders of AAP Management Units converted an aggregate of 38,446,238 AAP Management Units into AAP units and our Class B shares based on the conversion ratio in effect at the time of each conversion. Certain of those unitholders subsequently exercised their Exchange Right for our Class A shares. The impact on our Class A shares and Class B shares outstanding of the AAP Management Unit conversions and Exchange Right exercises that occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 is reflected in the table below.

### Shares Outstanding

The following tables present the activity for our Class A shares and Class B shares:

Class B Shares Class A Shares

Edgar Filing: PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP - Form 10-Q

Outstanding at December 31, 2015	376,771,593	229,278,980
Shares issued in connection with conversion of AAP Management Units	36,130,927	—
Shares (exchanged)/issued in connection with Exchange Right exercises	(39,052,628 )	39,052,628
Shares issued in connection with PAGP LTIP award vestings	—	20,800
Outstanding at September 30, 2016	373,849,892	268,352,408

Table of Contents

	Class B Shares	Class A Shares
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	399,096,499	206,933,274
Shares (exchanged)/issued in connection with Exchange Right exercises	(20,250,884 )	20,250,884
Shares issued in connection with PAGP LTIP award vestings	—	20,800
Outstanding at September 30, 2015	378,845,615	227,204,958

## Distributions

The following table details the distributions paid to our Class A shareholders during or pertaining to the first nine months of 2016 (in millions, except per share data):

Distribution Date	Distributions to Class A Shareholders	Distributions per Class A Share
November 14, 2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 55	\$ 0.2065
August 12, 2016	\$ 62	\$ 0.2310
May 13, 2016	\$ 62	\$ 0.2310
February 12, 2016	\$ 55	\$ 0.2310

(1) Payable to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 31, 2016 for the period July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

## Consolidated Subsidiaries

## Noncontrolling Interests in Subsidiaries

As of September 30, 2016, noncontrolling interests in our subsidiaries consisted of (i) a 98% limited partner interest in PAA, (ii) an approximate 58% limited partner interest in AAP that consists of Class A units and AAP Management Units (a profits interest) and (iii) a 25% interest in SLC Pipeline LLC.

## Subsidiary Equity Offerings

PAA Preferred Unit Offering. On January 28, 2016 (the "Issuance Date"), PAA completed the private placement of approximately 61.0 million Series A preferred units representing limited partner interests in PAA, for a cash purchase price of \$26.25 per unit.

The PAA Series A preferred units are a new class of equity security in PAA that ranks senior to all classes or series of equity securities in PAA with respect to distribution rights and rights upon liquidation. The holders of the PAA Series A preferred units receive cumulative quarterly distributions, subject to customary antidilution adjustments, equal to \$0.525 per unit (\$2.10 per unit annualized). With respect to any quarter ending on or prior to December 31, 2017 (the "Initial Distribution Period"), PAA may elect to pay distributions on the PAA Series A preferred units in additional preferred units, in cash or a combination of both. With respect to any quarter ending after the Initial Distribution Period, PAA must pay distributions on the PAA Series A preferred units in cash.

After two years, the preferred units are convertible at the purchasers' option into common units on a one-for-one basis, subject to certain conditions, and are convertible at PAA's option in certain circumstances after three years.

For a period of 30 days following (a) the fifth anniversary of the Issuance Date of the PAA Series A preferred units and (b) each subsequent anniversary of the Issuance Date, the holders of the PAA Series A preferred units, acting by majority vote, may make a one-time election to reset the distribution rate to equal the then applicable rate of the ten-year U.S. Treasury plus 5.85% (the "Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option"). The Preferred Distribution Rate

Reset Option is accounted for as an embedded derivative. See Note 9 for additional information.

PAA Continuous Offering Program. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, PAA issued an aggregate of approximately 9.9 million common units under its continuous offering program, generating proceeds of \$283 million, net of \$2 million of commissions paid to sales agents.

Table of Contents

## Subsidiary Distributions

PAA Cash Distributions. The following table details the distributions to PAA's partners paid in cash during or pertaining to the first nine months of 2016, net of reductions in AAP's incentive distributions (in millions, except per unit data):

Distribution Date	Distributions			Distributions per common unit
	Common	AAP	Total	
November 14, 2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 227	\$ 101	\$ 328	\$ 0.55
August 12, 2016	\$ 278	\$ 155	\$ 433	\$ 0.70
May 13, 2016	\$ 278	\$ 155	\$ 433	\$ 0.70
February 12, 2016	\$ 278	\$ 155	\$ 433	\$ 0.70

(1) Payable to unitholders of record at the close of business on October 31, 2016 for the period July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

PAA In-Kind Distributions. On May 13, 2016, PAA issued 858,439 additional Series A preferred units in lieu of a cash distribution of \$23 million. Such distribution was issued to PAA's Series A preferred unitholders of record as of April 29, 2016 and was prorated for the period beginning on January 28, 2016, the issuance date of the PAA Series A preferred units, through March 31, 2016. On August 12, 2016, PAA issued 1,237,765 additional Series A preferred units in lieu of a cash distribution of \$33 million. On November 14, 2016, PAA will issue 1,262,522 additional Series A preferred units in lieu of a cash distribution of \$33 million.

AAP Distributions. The following table details the distributions paid to AAP's partners during or pertaining to the first nine months of 2016 from distributions received from PAA (in millions):

Distribution Date	Distributions to AAP's Partners					
	Available		Total	Noncontrolling Interests	PAGP	
	Cash Before Reserves	Cash Reserves				
November 14, 2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 134	<sup>(2)</sup> \$ —	<sup>(3)</sup> \$ 134	\$ 79	\$ 55	
August 12, 2016	\$ 155	\$ (4 )	\$ 151	\$ 89	\$ 62	
May 13, 2016	\$ 155	\$ (5 )	\$ 150	\$ 89	\$ 61	
February 12, 2016	\$ 155	\$ (4 )	\$ 151	\$ 96	\$ 55	

(1) Payable to unitholders of record at the close of business on October 31, 2016 for the period July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

Includes \$33 million that will be borrowed under the AAP senior secured revolving credit facility. AAP agreed to borrow funds under its credit agreement as necessary to make a special true-up distribution to its partners that, (2) when added to the distributions to be paid to AAP in respect of its 2% general partner interest in PAA and the IDRs, equals the total distribution its partners would have received if the closing of the Simplification Transactions had occurred immediately prior to the record date for the third quarter distribution.

The amount of the distribution to be paid to AAP's partners assumes that the Simplification Transactions had (3) closed as of the date of record for the third quarter distribution. As part of the Simplification Transactions, AAP's expenses will be paid by PAA. Therefore, no cash will be reserved from this distribution for future expenses of AAP.

Other Distributions. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, distributions of \$3 million were paid to noncontrolling interests in SLC Pipeline LLC.

Note 9—Derivatives and Risk Management Activities

We identify the risks that underlie our core business activities and use risk management strategies to mitigate those risks when we determine that there is value in doing so. Our policy is to use derivative instruments for risk management purposes and not for the purpose of speculating on hydrocarbon commodity (referred to herein as “commodity”) price changes. We use various derivative instruments to (i) manage our exposure to commodity price risk, as well as to optimize our profits,



Table of Contents

(ii) manage our exposure to interest rate risk and (iii) manage our exposure to currency exchange rate risk. Our commodity risk management policies and procedures are designed to help ensure that our hedging activities address our risks by monitoring our derivative positions, as well as physical volumes, grades, locations, delivery schedules and storage capacity. Our interest rate and currency exchange rate risk management policies and procedures are designed to monitor our derivative positions and ensure that those positions are consistent with our objectives and approved strategies. When we apply hedge accounting, our policy is to formally document all relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as our risk management objectives for undertaking the hedge. This process includes specific identification of the hedging instrument and the hedged transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the hedging instrument's effectiveness will be assessed. Both at the inception of the hedge and throughout the hedging relationship, we assess whether the derivatives employed are highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of anticipated hedged transactions.

## Commodity Price Risk Hedging

Our core business activities involve certain commodity price-related risks that we manage in various ways, including through the use of derivative instruments. Our policy is to (i) only purchase inventory for which we have a market, (ii) structure our sales contracts so that price fluctuations do not materially affect our operating income and (iii) not acquire and hold physical inventory or derivatives for the purpose of speculating on commodity price changes. The material commodity-related risks inherent in our business activities can be divided into the following general categories:

**Commodity Purchases and Sales** — In the normal course of our operations, we purchase and sell commodities. We use derivatives to manage the associated risks and to optimize profits. As of September 30, 2016, net derivative positions related to these activities included:

- A net long position of 4.4 million barrels associated with our crude oil purchases, which was unwound ratably during October 2016 to match monthly average pricing.

- A net short time spread position of 3.1 million barrels, which hedges a portion of our anticipated crude oil lease gathering purchases through December 2017.

- A crude oil grade spread position of 16.0 million barrels through December 2019. These derivatives allow us to lock in grade basis differentials.

- A net short position of 12.9 Bcf through July 2017 related to anticipated sales of natural gas inventory.

- A net short position of 34.7 million barrels through December 2019 related to anticipated net sales of our crude oil and NGL inventory.

**Pipeline Loss Allowance Oil** — As is common in the pipeline transportation industry, our tariffs incorporate a loss allowance factor that is intended to, among other things, offset losses due to evaporation, measurement and other losses in transit. We utilize derivative instruments to hedge a portion of the anticipated sales of the loss allowance oil that is to be collected under our tariffs. As of September 30, 2016, our PLA hedges included a long call option position of 1.1 million barrels through December 2018.

**Natural Gas Processing/NGL Fractionation** — We purchase natural gas for processing and operational needs. Additionally, we purchase NGL mix for fractionation and sell the resulting individual specification products (including ethane, propane, butane and condensate). In conjunction with these activities, we hedge the price risk associated with the purchase of the natural gas and the subsequent sale of the individual specification products. As of September 30, 2016, we had a long natural gas position of 31.6 Bcf of which 27.7 Bcf hedges our natural gas processing needs through December 2017. The remaining 3.9 Bcf of our natural gas position hedges natural gas required for operational needs through December 2018. We also had a short propane position of 5.1 million barrels through December 2017, a short butane position of 1.6 million barrels through December 2017 and a short WTI

position of 0.7 million barrels through December 2017. In addition, we had a long power position of 0.4 million megawatt hours, which hedges a portion of our power supply requirements at our Canadian natural gas processing and fractionation plants through December 2018.

Physical commodity contracts that meet the definition of a derivative but are ineligible, or not designated, for the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception are recorded on the balance sheet at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in earnings. We have determined that substantially all of our physical commodity contracts qualify for the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception.

#### Interest Rate Risk Hedging

18

---

Table of Contents

We use interest rate derivatives to hedge interest rate risk associated with anticipated and outstanding interest payments occurring as a result of debt issuances. The derivative instruments we use to manage this risk consist of forward starting interest rate swaps and treasury locks. As of September 30, 2016, AOCI includes deferred losses of \$353 million that relate to open and terminated interest rate derivatives that were designated as cash flow hedges. The majority of the terminated interest rate derivatives were cash-settled in connection with the issuance or refinancing of debt agreements. The deferred loss related to these instruments is being amortized to interest expense over the terms of the hedged debt instruments.

We have entered into forward starting interest rate swaps to hedge the underlying benchmark interest rate related to forecasted interest payments through 2049. The following table summarizes the terms of our forward starting interest rate swaps as of September 30, 2016 (notional amounts in millions):

Hedged Transaction	Number and Types of Derivatives Employed	Notional Amount	Expected Termination Date	Average Rate Locked	Accounting Treatment
Anticipated interest payments	8 forward starting swaps (30-year)	\$ 200	4/13/2017	2.02 %	Cash flow hedge
Anticipated interest payments	8 forward starting swaps (30-year)	\$ 200	6/15/2017	3.14 %	Cash flow hedge
Anticipated interest payments	8 forward starting swaps (30-year)	\$ 200	6/15/2018	3.20 %	Cash flow hedge
Anticipated interest payments	8 forward starting swaps (30-year)	\$ 200	6/14/2019	2.83 %	Cash flow hedge

During June 2016, we made a cash payment of approximately \$52 million in connection with the termination of eight forward starting interest rate swaps that had an aggregate notional amount of \$200 million and an average fixed rate of 3.06%. In conjunction with this termination, a loss of approximately \$50 million was deferred to AOCI, and a loss of approximately \$2 million was immediately recognized in interest expense attributable to the determination that a previously forecasted interest payment is now considered probable of not occurring.

#### Currency Exchange Rate Risk Hedging

Because a significant portion of our Canadian business is conducted in CAD and, at times, a portion of our debt is denominated in CAD, we use foreign currency derivatives to minimize the risk of unfavorable changes in exchange rates. These instruments include foreign currency exchange contracts and forwards.

As of September 30, 2016, our outstanding foreign currency derivatives include derivatives we use to hedge currency exchange risk (i) associated with USD-denominated commodity purchases and sales in Canada and (ii) created by the use of USD-denominated commodity derivatives to hedge commodity price risk associated with CAD-denominated commodity purchases and sales.

The following table summarizes our open forward exchange contracts as of September 30, 2016 (in millions):

	USD	CAD	Average Exchange Rate USD to CAD
Forward exchange contracts that exchange CAD for USD:			
	2016 \$222	\$291	\$1.00 - \$1.31
	2017 \$51	\$67	\$1.00 - \$1.31
Forward exchange contracts that exchange USD for CAD:			
	2016 \$273	\$355	\$1.00 - \$1.30

Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option

A derivative feature embedded in a contract that does not meet the definition of a derivative in its entirety must be bifurcated and accounted for separately if the economic characteristics and risks of the embedded derivative are not clearly and closely related to those of the host contract. The Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option of the PAA Series A preferred units is an embedded derivative that must be bifurcated from the related host contract, the PAA partnership agreement, and recorded at

Table of Contents

fair value on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Corresponding changes in fair value are recognized in “Other income/(expense), net” in our Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. At September 30, 2016, the fair value of this embedded derivative was a liability of approximately \$18 million. We recognized gains of approximately \$17 million and \$42 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, due to changes in fair value during the periods. See Note 8 for additional information regarding the PAA Series A preferred units and the Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option.

## Summary of Financial Impact

We record all open derivatives on the balance sheet as either assets or liabilities measured at fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. For derivatives that qualify as cash flow hedges, changes in fair value of the effective portion of the hedges are deferred in AOCI and recognized in earnings in the periods during which the underlying physical transactions are recognized in earnings. Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting and the portion of cash flow hedges that are not highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged items are recognized in earnings each period. Cash settlements associated with our derivative activities are classified within the same category as the related hedged item in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

A summary of the impact of our derivative activities recognized in earnings is as follows (in millions):

Location of Gain/(Loss)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016			Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		
	Derivatives Hedging Relationships	Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges	Total	Derivatives Hedging Relationships	Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges	Total
<b>Commodity Derivatives</b>						
Supply and Logistics segment revenues	\$1	\$ 10	\$11	\$42	\$ 14	\$56
Transportation segment revenues	—	1	1	—	2	2
Field operating costs	—	(2 )	(2 )	—	(9 )	(9 )
<b>Interest Rate Derivatives</b>						
Interest expense, net	(2 )	—	(2 )	(4 )	—	(4 )
<b>Foreign Currency Derivatives</b>						
Supply and Logistics segment revenues	—	(1 )	(1 )	—	(9 )	(9 )
<b>Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option</b>						
Other income/(expense), net	—	17	17	—	—	—
<b>Total Gain/(Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Net Income</b>	<b>\$(1)</b>	<b>\$ 25</b>	<b>\$24</b>	<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$ (2 )</b>	<b>\$36</b>

Table of Contents

Location of Gain/(Loss)	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016			Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015		
	Derivatives Hedging Relationships (1)	Not Designated as a Hedge	Total	Derivatives Hedging Relationships (1)	Not Designated as a Hedge	Total
<b>Commodity Derivatives</b>						
Supply and Logistics segment revenues	\$1	\$ (118 )	\$ (117)	\$30	\$ 24	\$54
Transportation segment revenues	—	4	4	—	6	6
Field operating costs	—	(2 )	(2 )	—	(11 )	(11 )
<b>Interest Rate Derivatives</b>						
Interest expense, net	(8 )	—	(8 )	(9 )	—	(9 )
<b>Foreign Currency Derivatives</b>						
Supply and Logistics segment revenues	—	4	4	—	(26 )	(26 )
<b>Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option</b>						
Other income/(expense), net	—	42	42	—	—	—
<b>Total Gain/(Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Net Income</b>	<b>\$(7)</b>	<b>\$ (70 )</b>	<b>\$(77 )</b>	<b>\$21</b>	<b>\$ (7 )</b>	<b>\$14</b>

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016 we reclassified losses of approximately \$2 million and \$2 million to Supply and Logistics segment revenues and Interest expense, net, respectively, due to anticipated hedged (1) transactions being probable of not occurring. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we reclassified a loss of approximately \$4 million from AOCI to Interest expense, net due to an anticipated hedged transaction being probable of not occurring.

Table of Contents

The following table summarizes the derivative assets and liabilities on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet on a gross basis as of September 30, 2016 (in millions):

	Asset Derivatives Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Liability Derivatives Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:				
Commodity derivatives	Other current assets	\$ 1		
Interest rate derivatives			Other current liabilities	\$(72 )
			Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits	(103 )
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$ 1		\$(175)
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Commodity derivatives	Other current assets	\$ 77	Other current assets	\$(119)
	Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits	3	Other current liabilities	(10 )
			Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits	(18 )
Foreign currency derivatives	Other current liabilities	1	Other current liabilities	(4 )
Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option			Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits	(18 )
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		\$ 81		\$(169)
Total derivatives		\$ 82		\$(344)

Table of Contents

The following table summarizes the derivative assets and liabilities on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet on a gross basis as of December 31, 2015 (in millions):

	Asset Derivatives Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Liability Derivatives Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:				
Commodity derivatives	Other current assets	\$ 4	Other current assets	\$(2 )
Interest rate derivatives	Other long-term assets, net	1	Other current liabilities	(17 )
			Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits	(33 )
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$ 5		\$(52 )
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Commodity derivatives	Other current assets	\$ 265	Other current assets	\$(35 )
	Other long-term assets, net	10	Other long-term assets, net	(1 )
			Other current liabilities	(13 )
			Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits	(1 )
Foreign currency derivatives			Other current liabilities	(8 )
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		\$ 275		\$(58 )
Total derivatives		\$ 280		\$(110)

Our derivative transactions are governed through ISDA (International Swaps and Derivatives Association) master agreements and clearing brokerage agreements. These agreements include stipulations regarding the right of set off in the event that we or our counterparty default on performance obligations. If a default were to occur, both parties have the right to net amounts payable and receivable into a single net settlement between parties.

Our accounting policy is to offset derivative assets and liabilities executed with the same counterparty when a master netting arrangement exists. Accordingly, we also offset derivative assets and liabilities with amounts associated with cash margin. Our exchange-traded derivatives are transacted through clearing brokerage accounts and are subject to margin requirements as established by the respective exchange. On a daily basis, our account equity (consisting of the sum of our cash balance and the fair value of our open derivatives) is compared to our initial margin requirement resulting in the payment or return of variation margin. As of September 30, 2016, we had a net broker receivable of \$142 million (consisting of initial margin of \$96 million increased by \$46 million of variation margin that had been posted by us). As of December 31, 2015, we had a net broker payable of \$156 million (consisting of initial margin of \$91 million reduced by \$247 million of variation margin that had been returned to us).



Table of Contents

The following table presents information about derivative financial assets and liabilities that are subject to offsetting, including enforceable master netting arrangements (in millions):

	September 30, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Derivative Asset Positions	Derivative Liability Positions	Derivative Asset Positions	Derivative Liability Positions
Netting Adjustments:				
Gross position - asset/(liability)	\$ 82	\$ (344 )	\$ 280	\$ (110 )
Netting adjustment	(123 )	123	(38 )	38
Cash collateral paid/(received)	142	—	(156 )	—
Net position - asset/(liability)	\$ 101	\$ (221 )	\$ 86	\$ (72 )
Balance Sheet Location After Netting Adjustments:				
Other current assets	\$ 101	\$ —	\$ 76	\$ —
Other long-term assets, net	—	—	10	—
Other current liabilities	—	(85 )	—	(38 )
Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits	—	(136 )	—	(34 )
	\$ 101	\$ (221 )	\$ 86	\$ (72 )

As of September 30, 2016, there was a net loss of \$374 million deferred in AOCI. The deferred net loss recorded in AOCI is expected to be reclassified to future earnings contemporaneously with (i) the earnings recognition of the underlying hedged commodity transaction or (ii) interest expense accruals associated with underlying debt instruments. Of the total net loss deferred in AOCI at September 30, 2016, we expect to reclassify a net loss of \$7 million to earnings in the next twelve months. The remaining deferred loss of \$367 million is expected to be reclassified to earnings through 2049. A portion of these amounts is based on market prices as of September 30, 2016; thus, actual amounts to be reclassified will differ and could vary materially as a result of changes in market conditions.

The following table summarizes the net deferred gain/(loss) recognized in AOCI for derivatives (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
Commodity derivatives, net	\$—	\$37	\$—	\$12
Interest rate derivatives, net	(20 )	(85 )	(178 )	(40 )
Total	\$(20)	\$(48)	\$(178)	\$(28)

At September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, none of our outstanding derivatives contained credit-risk related contingent features that would result in a material adverse impact to us upon any change in our credit ratings. Although we may be required to post margin on our cleared derivatives as described above, we do not require our non-cleared derivative counterparties to post collateral with us.

Recurring Fair Value Measurements

Derivative Financial Assets and Liabilities

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis (in millions):

Edgar Filing: PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP - Form 10-Q

Recurring Fair Value Measures <sup>(1)</sup>	Fair Value as of September 30, 2016				Fair Value as of December 31, 2015			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Commodity derivatives	\$(27)	\$(40 )	\$ 1	\$(66 )	\$126	\$ 90	\$ 11	\$227
Interest rate derivatives	—	(175 )	—	(175 )	—	(49 )	—	(49 )
Foreign currency derivatives	—	(3 )	—	(3 )	—	(8 )	—	(8 )
Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option	—	—	(18 )	(18 )	—	—	—	—
Total net derivative asset/(liability)	\$(27)	\$(218 )	\$(17 )	\$(262)	\$126	\$ 33	\$ 11	\$170

---

24

---

Table of Contents

(1) Derivative assets and liabilities are presented above on a net basis but do not include related cash margin deposits.

Level 1

Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy includes exchange-traded commodity derivatives such as futures and options. The fair value of exchange-traded commodity derivatives is based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets.

Level 2

Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy includes exchange-cleared commodity derivatives and over-the-counter commodity, interest rate and foreign currency derivatives that are traded in active markets. In addition, it includes certain physical commodity contracts. The fair value of these derivatives is based on broker price quotations which are corroborated with market observable inputs.

Level 3

Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy includes certain physical commodity contracts and the Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option contained in PAA's partnership agreement classified as an embedded derivative.

The fair value of our Level 3 physical commodity contracts is based on a valuation model utilizing broker-quoted forward commodity prices, and timing estimates, which involve management judgment. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of our Level 3 derivatives are forward prices obtained from brokers. A significant increase or decrease in these forward prices could result in a material change in fair value to our physical commodity contracts. We report unrealized gains and losses associated with these physical commodity contracts in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations as Supply and Logistics segment revenues.

The fair value of the embedded derivative feature contained in PAA's partnership agreement is based on a valuation model that estimates the fair value of the PAA Series A preferred units with and without the Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option. This model contains inputs, including PAA's common unit price, ten-year U.S. treasury rates, default probabilities and timing estimates which involve management judgment. A significant increase or decrease in the value of these inputs could result in a material change in fair value to this embedded derivative feature. We report unrealized gains and losses associated with this embedded derivative in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations as "Other income/(expense), net."

To the extent any transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy occur, our policy is to reflect these transfers as of the beginning of the reporting period in which they occur.

Rollforward of Level 3 Net Asset/(Liability)

The following table provides a reconciliation of changes in fair value of the beginning and ending balances for our derivatives classified as Level 3 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
Beginning Balance	\$(35)	\$9	\$11	\$15
Gains for the period included in earnings	17	2	41	1

Edgar Filing: PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP - Form 10-Q

Settlements	—	(2 )	(10 )	(13 )
Derivatives entered into during the period	1	2	(59 )	8
Ending Balance	\$(17)	\$11	\$(17)	\$11
Change in unrealized gains included in earnings relating to Level 3 derivatives still held at the end of the period	\$18	\$4	\$43	\$9

Note 10—Related Party Transactions

See Note 14 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a complete discussion of our related party transactions.

25

---

Table of Contents

## Transactions with Oxy

As of September 30, 2016, Oxy owned approximately 12% of the limited partner interests in AAP and had a representative on the board of directors of GP LLC and our general partner. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, we recognized sales and transportation revenues and purchased petroleum products from Oxy. These transactions were conducted at posted tariff rates or prices that we believe approximate market. Included in these transactions was a crude oil buy/sell agreement that includes a multi-year minimum volume commitment. The impact to our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations from those transactions is included below (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
Revenues	\$171	\$187	\$424	\$745
Purchases and related costs <sup>(1)</sup>	\$4	\$(34)	\$(46)	\$112

<sup>(1)</sup> Purchases and related costs include crude oil buy/sell transactions that are accounted for as inventory exchanges and are presented net in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

We currently have a netting arrangement with Oxy. Our gross receivable and payable amounts with Oxy were as follows (in millions):

	September 30, December 31, 2016 2015	
Trade accounts receivable and other receivables	\$ 610	\$ 405
Accounts payable	\$ 587	\$ 363

## Note 11—Equity-Indexed Compensation Plans

We refer to the PAGP LTIP, PAA LTIPs and AAP Management Units collectively as our “equity-indexed compensation plans.” For additional discussion of our equity-indexed compensation plans and awards, see Note 15 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

During the third quarter of 2016, modifications were made to the vesting criteria of approximately 2.2 million PAA LTIP units to eliminate distribution performance thresholds, if any, greater than \$0.70 per common unit per quarter, and provide that such units will vest based solely on the passage of time during the years 2017 to 2020. In addition, approximately 1.7 million PAA LTIP units were granted with a weighted average grant date fair value of \$22.85 per unit.

Modifications were also made to the distribution performance thresholds of approximately 2.2 million unearned AAP Management Units such that the awards will become earned based on the attainment of PAA distribution levels between \$2.20 and \$2.40 per common unit, on an annualized basis, and additional performance conditions based on PAA’s distributable cash flow.

## Note 12—Commitments and Contingencies

Loss Contingencies — General

To the extent we are able to assess the likelihood of a negative outcome for a contingency, our assessments of such likelihood range from remote to probable. If we determine that a negative outcome is probable and the amount of loss is reasonably estimable, we accrue an undiscounted liability equal to the estimated amount. If a range of probable loss amounts can be reasonably estimated and no amount within the range is a better estimate than any other amount, then we accrue an undiscounted liability equal to the minimum amount in the range. In addition, we estimate legal fees that we expect to incur associated with loss contingencies and accrue those costs when they are material and probable of being incurred.

We do not record a contingent liability when the likelihood of loss is probable but the amount cannot be reasonably estimated or when the likelihood of loss is believed to be only reasonably possible or remote. For contingencies where an

Table of Contents

unfavorable outcome is reasonably possible and the impact would be material to our consolidated financial statements, we disclose the nature of the contingency and, where feasible, an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss.

Legal Proceedings — General

In the ordinary course of business, we are involved in various legal proceedings, including those arising from regulatory and environmental matters. Although we are insured against various risks to the extent we believe it is prudent, there is no assurance that the nature and amount of such insurance will be adequate, in every case, to fully protect us from losses arising from current or future legal proceedings.

Taking into account what we believe to be all relevant known facts and circumstances, and based on what we believe to be reasonable assumptions regarding the application of those facts and circumstances to existing laws and regulations, we do not believe that the outcome of the legal proceedings in which we are currently involved (including those described below) will, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Environmental — General

Although over the course of the last several years we have made significant investments in our maintenance and integrity programs, and have hired additional personnel in those areas, we have experienced (and likely will experience future) releases of hydrocarbon products into the environment from our pipeline, rail, storage and other facility operations. These releases can result from accidents or from unpredictable man-made or natural forces and may reach surface water bodies, groundwater aquifers or other sensitive environments. Damages and liabilities associated with any such releases from our existing or future assets could be significant and could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

We record environmental liabilities when environmental assessments and/or remedial efforts are probable and the amounts can be reasonably estimated. Generally, our recording of these accruals coincides with our completion of a feasibility study or our commitment to a formal plan of action. We do not discount our environmental remediation liabilities to present value. We also record environmental liabilities assumed in business combinations based on the estimated fair value of the environmental obligations caused by past operations of the acquired company. We record receivables for amounts recoverable from insurance or from third parties under indemnification agreements in the period that we determine the costs are probable of recovery.

Environmental expenditures that pertain to current operations or to future revenues are expensed or capitalized consistent with our capitalization policy for property and equipment. Expenditures that result from the remediation of an existing condition caused by past operations and that do not contribute to current or future profitability are expensed.

At September 30, 2016, our estimated undiscounted reserve for environmental liabilities (including liabilities related to the Line 901 incident, as discussed further below) totaled \$160 million, of which \$57 million was classified as short-term and \$103 million was classified as long-term. At December 31, 2015, our estimated undiscounted reserve for environmental liabilities (including liabilities related to the Line 901 incident) totaled \$185 million, of which \$81 million was classified as short-term and \$104 million was classified as long-term. The short- and long-term environmental liabilities referenced above are reflected in “Accounts payable and accrued liabilities” and “Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits,” respectively, on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. At September 30, 2016, we had recorded receivables totaling \$79 million for amounts probable of recovery under insurance and from third parties under indemnification agreements, of which \$57 million was reflected in “Trade accounts receivable and other receivables, net” and \$22 million was reflected in “Other long-term assets, net” on our

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. At December 31, 2015, we had recorded \$161 million of such receivables, of which \$138 million was reflected in "Trade accounts receivable and other receivables, net" and \$23 million was reflected in "Other long-term assets, net" on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In some cases, the actual cash expenditures associated with these liabilities may not occur for three years or longer. Our estimates used in determining these reserves are based on information currently available to us and our assessment of the ultimate outcome. Among the many uncertainties that impact our estimates are the necessary regulatory approvals for, and potential modification of, our remediation plans, the limited amount of data available upon initial assessment of the impact of soil or water contamination, changes in costs associated with environmental remediation services and equipment and the possibility of existing or future legal claims giving rise to additional liabilities. Therefore, although we believe that the reserve is adequate, actual costs incurred (which may ultimately include costs for contingencies that are currently not reasonably estimable or costs for contingencies where the likelihood of loss is currently believed to be only reasonably possible or remote)



Table of Contents

may be in excess of the reserve and may potentially have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Specific Legal, Environmental or Regulatory Matters

Line 901 Incident. In May 2015, we experienced a crude oil release from our Las Flores to Gaviota Pipeline (Line 901) in Santa Barbara County, California. A portion of the released crude oil reached the Pacific Ocean at Refugio State Beach through a drainage culvert. Following the release, we shut down the pipeline and initiated our emergency response plan. A Unified Command, which includes the United States Coast Guard, the EPA, the California Office of Spill Prevention and Response and the Santa Barbara Office of Emergency Management, was established for the response effort. Clean-up and remediation operations with respect to impacted shoreline and other areas has been determined by the Unified Command to be complete, subject to continued shoreline monitoring. Our current “worst case” estimate of the amount of oil spilled, representing the maximum volume of oil that we believed could have been spilled based on relevant facts, data and information, is approximately 2,935 barrels.

As a result of the Line 901 incident, several governmental agencies and regulators initiated investigations into the Line 901 incident, various claims have been made against us and a number of lawsuits have been filed against us. We may be subject to additional claims, investigations and lawsuits, which could materially impact the liabilities and costs we currently expect to incur as a result of the Line 901 incident. Set forth below is a brief summary of actions and matters that are currently pending:

On May 21, 2015, we received a corrective action order from the United States Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”), the governmental agency with jurisdiction over the operation of Line 901 as well as over a second stretch of pipeline extending from Gaviota Pump Station in Santa Barbara County to Emidio Pump Station in Kern County, California (Line 903), requiring us to shut down, purge, review, remediate and test Line 901. The corrective action order was subsequently amended on June 3, 2015; November 13, 2015; and June 16, 2016 to require us to take additional corrective actions with respect to both Lines 901 and 903 (as amended, the “CAO”). Among other requirements, the CAO also obligates us to conduct a root cause failure analysis with respect to Line 901 and present remedial work plans and restart plans to PHMSA prior to returning Line 901 and 903 to service; the CAO also imposes a pressure restriction on Line 903 and requires us to take other specified actions with respect to both Lines 901 and 903. We intend to continue to comply with the CAO and to cooperate with any other governmental investigations relating to or arising out of the release. Excavation and removal of the affected section of the pipeline was completed on May 28, 2015. Line 901 and Line 903 have been purged and are not currently operational. No timeline has been established for the restart of Line 901 or Line 903. On February 17, 2016, PHMSA issued a Preliminary Factual Report of the Line 901 failure, which contains PHMSA’s preliminary findings regarding factual information about the events leading up to the accident and the technical analysis that has been conducted to date. On May 19, 2016, PHMSA issued its final Failure Investigation Report regarding the Line 901 incident. PHMSA’s findings indicate that the direct cause of the Line 901 incident was external corrosion that thinned the pipe wall to a level where it ruptured suddenly and released crude oil. PHMSA also concluded that there were numerous contributory causes of the Line 901 incident, including ineffective protection against external corrosion, failure to detect and mitigate the corrosion and a lack of timely detection and response to the rupture. The report also included copies of various engineering and technical reports regarding the incident. By virtue of its statutory authority, PHMSA has the power and authority to impose fines and penalties on us and cause civil or criminal charges to be brought against us. While to date PHMSA has not imposed any such fines or penalties or pursued any such civil or criminal charges with respect to the Line 901 release, their investigation is still open and we may have fines or penalties imposed upon us, or civil or criminal charges brought against us, in the future.

On September 11, 2015, we received a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Compliance Order from PHMSA arising out of its inspection of Lines 901 and 903 in August, September and October of 2013 (the “2013 Audit NOPV”).

The 2013 Audit NOPV alleges that the Partnership committed probable violations of various federal pipeline safety regulations by failing to document, or inadequately documenting, certain activities. On October 12, 2015, the Partnership filed a response to the 2013 Audit NOPV. To date, PHMSA has not issued a final order with respect to the 2013 Audit NOPV, nor has it assessed any fines or penalties with respect thereto; however, we cannot provide any assurances that any such fines or penalties will not be assessed against us.

In late May of 2015, the California Attorney General's Office and the District Attorney's office for the County of Santa Barbara began investigating the Line 901 incident to determine whether any applicable state or local laws had been violated. On May 16, 2016, PAA and one of its employees were charged by a California state grand jury, pursuant to an indictment filed in California Superior Court, Santa Barbara County (the "May 2016 Indictment"), with alleged violations of California law in connection with the Line 901 incident. The indictment included a total of 46 counts, 36 of which were misdemeanor charges relating to wildlife allegedly taken as a result of the accidental release. The remaining 10 counts (four felony and six misdemeanor charges) relate to the release of crude oil or reporting of the release. PAA believes that the criminal

Table of Contents

charges are unwarranted and that neither PAA nor any of its employees engaged in any criminal behavior at any time in connection with this accident. PAA intends to vigorously defend itself against the charges. On July 28, 2016, at an arraignment hearing held in California Superior Court in Santa Barbara County, PAA pled not guilty to all counts.

Also in late May of 2015, the United States Attorney for the Department of Justice, Central District of California, Environmental Crimes Section (“DOJ”) began an investigation into whether there were any violations of federal criminal statutes in connection with the Line 901 incident, including potential violations of the federal Clean Water Act. We are cooperating with the DOJ’s investigation by responding to their requests for documents and access to our employees. The DOJ has already spoken to several of our employees and has expressed an interest in talking to other employees; consistent with the terms of our governing organizational documents, we are funding our employees’ defense costs, including the costs of separate counsel engaged to represent such individuals. On August 26, 2015, we received a Request for Information from the EPA relating to Line 901. We have provided various responsive materials to date and we will continue to do so in the future in cooperation with the EPA. While to date no civil or criminal charges with respect to the Line 901 release, other than those brought pursuant to the May 2016 Indictment, have been brought against PAA or any of its affiliates, officers or employees by PHMSA, DOJ, EPA, the California Attorney General, the Santa Barbara District Attorney or the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and no fines or penalties have been imposed by such governmental agencies, the investigations being conducted by such agencies are still open and we may have fines or penalties imposed upon us, our officers or our employees, or civil or criminal charges brought against us, our officers or our employees in the future, whether by those or other governmental agencies.

Shortly following the Line 901 incident, we established a claims line and encouraged any parties that were damaged by the release to contact us to discuss their damage claims. We have received a number of claims through the claims line and we are processing those claims for payment as we receive them. In addition, we have also had nine class action lawsuits filed against us, six of which have been administratively consolidated into a single proceeding in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. In general, the plaintiffs are seeking to establish different classes of claimants that have allegedly been damaged by the release, including potential classes such as persons that derive a significant portion of their income through commercial fishing and harvesting activities in the waters adjacent to Santa Barbara County or from businesses that are dependent on marine resources from Santa Barbara County, retail businesses located in historic downtown Santa Barbara, certain owners of oceanfront and/or beachfront property on the Pacific Coast of California, and other classes of individuals and businesses that were allegedly impacted by the release. We are also defending a separate class action lawsuit proceeding in the United States District Court for the Central District of California brought on behalf of the Line 901 and Line 903 easement holders seeking injunctive relief as well as compensatory damages.

There have also been two securities law class action lawsuits filed on behalf of certain purported investors in PAA and/or PAGP against PAA, PAGP and/or certain of their respective officers, directors and underwriters. Both of these lawsuits have been consolidated into a single proceeding in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. In general, these lawsuits allege that the various defendants violated securities laws by misleading investors regarding the integrity of PAA’s pipelines and related facilities through false and misleading statements, omission of material facts and concealing of the true extent of the spill. The plaintiffs claim unspecified damages as a result of the reduction in value of their investments in PAA and PAGP, which they attribute to the alleged wrongful acts of the defendants. PAA and PAGP, and the other defendants, deny the allegations in these lawsuits and intend to respond accordingly. Consistent with and subject to the terms of our governing organizational documents (and to the extent applicable, insurance policies), we are indemnifying and funding the defense costs of our officers and directors in connection with these lawsuits; we are also indemnifying and funding the defense costs of our underwriters pursuant to the terms of the underwriting agreements we previously entered into with such underwriters.

In addition, three unitholder derivative lawsuits have been filed by certain purported investors in PAA against PAA, certain of its affiliates and certain officers and directors. Two of these lawsuits were filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas and have been administratively consolidated into one action; the other lawsuit was filed in State District Court in Harris County, Texas. In general, these lawsuits allege that the various defendants breached their fiduciary duties, engaged in gross mismanagement and made false and misleading statements, among other similar allegations, in connection with their management and oversight of PAA during the period of time leading up to and following the Line 901 release. The plaintiffs claim that PAA suffered unspecified damages as a result of the actions of the various defendants and seek to hold the defendants liable for such damages, in addition to other remedies. The defendants deny the allegations in these lawsuits and intend to respond accordingly. Consistent with and subject to the terms of our governing organizational documents (and to the extent applicable, insurance policies), we are indemnifying and funding the defense costs of our officers and directors in connection with these lawsuits.

We have also had two lawsuits filed against us wherein the respective plaintiffs seek to compel the production of certain books and records that purportedly relate to the Line 901 incident, our alleged failure to comply with certain regulations

Table of Contents

and other matters. These lawsuits have been consolidated into a single proceeding in the Chancery Court for the State of Delaware.

We have also received several other individual lawsuits and complaints from companies and individuals alleging damages arising out of the Line 901 incident. These lawsuits and claims generally seek compensatory and punitive damages, and in some cases permanent injunctive relief.

In addition to the foregoing, as the “responsible party” for the Line 901 incident we are liable for various costs and for certain natural resource damages under the Oil Pollution Act, and we also have exposure to the payment of additional fines, penalties and costs under other applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes and regulations. To the extent any such costs are reasonably estimable, we have included an estimate of such costs in the loss accrual described below.

Taking the foregoing into account, as of September 30, 2016, we estimate that the aggregate total costs we have incurred or will incur with respect to the Line 901 incident will be approximately \$280 million, which estimate includes actual and projected emergency response and clean-up costs, natural resource damage assessments and certain third party claims settlements, as well as estimates for fines, penalties and certain legal fees. This estimate considers our prior experience in environmental investigation and remediation matters and available data from, and in consultation with, our environmental and other specialists, as well as currently available facts and presently enacted laws and regulations. We have made assumptions for (i) the expected number of days that monitoring services will be required, (ii) the duration of the natural resource damage assessment and the ultimate amount of damages determined, (iii) the resolution of certain third party claims and lawsuits, but excluding claims and lawsuits with respect to which losses are not probable and reasonably estimable, and excluding future claims and lawsuits, (iv) the determination and calculation of fines and penalties, but excluding fines and penalties that are not probable and reasonably estimable and (v) the nature, extent and cost of legal services that will be required in connection with all lawsuits, claims and other matters requiring legal or expert advice associated with the Line 901 incident. Our estimate does not include any lost revenue associated with the shutdown of Line 901 or 903 and does not include any liabilities or costs that are not reasonably estimable at this time or that relate to contingencies where we currently regard the likelihood of loss as being only reasonably possible or remote. We believe we have accrued adequate amounts for all probable and reasonably estimable costs; however, this estimate is subject to uncertainties associated with the assumptions that we have made. For example, the amount of time it takes for us to resolve all of the current and future lawsuits, claims and investigations that relate to the Line 901 incident could turn out to be significantly longer than we have assumed, and as a result the costs we incur for legal services could be significantly higher than we have estimated. In addition, with respect to fines and penalties, the ultimate amount of any fines and penalties assessed against us depends on a wide variety of factors, many of which are not estimable at this time. Where fines and penalties are probable and estimable, we have included them in our estimate, although such estimates could turn out to be wrong. Accordingly, our assumptions and estimates may turn out to be inaccurate and our total costs could turn out to be materially higher; therefore, we can provide no assurance that we will not have to accrue significant additional costs in the future with respect to the Line 901 incident.

As of September 30, 2016, we had a remaining undiscounted gross liability of \$87 million related to this event, of which approximately \$47 million is presented as a current liability in “Accounts payable and accrued liabilities” on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, with the remainder presented in “Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits”. We maintain insurance coverage, which is subject to certain exclusions and deductibles, in the event of such environmental liabilities. Subject to such exclusions and deductibles, we believe that our coverage is adequate to cover the current estimated total emergency response and clean-up costs, claims settlement costs and remediation costs and we believe that this coverage is also adequate to cover any potential increase in the estimates for these costs that exceed the amounts currently identified. Through September 30, 2016, we had collected, subject to customary reservations, \$129 million out of the approximate \$197 million of release costs that we believe are probable of

recovery from insurance carriers, net of deductibles. Therefore, as of September 30, 2016, we have recognized a receivable of approximately \$68 million for the portion of the release costs that we believe is probable of recovery from insurance, net of deductibles and amounts already collected. Of this amount, approximately \$48 million is recognized as a current asset in "Trade accounts receivable and other receivables, net" on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, with the remainder in "Other long-term assets, net". We have substantially completed the clean-up and remediation efforts, excluding long-term site monitoring activities; however, we expect to make payments for additional costs associated with restoration and monitoring of the area, as well as natural resource damage assessment, legal, professional and regulatory costs, in addition to fines and penalties, during future periods.

MP29 Release. On July 10, 2015, we experienced a crude oil release of approximately 100 barrels at our Pocahontas Pump Station near the border of Bond and Madison Counties in Illinois, approximately 40 miles from St. Louis, Missouri. The Pocahontas Station is part of the Capwood pipeline that runs from our Patoka Station to Wood River, Illinois. A portion of the released crude oil was contained within our Pocahontas facility, but some of the released crude oil entered a nearby waterway where it was contained with booms. On July 14, 2015, PHMSA issued a corrective action order requiring us to take various

Table of Contents

actions in response to the release, including remediation, reporting and other actions. As of December 18, 2015, we had submitted all requested information and reports required by the corrective action order and are currently awaiting PHMSA's comment or approval. On August 10, 2015, we received a Notice of Violation from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (the "Agency") alleging violations relating to the release and outlining the activities recommended by the Agency to resolve the alleged violations, including the completion of an investigation and various remediation activities. The Agency approved a work plan describing remediation activities proposed for remaining hydrocarbons at Pocahton Station and affected waterways. Remediation activities under this work plan have effectively been completed, and on December 17, 2015, we entered into a Compliance Commitment Agreement with the Agency, which provides the framework for final completion and documentation of the remediation effort. On April 15, 2016, the Agency confirmed that all of the activities required by the Compliance Commitment Agreement had been completed and that the violations associated with the incident had been resolved. To date, no fines or penalties have been assessed in this matter; however, it remains possible that fines and penalties could be assessed in the future. In connection with this incident, we have also had one class action lawsuit filed against us in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, which was subsequently voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff. We estimate that the aggregate total costs we have incurred or will incur with respect to this release will be less than \$10 million.

In the Matter of Bakersfield Crude Terminal LLC et al. On April 30, 2015, the EPA issued a Finding and Notice of Violation ("NOV") to Bakersfield Crude Terminal LLC, our subsidiary, for alleged violations of the Clean Air Act, as amended. The NOV, which cites 10 separate rule violations, questions the validity of construction and operating permits issued to our Bakersfield rail unloading facility in 2012 and 2014 by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (the "SJV District"). We believe we fully complied with all applicable regulatory requirements and that the permits issued to us by the SJV District are valid. To date, no fines or penalties have been assessed in this matter; however, it is possible that fines and penalties could be assessed in the future.

Mesa to Basin Pipeline. On January 6, 2016, PHMSA issued a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty relating to an approximate 500 barrel release of crude oil that took place on January 1, 2015 on our Mesa to Basin 12" pipeline in Midland, Texas. PHMSA conducted an accident investigation and reviewed documentation related to the incident, and concluded that we had committed probable violations of certain pipeline safety regulations. In the Notice, PHMSA maintains that we failed to carry out our written damage prevention program and to follow our pipeline excavation/ditching and backfill procedures on four separate occasions, and that such failures resulted in outside force damage that led to the January 1, 2015 release. PHMSA's compliance officer has recommended that we be assessed a civil penalty of \$190,000. We have formally responded to PHMSA regarding this matter, but at this point we can provide no assurance regarding the final disposition of this matter or the final amount of any civil penalties.

#### Note 13—Operating Segments

We manage our operations through three operating segments: Transportation, Facilities and Supply and Logistics. Our Chief Operating Decision Maker (our Chief Executive Officer) evaluates segment performance based on measures including segment profit and maintenance capital investment. We define segment profit as revenues and equity earnings in unconsolidated entities less (a) purchases and related costs, (b) field operating costs and (c) segment general and administrative expenses. Each of the items above excludes depreciation and amortization. Maintenance capital consists of capital expenditures for the replacement of partially or fully depreciated assets in order to maintain the operating and/or earnings capacity of our existing assets.

The following table reflects certain financial data for each segment (in millions):

Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Transportation	Facilities	Supply and Logistics	Total
---------------------------------------	----------------	------------	-------------------------	-------

Edgar Filing: PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP - Form 10-Q

Revenues:

External customers	\$ 159	\$ 135	\$ 4,876	\$5,170
Intersegment <sup>(1)</sup>	242	147	3	392
Total revenues of reportable segments	\$ 401	\$ 282	\$ 4,879	\$5,562
Equity earnings in unconsolidated entities	\$ 46	\$ —	\$ —	\$46
Segment profit/(loss) <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	\$ 261	\$ 173	\$ (6 )	\$428
Maintenance capital	\$ 29	\$ 15	\$ 3	\$47

31

---



Table of Contents

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015	Transportation	Facilities	Supply and Logistics	Total
Revenues:				
External customers	\$ 172	\$ 132	\$ 5,247	\$5,551
Intersegment <sup>(1)</sup>	229	131	7	367
Total revenues of reportable segments	\$ 401	\$ 263	\$ 5,254	\$5,918
Equity earnings in unconsolidated entities	\$ 45	\$ —	\$ —	\$45
Segment profit <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	\$ 254	\$ 146	\$ 87	\$487
Maintenance capital	\$ 34	\$ 16	\$ 2	\$52

  

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	Transportation	Facilities	Supply and Logistics	Total
Revenues:				
External customers	\$ 482	\$ 405	\$ 13,344	\$14,231
Intersegment <sup>(1)</sup>	706	412	9	1,127
Total revenues of reportable segments	\$ 1,188	\$ 817	\$ 13,353	\$15,358
Equity earnings in unconsolidated entities	\$ 133	\$ —	\$ —	\$133
Segment profit <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	\$ 760	\$ 488	\$ 13	\$1,261
Maintenance capital	\$ 86	\$ 32	\$ 10	\$128

  

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	Transportation	Facilities	Supply and Logistics	Total
Revenues:				
External customers	\$ 538	\$ 393	\$ 17,225	\$18,156
Intersegment <sup>(1)</sup>	665	396	13	1,074
Total revenues of reportable segments	\$ 1,203	\$ 789	\$ 17,238	\$19,230
Equity earnings in unconsolidated entities	\$ 134	\$ —	\$ —	\$134
Segment profit <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	\$ 681	\$ 432	\$ 258	\$1,371
Maintenance capital	\$ 101	\$ 48	\$ 5	\$154

Segment revenues include intersegment amounts that are eliminated in “Purchases and related costs” and “Field operating costs” in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Intersegment sales are conducted at

<sup>(1)</sup> posted tariff rates, rates similar to those charged to third parties or rates that we believe approximate market at the time the agreement is executed or renegotiated. For further discussion, see “Analysis of Operating Segments” under Item 7 of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Supply and Logistics segment profit includes interest expense (related to hedged inventory purchases) of \$5

<sup>(2)</sup> million and \$1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and \$10 million and \$4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

<sup>(3)</sup> The following table reconciles segment profit to net income attributable to PAGP (in millions):

Table of Contents

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Segment profit	\$428	\$487	\$1,261	\$1,371
Unallocated general and administrative expenses	(1 )	—	(2 )	(2 )
Depreciation and amortization	(33 )	(108 )	(352 )	(320 )
Interest expense, net	(116 )	(112 )	(349 )	(329 )
Other income/(expense), net	17	(4 )	46	(7 )
Income before tax	295	263	604	713
Income tax expense	(16 )	(35 )	(66 )	(120 )
Net income	279	228	538	593
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(255 )	(196 )	(436 )	(500 )
Net income attributable to PAGP	\$24	\$32	\$102	\$93

## Note 14—Acquisitions, Investments in Unconsolidated Entities, Dispositions and Impairments

Acquisitions. During the first nine months of 2016, we completed two acquisitions for cash consideration of \$289 million. We did not recognize any goodwill related to these acquisitions. Included in these acquisitions was an integrated system of NGL assets in Western Canada from Westcoast Energy Inc., a unit of Spectra Energy, for cash consideration of approximately \$204 million.

Investments in Unconsolidated Entities. In June 2016, we sold 50% of our investment in Cheyenne Pipeline LLC (“Cheyenne”), and in August 2016 we sold 50% of our investment in STACK Pipeline LLC (“STACK Pipeline”). As a result of these transactions, we now account for our remaining 50% equity interest in such entities under the equity method of accounting.

Dispositions and Divestitures. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we sold several non-core assets, including certain of our Gulf Coast pipelines and East Coast refined products terminals. In addition, we sold interests in Cheyenne and STACK Pipeline, as discussed above. In the aggregate, we recognized a net gain of approximately \$99 million related to these transactions, which is included in "Depreciation and amortization" on our Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. Such amount is comprised of gains of approximately \$155 million and losses of \$56 million, including \$15 million of impairment of goodwill that was included in a disposal group classified as held for sale prior to the closing of such transaction.

As of September 30, 2016, we classified approximately \$275 million of assets as held for sale on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (in “Other current assets”) primarily related to definitive agreements to sell non-core assets, a majority of which are included in our Facilities segment. We expect the sales to be consummated in the fourth quarter of 2016 or the first half of 2017, subject to customary closing conditions, as applicable.

Impairments. During the second quarter of 2016, we recognized approximately \$80 million of non-cash impairment losses on certain of our long-lived rail and other terminal assets included in our Facilities segment. Such impairment losses are reflected in “Depreciation and amortization” on our Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. The decline in demand for movements of crude oil by rail in the United States due to sustained unfavorable market conditions resulted in expected decreases in future cash flows for certain of our rail terminal assets, which was a triggering event that required us to assess the recoverability of our carrying value of such long-lived assets. As a result of this impairment review, we wrote off the portion of the carrying amount of these long-lived assets that exceeded

their fair value. Our estimated fair values were based upon recent sales prices of comparable facilities, as well as management's expectation of the market values for such assets based on their industry experience. We consider such inputs to be a Level 3 input in the fair value hierarchy.

In addition, during the second quarter of 2016, we recognized a charge of approximately \$18 million to "Depreciation and amortization" related to the write-off of the remaining book value of assets taken out of service.

#### Note 15—Simplification Transactions

On July 11, 2016, PAGP, PAA, AAP, PAA GP, GP LLC and GP Holdings entered into a Simplification Agreement pursuant to which, upon closing, in exchange for the issuance by PAA to AAP of approximately 245.5 million common units representing limited partner interests in PAA ("PAA Common Units") and the assumption by PAA of AAP's outstanding debt

Table of Contents

(as of September 30, 2016, approximately \$603 million but expected to be approximately \$641 million as of November 15, 2016), AAP will contribute the IDRs to PAA and PAA GP's 2% economic general partner interest in PAA will be converted into a non-economic general partner interest in PAA. Following the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Simplification Agreement (the "Simplification Transactions"), which is expected to occur on November 15, 2016, both PAGP and PAA will continue to be publicly traded.

Among other approvals, the terms of the Simplification Agreement and the Simplification Transactions were unanimously approved by a conflicts committee comprised of independent directors of the Board of Directors of GP LLC on behalf of PAA, and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors of our general partner on behalf of PAGP.

On August 11, 2016, AAP's credit agreement was amended pursuant to which, among other things, the lenders consented to (1) the assignment by AAP of all of its rights (other than the right to request revolving loans) and obligations as the borrower under its credit agreement to PAA, and PAA's assumption thereof, following the date of the consummation of the Simplification Transactions on or before January 19, 2017 (the "Consent Effective Date") and (2) the release and termination as of the Consent Effective Date of all liens on any property securing the obligations of AAP under its credit agreement and related documents. AAP further amended the definition of the maturity date to be the second business day following the Consent Effective Date.

In addition to the terms described above, the Simplification Agreement also provides for the following:

Under a unified governance structure, the Board of Directors of our general partner will have oversight responsibility over both PAGP and PAA. In addition, starting in 2018, our Class A and Class B shareholders and PAA's common and preferred unitholders will have the right to participate in the election of directors of the board of our general partner whose terms expire. Under the current structure, PAA common unitholders are not eligible to participate in the election of directors of our general partner and our Class A and Class B shareholders only participate in such elections following a reduction in ownership of the private AAP owner group to below 40%.

In addition, similar to the current structure, for so long as each of EMG Investment, LLC (an affiliate of The Energy & Minerals Group), KAFU Holdings, L.P. (an affiliate of Kayne Anderson Investment Management Inc.) and Oxy Holding Company (Pipeline), Inc. (a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation), together with their respective affiliates (together, the "Original Designating Parties"), own at least a 10% interest in the initial outstanding AAP units (i.e., as of the closing of the Simplification Transactions), such party will continue to be entitled to designate one director to the Board of Directors of our general partner. The calculation of such qualifying interest will include, in addition to any of our Class A shares owned by an Original Designating Party or its affiliates, any PAA common units received by such Original Designating Party or its affiliates in connection with their exercise of the Redemption Right (defined below).

AAP will execute a reverse split to adjust the number of AAP units such that the number of outstanding AAP units (assuming the conversion of AAP Management Units into AAP units) equals the number of PAA Common Units received by AAP at the closing of the Simplification Transactions. Simultaneously, we will execute a reverse split to adjust the number of our Class A and Class B shares outstanding to equal the number of AAP units we own following AAP's reverse unit split. As a result of these reverse splits, each Class A share will correspond, on a one-to-one basis, to an underlying PAA Common Unit held by AAP which is attributable to our ownership in AAP.

Holders of AAP units other than us and GP LLC will continue to have the right to exchange their AAP units (together with the corresponding Class B shares and, if applicable, units of our general partner) for our Class A shares on a one-for-one basis or, alternatively, to redeem such ownership and related rights for their proportionate share of PAA Common Units held by AAP, subject to certain limitations (the "Redemption Right"). Upon any such redemption, the holders of AAP units receiving PAA Common Units will have registration rights with respect to such PAA Common Units.

Pursuant to the terms of the Simplification Agreement, AAP agreed that if (i) the closing of the Simplification Transactions does not occur prior to the record date for PAA's distribution of available cash in respect of the third quarter of 2016 and (ii) the amount of such distribution is below a quarterly level of \$0.70 per common unit, AAP will borrow funds under its existing credit agreement as necessary to make a special "true-up" distribution to AAP's unitholders that, when added to the distributions to be paid to AAP in respect of its indirect 2% general partner interest and IDRs, equals the total distribution such unitholders would have received had the closing of the Simplification Transactions occurred prior to such third quarter

Table of Contents

record date. As the Simplification Transactions did not close prior to the PAA third quarter distribution record date of October 31, 2016 and PAA declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.55 per common unit for its third quarter distribution, it is currently estimated that the incremental borrowings that will be made by AAP will be approximately \$33 million.

The consummation of the matters contemplated by the Simplification Agreement is subject to customary closing conditions and may be terminated under certain conditions. On September 26, 2016, we announced November 15, 2016 as the date for the special meeting of our shareholders to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the Simplification Transactions. Our Class A and Class B shareholders of record at the close of business on September 30, 2016 will be entitled to vote at the special meeting. We currently expect that the closing of the Simplification Transactions will take place on November 15, 2016.

These transactions are between and among consolidated subsidiaries of PAGP that are considered entities under common control. These equity transactions will not result in a change in the carrying value of the underlying assets and liabilities.

Table of Contents

Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Introduction

The following discussion is intended to provide investors with an understanding of our financial condition and results of our operations and should be read in conjunction with our historical Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations as presented in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K. For more detailed information regarding the basis of presentation for the following financial information, see the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes that are contained in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Our discussion and analysis includes the following:

Executive Summary  
Acquisitions and Capital Projects  
Results of Operations  
Outlook  
Liquidity and Capital Resources  
Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements  
Recent Accounting Pronouncements  
Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates  
Forward-Looking Statements

Executive Summary

Company Overview

We are a Delaware limited partnership formed on July 17, 2013 to own an interest in the general partner and IDRs of PAA, a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership. Although we were formed as a limited partnership, we have elected to be taxed as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes. As of September 30, 2016, we owned a 100% managing member interest in GP LLC and an approximate 42% limited partner interest in AAP. GP LLC holds the general partner interest in AAP and AAP directly owns all of PAA's IDRs and indirectly owns the 2% general partner interest in PAA. AAP is the sole member of PAA GP, which directly holds the 2% general partner interest in PAA.

In accordance with GAAP, our financial results are consolidated with those of GP LLC, AAP and PAA as well as with their subsidiaries. As such, our results of operations as discussed below do not differ materially from the results of operations of PAA. See Note 1 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding our basis of consolidation.

PAA owns and operates midstream energy infrastructure and provides logistics services for crude oil, NGL, natural gas and refined products. PAA owns an extensive network of pipeline transportation, terminalling, storage and gathering assets in key crude oil and NGL producing basins and transportation corridors and at major market hubs in the United States and Canada.

Overview of Operating Results, Capital Investments and Other Significant Activities

During the first nine months of 2016, we recognized net income of \$538 million as compared to net income of \$593 million recognized during the first nine months of 2015. Our financial results for the comparative periods were impacted by:

- Lower operating results from our Supply and Logistics segment, primarily due to less favorable crude oil and NGL market conditions;



Table of Contents

Higher results from (i) our Transportation segment, as the comparative 2015 period was negatively impacted by costs associated with the Line 901 incident that occurred in May 2015, and (ii) our Facilities segment due to contributions from recently completed acquisitions and capital expansion projects;

Higher depreciation and amortization expense primarily resulting from (i) our recently completed capital expansion projects, (ii) impairment losses related to certain of our rail and other terminal assets and (iii) assets taken out of service, all partially offset by net gains related to non-core assets sales and joint venture formations completed during the 2016 period;

Higher interest expense primarily related to financing activities associated with our capital investments;

Gains of approximately \$42 million recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 related to the mark-to-market impact of the Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option; and

Lower income tax expense primarily due to lower taxable earnings from our Canadian operations and the impact from the cumulative revaluation of Canadian net deferred tax liabilities resulting from an Alberta, Canada provincial tax rate increase enacted during the comparative 2015 period.

See further discussion of our results in the “—Results of Operations—Analysis of Operating Segments” and “—Other Income and Expenses” sections below.

We invested \$1.065 billion in midstream infrastructure projects during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, with a targeted expansion capital plan for the full year of 2016 of approximately \$1.425 billion. Additionally, in August 2016, we completed the acquisition of an integrated system of NGL assets in Western Canada from Westcoast Energy Inc., a unit of Spectra Energy, for cash consideration of approximately \$204 million. To fund such capital activities, PAA completed (i) the private placement of approximately 61.0 million Series A preferred units for net proceeds of approximately \$1.6 billion, including our general partner’s proportionate capital contribution, (ii) the sale of approximately 9.9 million PAA common units for net proceeds of \$283 million and (iii) the sale of various assets for net proceeds of approximately \$550 million, primarily related to our planned non-core asset sales initiative, as well as our sale of 50% of our investment in each of Cheyenne Pipeline LLC and STACK Pipeline LLC.

Additionally, we paid approximately \$1.3 billion of cash distributions to our Class A shareholders and noncontrolling interests during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, and we declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.2065 per Class A share to be paid on November 14, 2016.

Furthermore, in July 2016 PAGP, PAA, AAP, PAA GP, GP LLC and GP Holdings entered into a Simplification Agreement pursuant to which, upon closing, in exchange for the issuance by PAA to AAP of approximately 245.5 million common units representing limited partner interests in PAA and the assumption by PAA of AAP’s outstanding debt (as of September 30, 2016, approximately \$603 million but expected to be approximately \$641 million as of November 15, 2016), AAP will contribute the IDRs to PAA and PAA GP’s 2% economic general partner interest in PAA will be converted into a non-economic general partner interest in PAA. Following the closing of the Simplification Transactions, both PAGP and PAA will continue to be publicly traded. The Simplification Transactions are expected to close on November 15, 2016, subject to customary closing conditions. See Note 15 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional discussion of the Simplification Transactions.

Acquisitions and Capital Projects

The following table summarizes our expenditures for acquisition capital, expansion capital and maintenance capital (in millions):

Nine Months	
Ended	
September 30,	
2016	2015

Edgar Filing: PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP - Form 10-Q

Acquisition capital <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 289	\$ 104
Expansion capital <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	1,065	1,837
Maintenance capital <sup>(2)</sup>	128	154
	\$1,482	\$2,095

---

37

---

Table of Contents

Acquisitions of initial investments or additional interests in unconsolidated entities are included in “Acquisition capital.” Subsequent contributions to unconsolidated entities related to expansion projects of such entities are recognized in “Expansion capital.” We account for our investments in such entities under the equity method of accounting.

Capital expenditures made to expand the existing operating and/or earnings capacity of our assets are classified as expansion capital. Capital expenditures for the replacement of partially or fully depreciated assets in order to maintain the operating and/or earnings capacity of our existing assets are classified as maintenance capital.

## Expansion Capital Projects

The following table summarizes our notable projects in progress during 2016 and the forecasted expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2016 (in millions):

Projects	2016
Red River Pipeline (Cushing to Longview)	\$310
Fort Saskatchewan Facility Projects	205
Permian Basin Area Pipeline Projects	185
Saddlehorn Pipeline	125
Diamond Pipeline	105
Cushing Terminal Expansions	70
St. James Terminal Expansions	50
Caddo Pipeline	35
Eagle Ford JV Project	25
Cactus Pipeline	20
Other Projects	295
	\$1,425
Potential Adjustments for Timing / Scope Refinement <sup>(1)</sup>	-\$50 +\$50
Total Projected Expansion Capital Expenditures	\$1,375 - \$1,475
Maintenance Capital Expenditures	\$175 - \$185

Potential variation to current capital costs estimates may result from (i) changes to project design, (ii) final cost of materials and labor and (iii) timing of incurrence of costs due to uncontrollable factors such as receipt of permits or regulatory approvals and weather.

## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth an overview of our consolidated financial results calculated in accordance with GAAP (in millions, except per unit data). See Note 13 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding our operating segments and segment performance measures.

Table of Contents

	Three Months Ended		Favorable/ (Unfavorable) Variance			Nine Months Ended		Favorable/ (Unfavorable) Variance		
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	\$	%		September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	\$	%	
Transportation segment profit	\$261	\$254	\$7	3 %		\$760	\$681	\$79	12 %	
Facilities segment profit	173	146	27	18 %		488	432	56	13 %	
Supply and Logistics segment profit/(loss)	(6 )	87	(93 )	(107)%		13	258	(245 )	(95)%	
Total segment profit	428	487	(59 )	(12)%		1,261	1,371	(110 )	(8)%	
Unallocated general and administrative expenses	(1 )	—	(1 )	N/A		(2 )	(2 )	—	— %	
Depreciation and amortization	(33 )	(108 )	75	69 %		(352 )	(320 )	(32 )	(10)%	
Interest expense, net	(116 )	(112 )	(4 )	(4)%		(349 )	(329 )	(20 )	(6)%	
Other income/(expense), net	17	(4 )	21	**		46	(7 )	53	**	
Income tax expense	(16 )	(35 )	19	54 %		(66 )	(120 )	54	45 %	
Net income	279	228	51	22 %		538	593	(55 )	(9)%	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(255 )	(196 )	(59 )	(30)%		(436 )	(500 )	64	13 %	
Net income attributable to PAGP	\$24	\$32	\$(8 )	(25)%		\$102	\$93	\$9	10 %	
Basic net income per Class A share	\$0.09	\$0.14	\$(0.05)	(36)%		\$0.39	\$0.42	\$(0.03)	(7)%	
Diluted net income per Class A share	\$0.09	\$0.14	\$(0.05)	(36)%		\$0.38	\$0.42	\$(0.04)	(10)%	
Basic weighted average Class A shares outstanding	268	225	43	19 %		263	220	43	20 %	
Diluted weighted average Class A shares outstanding	268	225	43	19 %		629	220	409	186 %	

\*\* Indicates that variance as a percentage is not meaningful.

### Analysis of Operating Segments

We manage our operations through three operating segments: Transportation, Facilities and Supply and Logistics. Our Chief Operating Decision Maker (our Chief Executive Officer) evaluates segment performance based on a variety of measures including segment profit, segment volumes, segment profit per barrel and maintenance capital investment. See Note 18 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion of how we evaluate segment profit. See Note 13 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a reconciliation of segment profit to net income attributable to PAGP.

Revenues and expenses from our Canadian based subsidiaries, which use CAD as their functional currency, are translated at the prevailing average exchange rates for the month.

### Transportation Segment

Our Transportation segment operations generally consist of fee-based activities associated with transporting crude oil and NGL on pipelines, gathering systems, trucks and barges. The Transportation segment generates revenue through a combination of tariffs, third-party pipeline capacity agreements and other transportation fees.

Table of Contents

The following tables set forth our operating results from our Transportation segment:

Operating Results <sup>(1)</sup>  (in millions, except per barrel data)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Favorable/ (Unfavorable)Variance			Nine Months Ended September 30,		Favorable/ (Unfavorable)Variance								
	2016	2015	\$	%		2016	2015	\$	%							
<b>Revenues</b>																
Tariff activities	\$364	\$364	\$ —	—	%	\$1,079	\$1,083	\$ (4	)	—	%					
Trucking	37	37	—	—	%	109	120	(11	)	(9	)%					
Total transportation revenues	401	401	—	—	%	1,188	1,203	(15	)	(1	)%					
<b>Costs and expenses</b>																
Trucking costs	(24	)	(26	)	2	8	%	(69	)	(85	)	16	19	%		
Field operating costs <sup>(2)</sup>	(133	)	(147	)	14	10	%	(406	)	(493	)	87	18	%		
Equity-indexed compensation (expense)/benefit - operations	(3	)	1	(4	)	(400	)	%	(9	)	(5	)	(4	)	(80	)%
Segment general and administrative expenses <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	(22	)	(23	)	1	4	%	(67	)	(67	)	—	—	%		
Equity-indexed compensation (expense)/benefit - general and administrative	(4	)	3	(7	)	(233	)	%	(10	)	(6	)	(4	)	(67	)%
Equity earnings in unconsolidated entities	46	45	1	2	%	133	134	(1	)	(1	)	%				
Segment profit	\$261	\$254	\$ 7	3	%	\$760	\$681	\$ 79	12	%						
Maintenance capital	\$29	\$34	\$ 5	15	%	\$86	\$101	\$ 15	15	%						
Segment profit per barrel	\$0.62	\$0.61	\$ 0.01	2	%	\$0.60	\$0.56	\$ 0.04	7	%						

Average Daily Volumes  (in thousands of barrels per day) <sup>(4)</sup>	Three Months Ended September 30,		Favorable/(Unfavorable)Variance			Nine Months Ended September 30,		Favorable/(Unfavorable)Variance				
	2016	2015	Volumes	%		2016	2015	Volumes	%			
<b>Tariff activities volumes</b>												
<b>Crude oil pipelines (by region):</b>												
Permian Basin <sup>(5)</sup>	2,162	1,885	277	15	%	2,129	1,810	319	18	%		
South Texas / Eagle Ford <sup>(5)</sup>	263	321	(58	)	(18	)	283	298	(15	)	(5	)%
Western	194	196	(2	)	(1	)	193	223	(30	)	(13	)%
Rocky Mountain <sup>(5)</sup>	475	447	28	6	%	448	442	6	1	%		
Gulf Coast	423	576	(153	)	(27	)	538	531	7	1	%	
Central <sup>(5)</sup>	403	424	(21	)	(5	)	393	430	(37	)	(9	)%
Canada	379	384	(5	)	(1	)	384	397	(13	)	(3	)%
Crude oil pipelines	4,299	4,233	66	2	%	4,368	4,131	237	6	%		
NGL pipelines	185	200	(15	)	(8	)	182	195	(13	)	(7	)%
Tariff activities total volumes	4,484	4,433	51	1	%	4,550	4,326	224	5	%		
Trucking	118	112	6	5	%	113	114	(1	)	(1	)%	
Transportation segment total volumes	4,602	4,545	57	1	%	4,663	4,440	223	5	%		

<sup>(1)</sup> Revenues and costs and expenses include intersegment amounts.

- (2) Field operating costs and Segment general and administrative expenses exclude equity-indexed compensation expense, which is presented separately in the table above.

Table of Contents

- Segment general and administrative expenses reflect direct costs attributable to each segment and an allocation of other expenses to the segments. The proportional allocations by segment require judgment by management and are based on the business activities that exist during each period.
- (3) Average daily volumes are calculated as the total volumes (attributable to our interest) for the period divided by the number of days in the period.
- (4) Region includes volumes (attributable to our interest) from pipelines owned by unconsolidated entities.

Tariffs and other fees on our pipeline systems vary by receipt point and delivery point. The segment profit generated by our tariff and other fee-related activities depends on the volumes transported on the pipeline and the level of the tariff and other fees charged, as well as the fixed and variable field costs of operating the pipeline. As is common in the pipeline transportation industry, our tariffs incorporate a loss allowance factor that is intended to offset losses due to evaporation, measurement and other losses in transit. We value the variance of allowance volumes to actual losses at the estimated net realizable value (including the impact of gains and losses from derivative-related activities) at the time the variance occurred and the result is recorded as either an increase or decrease to tariff activities revenues. Revenue from our pipeline capacity agreements generally reflects a negotiated amount.

The following is a discussion of items impacting Transportation segment profit and segment profit per barrel for the periods indicated.

Tariff Activities Revenues, Equity Earnings in Unconsolidated Entities and Volumes. As noted in the table above, revenues from tariff activities and equity earnings in unconsolidated entities were relatively consistent for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same 2015 periods, while volumes increased for both comparative periods presented. The revenues, equity earnings and volumes reported for the periods do not include net deferred revenues of \$30 million and \$54 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, related to agreements that require counterparties to deliver or transport a minimum volume during the period. The net amounts deferred are for volume commitments for which the counterparty did not fulfill its volume commitment, but which have been billed and collected from the counterparty.

The following table presents significant tariff activities revenues and equity earnings in unconsolidated entities variances by region for the comparative periods presented:

(in millions)	Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance Three Months Ended September 30, 2016-2015		Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016-2015	
	Revenues	Equity Earnings	Revenues	Equity Earnings
Tariff activities:				
Permian Basin region	\$ 20	\$ 2	\$ 78	\$ —
Rocky Mountain region	(7 )	2	(10 )	5
Gulf Coast region	(9 )	—	(8 )	—
Central region	(7 )	—	(18 )	1
Other (including pipeline loss allowance revenue)	3	(3 )	(46 )	(7 )
Total variance	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ (4 )	\$ (1 )

Permian Basin region — The increase in revenues for the comparative 2016 periods presented was largely driven by higher volumes associated with the expansion of our pipeline systems in the Delaware Basin, as well as higher

volumes on our takeaway pipelines. For the nine month comparative period, the increase in revenues was also driven by results from our Cactus pipeline, which was placed in service in April 2015 and was in a ramp-up phase for the following months, and which also favorably impacted volumes on our McCamey pipeline system which connects our Midland terminal to the Cactus pipeline origin station.

Rocky Mountain region — The decrease in revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 versus the comparable 2015 periods was largely driven by (i) decreased tariffs on certain of our Bakken area pipelines, (ii) crude oil quality issues that resulted in lower movements on our Robinson Lake pipeline for the 2016 periods, (iii) lower volumes due to production declines and increased competition and (iv) the sale of 50%



Table of Contents

of our investment in Cheyenne Pipeline in June 2016, subsequent to which it was accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

Equity earnings increased for the three and nine month comparative periods due to earnings from (i) our 40% investment in the entity that owns the Saddlehorn Pipeline, a segment of which was placed in service in the third quarter of 2016, and (ii) our 50% investment in Cheyenne Pipeline, as discussed above. The nine-month comparative period was further favorably impacted by contributions from our investment in Frontier, in which we purchased an additional interest in August 2015.

Gulf Coast region — Revenues and volumes decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same 2015 periods primarily due to the sale of certain of our Gulf Coast pipelines in March 2016 and July 2016. These decreases were partially offset by increased volumes on the Capline and Pascagoula pipelines, which were favorably impacted by higher refinery demand, but were at lower tariff rates than the pipelines that were sold.

Central region — The decrease in revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 versus the comparable 2015 periods was largely driven by lower volumes due to production declines in the Mid-Continent area.

Other — The decrease in other revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was primarily related to lower pipeline loss allowance revenue of \$36 million driven by a lower average realized price per barrel.

The decrease in equity earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was primarily due to less favorable results from our investment in Settoon, which was impacted by lower demand for barge and towing movements.

Trucking Revenues. The decrease in trucking revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was primarily driven by unfavorable foreign exchange impacts of \$6 million.

Trucking Costs. Trucking costs decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same 2015 period due to lower contract services rates, as well as favorable foreign exchange impacts of \$4 million.

Field Operating Costs. Field operating costs (excluding equity-indexed compensation expense) decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2015 primarily due to net costs of approximately \$65 million associated with the Line 901 incident that were recognized in the second quarter of 2015. See Note 12 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding the Line 901 incident. The decrease in both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was further driven by lower utilities and maintenance costs, costs associated with the MP29 release in the third quarter of 2015 and lower operating costs due to the sale of certain of our Gulf Coast pipelines in March 2016 and July 2016. The decrease for the nine-month comparative period was also due to a favorable foreign exchange impact of \$5 million, partially offset by an increase in integrity management costs.

Equity-Indexed Compensation Expense. On a consolidated basis, equity-indexed compensation expense increased by \$22 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015, primarily due to the impact of the increase in PAA unit price during the three months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the impact of the decrease in PAA unit price during the same period in 2015, partially offset by the impact of lower average values per PAA LTIP unit during the 2016 period compared to the same period in 2015.

On a consolidated basis across all segments, equity-indexed compensation expense increased by \$13 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015, primarily due to the impact of the increase in PAA unit price during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the impact of the decrease

in PAA unit price during the same period in 2015, partially offset by the impact of fewer probable PAA LTIP units outstanding and lower average values per PAA LTIP unit during the 2016 period compared to the same period in 2015.

Allocations of equity-indexed compensation expense vary over time between field operating costs and general and administrative expenses, as well as between segments, and could result in variances in those expense categories or segments that differ from the consolidated variance explanations above. See Note 15 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information regarding our equity-indexed compensation plans.

Table of Contents

**Maintenance Capital.** Maintenance capital consists of capital expenditures for the replacement of partially or fully depreciated assets in order to maintain the operating and/or earnings capacity of our existing assets. The decrease in maintenance capital for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was primarily driven by lower third party service costs and timing of projects.

## Facilities Segment

Our Facilities segment operations generally consist of fee-based activities associated with providing storage, terminalling and throughput services for crude oil, refined products, NGL and natural gas, as well as NGL fractionation and isomerization services and natural gas and condensate processing services. The Facilities segment generates revenue through a combination of month-to-month and multi-year agreements and processing arrangements.

The following tables set forth our operating results from our Facilities segment:

Operating Results <sup>(1)</sup> (in millions, except per barrel data)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016					Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016				
	2016	2015	Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance		%	2016	2015	Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance		%
Revenues	\$282	\$263	\$ 19	7	%	\$817	\$789	\$ 28	4	%
Natural gas related storage costs	(6 )	(7 )	1	14	%	(17 )	(17 )	—	—	%
Field operating costs <sup>(2)</sup>	(85 )	(96 )	11	11	%	(258 )	(284 )	26	9	%
Equity-indexed compensation (expense)/benefit - operations	(1 )	1	(2 )	(200 )	%	(3 )	(1 )	(2 )	(200 )	%
Segment general and administrative expenses <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	(15 )	(17 )	2	12	%	(44 )	(50 )	6	12	%
Equity-indexed compensation (expense)/benefit - general and administrative	(2 )	2	(4 )	(200 )	%	(7 )	(5 )	(2 )	(40 )	%
Segment profit	\$173	\$146	\$ 27	18	%	\$488	\$432	\$ 56	13	%
Maintenance capital	\$15	\$16	\$ 1	6	%	\$32	\$48	\$ 16	33	%
Segment profit per barrel	\$0.44	\$0.39	\$ 0.05	13	%	\$0.42	\$0.38	\$ 0.04	11	%

Volumes <sup>(4)</sup>	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016					Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016				
	2016	2015	Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance		%	2016	2015	Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance		%
Crude oil, refined products and NGL terminalling and storage (average monthly capacity in millions of barrels)	109	100	9	9	%	106	99	7	7	%
Rail load / unload volumes (average volumes in thousands of barrels per day)	73	231	(158 )	(68 )	%	97	223	(126 )	(57 )	%
Natural gas storage (average monthly working capacity in billions of cubic feet)	97	97	—	—	%	97	97	—	—	%
NGL fractionation (average volumes in thousands of barrels per day)	119	98	21	21	%	113	101	12	12	%
	131	126	5	4	%	129	126	3	2	%

Facilities segment total (average  
monthly volumes in millions of barrels)

(5)

---

(1) Revenues and costs and expenses include intersegment amounts.

(2) Field operating costs and Segment general and administrative expenses exclude equity-indexed compensation expense, which is presented separately in the table above.

43

---

Table of Contents

Segment general and administrative expenses reflect direct costs attributable to each segment and an allocation of (3) other expenses to the segments. The proportional allocations by segment require judgment by management and are based on the business activities that exist during each period.

(4) Average monthly volumes are calculated as total volumes for the period divided by the number of months in the period.

Facilities segment total is calculated as the sum of: (i) crude oil, refined products and NGL terminalling and storage capacity; (ii) rail load and unload volumes multiplied by the number of days in the period and divided by the number of months in the period; (iii) natural gas storage working capacity divided by 6 to account for the 6:1 (5) mcf of natural gas to crude Btu equivalent ratio and further divided by 1,000 to convert to monthly volumes in millions; and (iv) NGL fractionation volumes multiplied by the number of days in the period and divided by the number of months in the period.

The following is a discussion of items impacting Facilities segment profit and segment profit per barrel for the periods indicated.

Revenues and Volumes. As noted in the table above, our Facilities segment revenues increased by \$19 million and \$28 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. Total volumes increased for both comparative periods presented. Our Facilities segment results for the comparative periods were impacted by:

Crude Oil Storage — Revenues increased by \$5 million and \$23 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, as compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 primarily due to (i) increased utilization at certain of our West Coast terminals and (ii) aggregate capacity expansions of approximately 5 million barrels at our St. James and Cushing terminals. Such increases were partially offset by lower results due to the sale of certain of our East Coast terminals in April 2016.

Rail Terminals — Revenues decreased by \$1 million and \$16 million for the three and nine month comparative periods, respectively, primarily due to lower volumes at our U.S. terminals as a result of production declines in the Bakken and less favorable market conditions, partially offset by revenue associated with minimum volume commitments entered into during 2016 at certain of our terminals, and revenues and volumes from our Canadian NGL rail terminal that came online in April 2016. The three-month comparative period was further favorably impacted by the recognition of revenue associated with minimum volume commitments that had been deferred in prior quarters of 2016.

NGL Storage, NGL Fractionation and Canadian Natural Gas Processing — Revenues increased by \$18 million and \$25 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2015 primarily due to (i) contributions from the Western Canada NGL assets we acquired in August 2016 and (ii) higher fees at certain of our NGL storage and fractionation facilities. For the nine-month comparative period, such increases were partially offset by unfavorable foreign exchange impacts of approximately \$10 million.

Field Operating Costs. Field operating costs (excluding equity-indexed compensation expense) decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 primarily due to lower costs related to contract services, primarily at our rail terminals and, to a lesser extent, at our processing facilities, as well as the impact of the sale of certain of our East Coast terminals in April 2016. The nine-month comparative period was also impacted by lower utilities costs and a favorable foreign exchange impact of \$5 million. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in operating costs due to the Western Canada NGL assets acquired in August 2016.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses (excluding equity-indexed compensation expense) decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 primarily due to cost reduction efforts and lower costs incurred for legal fees.

Maintenance Capital. The decrease in maintenance capital for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was primarily due to lower spending on various tank and other maintenance capital projects, partially due to the timing of certain 2015 projects at our NGL storage and fractionation facilities.

Supply and Logistics Segment

Table of Contents

Our revenues from supply and logistics activities reflect the sale of gathered and bulk-purchased crude oil, as well as sales of NGL volumes purchased from suppliers and natural gas sales attributable to the activities performed by our natural gas storage commercial optimization group. Generally, our segment profit is impacted by (i) increases or decreases in our Supply and Logistics segment volumes (which consist of lease gathering crude oil purchases volumes, NGL sales volumes and waterborne cargos), (ii) the effects of competition on our lease gathering margins and (iii) the overall volatility and strength or weakness of market conditions and the allocation of our assets among our various risk management strategies. In addition, the execution of our risk management strategies in conjunction with our assets can provide upside in certain markets. Although segment profit may be adversely affected during certain transitional periods as discussed further below, our crude oil and NGL supply, logistics and distribution operations are not directly affected by the absolute level of prices, but are affected by overall levels of supply and demand for crude oil and NGL and relative fluctuations in market-related indices.

The following tables set forth our operating results from our Supply and Logistics segment:

Operating Results <sup>(1)</sup>	Three Months Ended		Favorable/(Unfavorable) Change		Nine Months Ended		Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance	
	September 30,				September 30,			
(in millions, except per barrel data)	2016	2015	\$	%	2016	2015	\$	%
Revenues	\$4,879	\$5,254	\$ (375 )	(7 )%	\$13,353	\$17,238	\$(3,885 )	(23 )%
Purchases and related costs <sup>(2)</sup>	(4,788 )	(5,032 )	244	5 %	(13,031 )	(16,553 )	3,522	21 %
Field operating costs <sup>(3)</sup>	(70 )	(110 )	40	36 %	(226 )	(338 )	112	33 %
Equity-indexed compensation expense - operations	—	—	—	N/A	(1 )	—	(1 )	N/A
Segment general and administrative expenses <sup>(3) (4)</sup>	(23 )	(26 )	3	12 %	(72 )	(79 )	7	9 %
Equity-indexed compensation (expense)/benefit - general and administrative	(4 )	1	(5 )	(500 )%	(10 )	(10 )	—	— %
Segment profit/(loss)	\$(6 )	\$87	\$(93 )	(107 )%	\$13	\$258	\$(245 )	(95 )%
Maintenance capital	\$3	\$2	\$(1 )	(50 )%	\$10	\$5	\$(5 )	(100)%
Segment profit/(loss) per barrel	\$(0.06)	\$0.84	\$(0.90 )	(107 )%	\$0.04	\$0.81	\$(0.77 )	(95 )%
Average Daily Volumes	Three Months Ended		Favorable/(Unfavorable) Change		Nine Months Ended		Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance	
(in thousands of barrels per day)	September 30,				September 30,			
	2016	2015	Volumes	%	2016	2015	Volumes	%
Crude oil lease gathering purchases	883	927	(44 )	(5 )%	894	958	(64 )	(7 )%
NGL sales	207	183	24	13 %	230	209	21	10 %
Waterborne cargos	8	4	4	100 %	7	1	6	600 %
Supply and Logistics segment total	1,098	1,114	(16 )	(1 )%	1,131	1,168	(37 )	(3 )%

<sup>(1)</sup> Revenues and costs include intersegment amounts.

Purchases and related costs include interest expense (related to hedged inventory purchases) of \$5 million and \$1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and \$10 million and \$4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

<sup>(3)</sup> Field operating costs and Segment general and administrative expenses exclude equity-indexed compensation expense, which is presented separately in the table above.

Segment general and administrative expenses reflect direct costs attributable to each segment and an allocation of  
(4) other expenses to the segments. The proportional allocations by segment require judgment by management and are based on the business activities that exist during each period.



Table of Contents

The following table presents the range of the NYMEX WTI benchmark price of crude oil (in dollars per barrel):

	NYMEX WTI Crude Oil Price	
	Low	High
Three months ended September 30, 2016	\$ 40	\$ 49
Three months ended September 30, 2015	\$ 38	\$ 57
Nine months ended September 30, 2016	\$ 26	\$ 51
Nine months ended September 30, 2015	\$ 38	\$ 61

Because the commodities that we buy and sell are generally indexed to the same pricing indices for both sales and purchases, revenues and costs related to purchases will fluctuate with market prices. However, the margins related to those sales and purchases will not necessarily have a corresponding increase or decrease. The absolute amount of our revenues and purchases decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same periods in 2015 due to lower crude oil and NGL prices.

Generally, we expect a base level of earnings from our Supply and Logistics segment from the assets employed by this segment. This base level may be optimized and enhanced when there is a high level of market volatility, favorable basis differentials and/or a steep contango or backwardated market structure. During certain transitional periods, such as this extended period of lower crude oil prices, the ability to generate above base level earnings is challenging, and taking into account the over-capacity of midstream assets and increased competition that currently exists in most crude oil producing regions, generating even baseline level performance is challenging. Our NGL operations are also impacted by similar competitive pressures. In addition, our NGL operations are sensitive to weather-related demand, particularly during the approximate five-month peak heating season of November through March, and temperature differences from period-to-period may have a significant effect on NGL demand and thus our financial performance.

The following is a discussion of items impacting Supply and Logistics segment profit and segment profit per barrel for the periods indicated.

**Net Revenues and Volumes.** Our Supply and Logistics segment revenues, net of purchases and related costs, decreased by \$131 million and \$363 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The following summarizes the significant items impacting the comparative periods:

**Crude Oil Operations** — Net revenues from our crude oil supply and logistics activities decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the same 2015 periods, primarily due to increased competition, largely due to overbuilt infrastructure underwritten with volume commitments and the effect of such on differentials, as well as volume declines in certain areas, that have negatively impacted our unit margins.

**NGL Operations** — Net revenues from our NGL operations decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, largely due to (i) higher storage and processing fees for the 2016 periods and (ii) higher supply costs driven by competition. The nine-month comparative period was further unfavorably impacted by softer propane sales margins in the first quarter of 2016 versus the first quarter of 2015 resulting from a shorter and milder winter.

**Foreign Exchange Impacts** — Our results are impacted by fluctuations in the value of CAD to USD, resulting in foreign exchange gains and losses on U.S. denominated net assets within our Canadian operations. The changes in exchange rates during each period resulted in a unfavorable variances of \$1 million and \$32 million for the three and nine

months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and months ended September 30, 2015, respectively.

Furthermore, for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the depreciation of CAD relative to USD resulted in lower USD costs of approximately \$15 million. Such costs were primarily associated with intercompany facility fees and were largely offset in our Facilities segment results.

Table of Contents

Impact from Certain Derivative Activities, Net of Inventory Valuation Adjustments — The mark-to-market of certain of our derivative activities impacted our net revenues as shown in the table below (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Variance	2016	2015	Variance
Gains/(losses) from certain derivative activities net of inventory valuation adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 52	\$ 43	\$ 9	\$(196)	\$(116)	\$( 80 )

---

Includes mark-to-market and other gains and losses resulting from certain derivative instruments that are related to underlying activities in another period (or the reversal of mark-to-market gains and losses from a prior period), <sup>(1)</sup> gains and losses on certain derivatives that are related to investing activities (such as the purchase of linefill) and inventory valuation adjustments, as applicable. See Note 9 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a comprehensive discussion regarding our derivatives and risk management activities.

Long-Term Inventory Costing Adjustment — Our operating results are impacted by changes in the weighted average cost of our crude oil and NGL inventory pools that result from price movements during the periods. Such costing adjustments resulted in unfavorable impacts of \$38 million and \$47 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and favorable impacts of \$6 million and unfavorable impacts of \$62 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, due to price changes during each period. These costing adjustments related to long-term inventory necessary to meet our minimum inventory requirements in third-party assets and other working inventory that was needed for our commercial operations. We consider this inventory necessary to conduct our operations and we intend to carry this inventory for the foreseeable future.

Field Operating Costs. The decrease in field operating costs (excluding equity-indexed compensation expense) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was primarily due to a combination of (i) lower lease gathering volumes, (ii) shorter truck hauls and reduced use of third party trucking services as pipeline expansion projects were placed into service and (iii) a decrease in fuel prices.

General and Administrative Expenses. The decrease in general and administrative expenses (excluding equity-indexed compensation expense) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was primarily due to lower salary and other personnel costs and reduced spending on legal fees.

Other Income and Expenses

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 includes net gains of approximately \$84 million and \$99 million, respectively, which were primarily associated with non-core asset sales and joint venture formations during the periods. Excluding such gains, depreciation and amortization expense increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 primarily due to additional depreciation expense associated with various capital expansion projects completed since the 2015 periods and the write off of costs associated with the discontinuation of certain projects during 2016. Additionally, the nine-month comparative period was impacted in the second quarter of 2016 by impairment losses of approximately \$80 million associated with certain of our rail and other terminal assets and an \$18 million charge related to assets taken out of service.

Interest Expense

The increase in interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 over the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was primarily due to a higher weighted average debt balance largely driven by PAA's August 2015 \$1.0 billion senior note issuance, partially offset by the maturity of \$150 million and \$400 million of PAA's senior notes in June 2015 and September 2015, respectively, and PAA's \$175 million senior notes in August 2016.

## Table of Contents

### Other Income/(Expense), Net

Other income/(expense), net for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was impacted by gains of \$17 million and \$42 million, respectively, related to the mark-to-market adjustment of the Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option. See Note 9 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information. Excluding such gains, Other income/(expense), net in each of the periods presented was primarily comprised of foreign currency gains or losses related to revaluations of CAD-denominated interest receivables associated with intercompany notes.

### Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 primarily due to (i) lower year over year income as impacted by fluctuations in derivative mark-to-market valuations in our Canadian operations, partially offset by Canadian audit adjustments and (ii) deferred tax benefits recorded in the second quarter of 2016 related to return-to-accrual adjustments and a Louisiana law change enacted during the quarter. The decrease in income tax expense for the nine month comparative period was also due to the cumulative revaluation of Canadian net deferred tax liabilities resulting from a 2% Alberta, Canada provincial tax rate increase in the second quarter of 2015. The decreases for the three and nine month comparative periods were partially offset by higher deferred tax expense associated with the amortization of our deferred tax asset.

### Outlook

Primarily as a result of advances in drilling and completion techniques and their application to a number of large-scale shale and resource plays, which occurred contemporaneously with attractive crude oil and liquids prices, during the approximately three year period through the end of 2014, U.S. crude oil and liquids production in the lower 48 states increased rapidly. This was particularly true for light crudes and condensates. Similar resource development activities in Canada and ongoing oil sands development activities also led to increased Canadian crude oil production during this period. Additionally, during this period, the crude oil market experienced high levels of volatility in location and quality differentials as a result of the confluence of regional infrastructure constraints in North America, rapid and unexpected changes in crude oil qualities, international supply issues, and regional downstream operating issues. During 2013 and to a lesser degree 2014, these market conditions had a positive impact on our profitability as our business strategy and asset base positioned us to capitalize on opportunities created by the volatile environment.

However, the combination during such period of surging North American liquids production, relatively flat liquids production for the rest of the world and relatively modest growth in global liquids demand led to a supply imbalance, which in turn led to a significant and rapid reduction in petroleum prices. While we believe that our business model and asset base have minimal direct exposure to petroleum prices, our performance is influenced by certain differentials and overall North American production levels, which in turn are impacted by major price movements. The meaningful decrease in crude oil price levels during the second half of 2014 and throughout 2015 relative to the levels experienced during 2013 and the first half of 2014 have led many producers, including North American producers, to significantly scale back capital programs. As a result, during 2015 and through the third quarter of 2016, the rate of growth of North American crude oil production slowed significantly and production levels began to decrease in many areas as producers have taken rigs out of service and deferred completions at an increased rate. While the recent increase in crude oil prices has led to increased rig activity in a few areas where we now anticipate production levels to increase, most notably the Permian Basin in West Texas and the STACK resource play in Oklahoma, the overall pace and depth of the reduction in drilling and completion activities by producers has been greater than anticipated by many market participants and observers; since the beginning of 2015, onshore rig counts for the lower 48 States have decreased approximately 70%. As a result of the combined effect of such overall reduced activity levels and the high decline rates for many of the producing wells that contribute towards current lower 48

onshore production levels, crude oil production declines are expected to continue during 2016 and potentially beyond in a number of onshore plays. While we believe that the larger North American resource base remains intact and will ultimately be developed, such production will likely take place at a slower pace and previously anticipated peak production levels will likely be reduced. This slowdown and reduction in North American production coupled with past increases in infrastructure has led to a compression of basis differentials in a number of locations. Furthermore, many of these new infrastructure projects are supported by long-term minimum volume commitments whereby the shipper, based on an expectation of continued volume growth, has agreed to ship and pay for certain stated volumes. In many cases, the volume owned or controlled by a shipper is meaningfully below such shipper's shipping commitment, resulting in increased competition for the marginal uncommitted barrel, which has led to margin compression. In general, the impact of such developments has been more severe on us than we anticipated, in part due to infrastructure overbuild, but more critically the significant level of contractual overcommitments that has intensified the level of competition for the marginal barrel. This transitioning crude oil market presents challenges to both us and the overall midstream industry, and while we believe our integrated business model gives us competitive advantages, we may see a lower

Table of Contents

rate of cash flow and distribution growth than we would have otherwise experienced over the next several years. In addition, increased competition and compressed differentials may drive lower volumes and lower unit margins in parts of our business, particularly our Supply and Logistics segment.

While we believe that these recent market developments will continue to impede crude oil supply growth and contribute toward bringing the markets back to equilibrium, there can be no assurance that such equilibrium will be achieved or that we will not be negatively impacted by declining crude oil supply, low levels of volatility or challenging capital markets conditions. Additionally, construction of additional infrastructure by us and our competitors will likely lead to even greater levels of excess takeaway capacity in certain areas for the near to medium term, which could further reduce unit margins in our various segments, and which could be exacerbated by declining levels of crude oil production. Finally, we cannot be certain that our expansion efforts will generate targeted returns or that any future acquisition activities will be successful. See “Risk Factors—Risks Related to PAA’s Business” discussed in Item 1A of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

## General

On a consolidated basis, our primary sources of liquidity are (i) cash flow from operating activities, (ii) borrowings under the credit facilities or the PAA commercial paper program and (iii) funds received from PAA’s sales of equity and debt securities. Our primary cash requirements include, but are not limited to, (i) ordinary course of business uses, such as the payment of amounts related to the purchase of crude oil, NGL and other products and other expenses and interest payments on outstanding debt, (ii) expansion and maintenance activities, (iii) acquisitions of assets or businesses, (iv) repayment of principal on long-term debt and (v) distributions to our Class A shareholders and noncontrolling interests. We generally expect to fund our short-term cash requirements through cash flow generated from operating activities and/or borrowings under the PAA commercial paper program or the credit facilities. In addition, we generally expect to fund our long-term needs, such as those resulting from expansion activities or acquisitions and refinancing long-term debt, through a variety of sources (either separately or in combination), which may include the sources mentioned above as funding for short-term needs and/or the issuance of additional PAA equity or debt securities. From time to time, we may also complete strategic divestitures, including non-core asset sales and/or sales of partial interests in assets to strategic partners. As of September 30, 2016, although we had a working capital deficit of \$303 million, we had approximately \$2.6 billion of liquidity available to meet our ongoing operating, investing and financing needs, subject to continued covenant compliance, as noted below (in millions):

	As of September 30, 2016
Availability under PAA senior unsecured revolving credit facility <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$ 1,583
Availability under PAA senior secured hedged inventory facility <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	644
Availability under PAA senior unsecured 364-day revolving credit facility	1,000
Amounts outstanding under under PAA commercial paper program	(756 )
Subtotal	2,471
Availability under AAP senior secured revolving credit facility	72
Cash and cash equivalents	34
Total	\$ 2,577

(1) Represents availability prior to giving effect to amounts outstanding under the PAA commercial paper program, which reduce available capacity under the facilities.

(2)

Available capacity under the PAA senior unsecured revolving credit facility and the PAA senior secured hedged inventory facility was reduced by outstanding letters of credit of \$17 million and \$30 million, respectively.

We believe that we have, and will continue to have, the ability to access the PAA commercial paper program and credit facilities, which we use to meet our short-term cash needs. We believe that our financial position remains solid and we have sufficient liquidity; however, extended disruptions in the financial markets and/or energy price volatility that adversely affect our business may have a materially adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. Also, see Item 1A. "Risk Factors" of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion regarding such risks that may impact our liquidity and capital resources. Usage of the PAA credit facilities, which provide the backstop for the PAA commercial paper program, and the AAP credit facility is subject to ongoing compliance with covenants. As of September 30, 2016, PAA and AAP were in compliance with all such covenants.



## Table of Contents

### Cash Flow from Operating Activities

For a comprehensive discussion of the primary drivers of cash flow from operating activities, including the impact of varying market conditions and the timing of settlement of our derivatives, see Item 7. “Liquidity and Capital Resources—Cash Flow from Operating Activities” included in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the first nine months of 2016 and 2015 was \$630 million and \$1.2 billion, respectively, and primarily resulted from earnings from our operations. Additionally, during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we increased our inventory levels and margin balances required as part of our hedging activities that were funded by short-term debt, resulting in an unfavorable impact on our cash provided by operating activities.

**Minimum Volume Commitments.** We have certain agreements that require counterparties to deliver, transport or throughput a minimum volume over an agreed upon period. Some of these agreements include make-up rights if the minimum volume is not met. At September 30, 2016, counterparty deficiencies associated with agreements that include minimum volume commitments totaled \$83 million. We record a receivable from the counterparty in the period that services are provided or when the transaction occurs, including amounts for deficiency obligations from counterparties associated with minimum volume commitments. If a counterparty has a make-up right associated with a deficiency, we defer the revenue attributable to the counterparty make-up right and subsequently recognize the revenue at the earlier of when the deficiency volume is delivered or shipped, when the make-up right expires or when it is determined that the counterparty’s ability to utilize the make-up right is remote. Deferred revenue associated with non-performance under minimum volume contracts could be significant and could adversely affect our profitability and earnings, but generally does not impact our liquidity.

As of September 30, 2016, we had deferred revenue associated with minimum volume commitments of \$72 million. In addition to the amounts recorded as deferred revenue, as of September 30, 2016, there was \$11 million of accrued deficiencies for which the counterparties had not met their contractual minimum commitments, but we had not yet billed or collected such amounts.

### Acquisitions, Capital Expenditures and Divestitures

In addition to our operating needs discussed above, on a consolidated basis, we also use cash for our acquisition activities and capital projects. We have made and will continue to make capital expenditures for acquisitions, expansion capital and maintenance capital.

**Acquisitions and Divestitures.** During the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, we paid cash of \$282 million (net of cash acquired of \$7 million) and \$104 million, respectively, for acquisitions. The acquisitions for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 included an integrated system of NGL assets in Western Canada for a cash purchase price of approximately \$204 million. In addition, during the first nine months of 2016, we completed the sale of various non-core assets, as well as the sale of 50% of our investment in each of Cheyenne Pipeline LLC and STACK Pipeline LLC, for cash proceeds of \$638 million. We have signed definitive agreements to sell additional non-core assets, which we expect to be consummated in the fourth quarter of 2016 or the first half of 2017, subject to customary closing conditions, as applicable.

**2016 Capital Projects.** We invested approximately \$1.065 billion in midstream infrastructure during the nine months ended September 30, 2016. See “—Acquisitions and Capital Projects” for detail of our projected capital expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2016. We expect the majority of funding for our 2016 capital program will be provided by the proceeds from PAA’s January 2016 Series A preferred unit offering, the sale of various non-core assets throughout the year, the issuance of PAA common units under its continuous offering program and through the

potential issuance of long-term debt by PAA.

#### Equity and Debt Financing Activities

On a consolidated basis, our financing activities primarily relate to funding expansion capital projects, acquisitions and refinancing of debt maturities, as well as short-term working capital and hedged inventory borrowings related to our NGL business and contango market activities. Our financing activities have primarily consisted of PAA equity offerings, PAA senior notes offerings and borrowings and repayments under credit facilities or the PAA commercial paper program, as well as payment of distributions to our Class A shareholders and noncontrolling interests.

PAA Registration Statements. PAA periodically accesses the capital markets for both equity and debt financing. PAA has filed with the SEC a universal shelf registration statement that, subject to effectiveness at the time of use, allows PAA to issue up to an aggregate of \$2.0 billion of debt or equity securities (“Traditional Shelf”). At September 30, 2016, PAA had

50

---

Table of Contents

approximately \$1.7 billion of unsold securities available under the Traditional Shelf. PAA also has access to a universal shelf registration statement (“WKSI Shelf”), which provides it with the ability to offer and sell an unlimited amount of debt and equity securities, subject to market conditions and capital needs. PAA did not conduct any offerings under the WKSI Shelf during the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

**PAA Continuous Offering Program.** During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, PAA issued an aggregate of approximately 9.9 million common units under its continuous offering program, generating proceeds of \$283 million, net of \$2 million of commissions paid to sales agents. The net proceeds from sales were used for general partnership purposes. Subsequent to September 30, 2016, PAA sold an additional 4.9 million common units under its continuous offering program, generating proceeds of \$151 million, net of \$2 million of commissions to sales agents.

**PAA Series A Preferred Unit Issuance.** On January 28, 2016, PAA completed the private placement of approximately 61.0 million PAA Series A preferred units at a price of \$26.25 per unit resulting in total net proceeds, after deducting offering expenses and the 2% transaction fee due to the purchasers, of approximately \$1.6 billion. We used the net proceeds for capital expenditures, repayment of debt and general partnership purposes.

The PAA Series A preferred units rank senior to all classes or series of equity securities in PAA with respect to distribution rights. The holders of the PAA Series A preferred units are entitled to receive quarterly distributions, subject to customary antidilution adjustments, of \$0.525 per unit (\$2.10 per unit annualized), commencing with the quarter ended March 31, 2016. With respect to any quarter ending on or prior to December 31, 2017, PAA may elect to pay distributions on the PAA Series A preferred units in additional preferred units, in cash or a combination of both.

After two years, the PAA Series A preferred units are convertible at the purchasers’ option into common units on a one-for-one basis, subject to certain conditions, and are convertible at PAA’s option in certain circumstances after three years. See Note 8 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding the PAA Series A preferred units.

**Credit Agreements, Commercial Paper Program and Indentures.** The PAA credit agreements (which impact the ability to access the PAA commercial paper program because they provide the backstop that supports PAA’s short-term credit ratings), the AAP credit agreement and the indentures governing PAA’s senior notes contain cross-default provisions. A default under the credit agreements would permit the lenders to accelerate the maturity of the outstanding debt. As long as PAA and AAP are in compliance with the provisions in the credit agreements, their ability to make distributions of available cash is not restricted. As of September 30, 2016, PAA and AAP were in compliance with the covenants contained in the credit agreements and indentures.

On a consolidated basis, during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we had net repayments on the credit agreements and PAA commercial paper program of \$149 million. The net repayments resulted primarily from cash flow from operating activities and cash received from equity activities, which offset borrowings during the period related to funding needs for (i) inventory purchases and related margin balances required as part of our hedging activities, (ii) capital investments, (iii) repayment of PAA’s \$175 million senior notes in August 2016 and (iv) other general partnership purposes.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we had net borrowings under credit agreements and the PAA commercial paper program of \$174 million. These net borrowings resulted primarily from funding needs for (i) internal capital projects, (ii) repayment of PAA senior notes that matured during 2015 and (iii) other general partnership purposes, and were partially offset by repayments from cash received from PAA’s debt and equity activities.

In August 2016, PAA extended the maturity dates of its senior unsecured revolving credit facility, senior secured hedged inventory facility and 364-day credit facility to August 2021, August 2019 and August 2017, respectively.

In August 2016, PAA's \$175 million, 5.88% senior notes matured and were repaid with cash on hand and proceeds from borrowings under the PAA commercial paper program.

PAA's \$400 million, 6.13% senior notes will mature in January 2017. We intend to use borrowings under the PAA commercial paper program or credit facilities to repay these senior notes when they mature.

#### Distributions to Our Class A Shareholders and Noncontrolling Interests

Distributions to our Class A shareholders. We distribute 100% of our available cash within 55 days following the end of each quarter to Class A shareholders of record. Available cash is generally defined as all of our cash and cash equivalents on

## Table of Contents

hand at the end of each quarter less reserves established in the discretion of our general partner for future requirements. On November 14, 2016, we will pay a quarterly distribution of \$0.2065 per Class A share, which equates to a 10.6% reduction to the quarterly distribution paid in August 2016. See Note 8 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for details of distributions paid during or pertaining to the first nine months of 2016. Also, see Item 5. “Market for Registrant’s Shares, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities—Cash Distribution Policy” included in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional discussion regarding distributions.

Distributions to noncontrolling interests. Distributions to noncontrolling interests represent amounts paid on interests in consolidated entities that are not owned by us. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, we paid distributions of approximately \$1.1 billion and \$1.1 billion, respectively, to noncontrolling interests.

We believe that we have sufficient liquid assets, cash flow from operating activities and borrowing capacity under the credit agreements to meet our financial commitments, debt service obligations, contingencies and anticipated capital expenditures. We are, however, subject to business and operational risks that could adversely affect our cash flow. A prolonged material decrease in our cash flows would likely produce an adverse effect on our borrowing capacity.

## Simplification Transactions

On July 11, 2016, PAGP, PAA, AAP, PAA GP, GP LLC and GP Holdings entered into a Simplification Agreement pursuant to which, upon closing, in exchange for the issuance by PAA to AAP of approximately 245.5 million common units representing limited partner interests in PAA (“PAA Common Units”) and the assumption by PAA of AAP’s outstanding debt (as of September 30, 2016, approximately \$603 million but expected to be approximately \$641 million as of November 15, 2016), AAP will contribute the IDRs to PAA and PAA GP’s 2% economic general partner interest in PAA will be converted into a non-economic general partner interest in PAA. Following the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Simplification Agreement (the “Simplification Transactions”), which is expected to occur on November 15, 2016, both PAGP and PAA will continue to be publicly traded.

Pursuant to the terms of the Simplification Agreement, AAP agreed that if (i) the closing of the Simplification Transactions does not occur prior to the record date for PAA’s distribution of available cash in respect of the third quarter of 2016 and (ii) the amount of such distribution is below a quarterly level of \$0.70 per common unit, AAP will borrow funds under its existing credit agreement as necessary to make a special “true-up” distribution to AAP’s unitholders that, when added to the distributions to be paid to AAP in respect of its indirect 2% general partner interest and IDRs, equals the total distribution such unitholders would have received had the closing of the Simplification Transactions occurred prior to such third quarter record date. As the Simplification Transactions did not close prior to the PAA third quarter distribution record date of October 31, 2016 and PAA declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.55 per common unit for its third quarter distribution, it is currently estimated that the incremental borrowings that will be made by AAP will be approximately \$33 million.

The consummation of the matters contemplated by the Simplification Agreement is subject to customary closing conditions and may be terminated under certain conditions. On September 26, 2016, we announced November 15, 2016 as the date for the special meeting of our shareholders to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the Simplification Transactions. Our Class A and Class B shareholders of record at the close of business on September 30, 2016 will be entitled to vote at the special meeting. See Note 15 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional discussion of the Simplification Transactions.

These transactions are among consolidated subsidiaries of PAGP that are considered entities under common control. As such, in accordance with FASB guidance, these transactions will be recognized at carrying value. Additionally, the transactions will be accounted for as equity transactions in accordance with FASB guidance.

## Contingencies

For a discussion of contingencies that may impact us, see Note 12 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Commitments

**Contractual Obligations.** In the ordinary course of doing business, we purchase crude oil and NGL from third parties under contracts, the majority of which range in term from thirty-day evergreen to five years, with a limited number of contracts with remaining terms extending up to approximately nine years. We establish a margin for these purchases by entering into various types of physical and financial sale and exchange transactions through which we seek to maintain a position that is

Table of Contents

substantially balanced between purchases on the one hand and sales and future delivery obligations on the other. In addition, we enter into similar contractual obligations in conjunction with our natural gas operations. The table below includes purchase obligations related to these activities. Where applicable, the amounts presented represent the net obligations associated with our counterparties (including giving effect to netting buy/sell contracts and those subject to a net settlement arrangement). We do not expect to use a significant amount of internal capital to meet these obligations, as the obligations will be funded by corresponding sales to entities that we deem creditworthy or who have provided credit support we consider adequate.

The following table includes our best estimate of the amount and timing of these payments as well as others due under the specified contractual obligations as of September 30, 2016 (in millions):

	Remainder of 2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 and Thereafter	Total
Long-term debt, including current maturities and related interest payments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 622	\$860	\$1,034	\$1,249	\$1,446	\$ 11,041	\$16,252
Leases <sup>(2)</sup>	53	190	161	140	119	499	1,162
Other obligations <sup>(3)</sup>	249	566	222	168	146	613	1,964
Subtotal	924	1,616	1,417	1,557	1,711	12,153	19,378
Crude oil, natural gas, NGL and other purchases <sup>(4)</sup>	1,911	2,661	1,869	1,672	1,190	4,430	13,733
Total	\$ 2,835	\$4,277	\$3,286	\$3,229	\$2,901	\$ 16,583	\$33,111

Includes debt service payments, interest payments due on PAA's senior notes, interest payments on long-term borrowings outstanding under the AAP credit agreement and the commitment fee on assumed available capacity under the PAA revolving credit facilities and long-term borrowings under the PAA commercial paper program. Although there may be short-term borrowings under the PAA credit facilities and the PAA commercial paper program, we historically repay and borrow at varying amounts. As such, we have included only the maximum commitment fee (as if no short-term borrowings were outstanding on the PAA credit facilities or the PAA commercial paper program) in the amounts above. Contingent upon the closing of the Simplification Transactions, the maturity date of the borrowings under the AAP credit agreement will be accelerated from 2020 to 2017 or earlier. See Note 15 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional discussion of the Simplification Transactions.

(2) Leases are primarily for (i) surface rentals, (ii) office rent, (iii) pipeline assets and (iv) trucks, trailers and railcars. Includes both capital and operating leases as defined by FASB guidance.

(3) Includes (i) other long-term liabilities, (ii) storage, processing and transportation agreements and (iii) non-cancelable commitments related to our capital expansion projects, including projected contributions for our share of the capital spending of our equity method investments. The transportation agreements include approximately \$875 million associated with an agreement to transport crude oil on a pipeline that is owned by an equity method investee, in which we own a 50% interest. Our commitment to transport is supported by crude oil buy/sell agreements with third parties (including Oxy) with commensurate quantities.

(4) Amounts are primarily based on estimated volumes and market prices based on average activity during September 2016. The actual physical volume purchased and actual settlement prices will vary from the assumptions used in the table. Uncertainties involved in these estimates include levels of production at the wellhead, weather conditions, changes in market prices and other conditions beyond our control.

Letters of Credit. In connection with supply and logistics activities, we provide certain suppliers with irrevocable standby letters of credit to secure our obligation for the purchase of crude oil, NGL and natural gas. Additionally, we

issue letters of credit to support insurance programs, derivative transactions and construction activities. At September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we had outstanding letters of credit of approximately \$47 million and \$46 million, respectively.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements as defined by Item 303 of Regulation S-K.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

53

---



Table of Contents

See Note 2 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

For a discussion regarding our critical accounting policies and estimates, see “Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates” under Item 7 of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements included in this report, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements, including but not limited to statements incorporating the words “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect,” “plan,” “intend” and “forecast,” as well as similar expressions and statements regarding our business strategy, plans and objectives for future operations. The absence of such words, expressions or statements, however, does not mean that the statements are not forward-looking. Any such forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events, based on what we believe to be reasonable assumptions. Certain factors could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from the results or outcomes anticipated in the forward-looking statements. The most important of these factors include, but are not limited to:

- our ability to pay distributions to our Class A shareholders;
- our expected receipt of, and amounts of, distributions from Plains AAP, L.P.;
- declines in the volume of crude oil, refined product and NGL shipped, processed, purchased, stored, fractionated and/or gathered at or through the use of our assets, whether due to declines in production from existing oil and gas reserves, failure to develop or slowdown in the development of additional oil and gas reserves, whether from reduced cash flow to fund drilling or the inability to access capital, or other factors;
- the effects of competition;
- failure to implement or capitalize, or delays in implementing or capitalizing, on expansion projects;
- unanticipated changes in crude oil market structure, grade differentials and volatility (or lack thereof);
- environmental liabilities or events that are not covered by an indemnity, insurance or existing reserves;
- fluctuations in refinery capacity in areas supplied by our mainlines and other factors affecting demand for various grades of crude oil, refined products and natural gas and resulting changes in pricing conditions or transportation throughput requirements;
- the occurrence of a natural disaster, catastrophe, terrorist attack or other event, including attacks on our electronic and computer systems;
- maintenance of PAA’s credit rating and ability to receive open credit from suppliers and trade counterparties; tightened capital markets or other factors that increase our cost of capital or limit our ability to obtain debt or equity financing on satisfactory terms to fund additional acquisitions, expansion projects, working capital requirements and the repayment or refinancing of indebtedness;
- the currency exchange rate of the Canadian dollar;
- continued creditworthiness of, and performance by, our counterparties, including financial institutions and trading companies with which we do business;
- inability to recognize current revenue attributable to deficiency payments received from customers who fail to ship or move more than minimum contracted volumes until the related credits expire or are used;
- non-utilization of our assets and facilities;
- increased costs, or lack of availability, of insurance;
- weather interference with business operations or project construction, including the impact of extreme weather events or conditions;



## Table of Contents

the availability of, and our ability to consummate, acquisition or combination opportunities;

the successful integration and future performance of acquired assets or businesses and the risks associated with operating in lines of business that are distinct and separate from historical operations;

the effectiveness of our risk management activities;

shortages or cost increases of supplies, materials or labor;

the impact of current and future laws, rulings, governmental regulations, accounting standards and statements, and related interpretations;

fluctuations in the debt and equity markets, including the price of PAA's units at the time of vesting under its long-term incentive plans;

risks related to the development and operation of our assets, including our ability to satisfy our contractual obligations to our customers;

factors affecting demand for natural gas and natural gas storage services and rates;

- general economic, market or business conditions and the amplification of other risks caused by volatile financial markets, capital constraints and pervasive liquidity concerns; and

other factors and uncertainties inherent in the transportation, storage, terminalling and marketing of crude oil and refined products, as well as in the storage of natural gas and the processing, transportation, fractionation, storage and marketing of natural gas liquids.

Other factors described herein, as well as factors that are unknown or unpredictable, could also have a material adverse effect on future results. Please read "Risk Factors" discussed in Item 1A of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Except as required by applicable securities laws, we do not intend to update these forward-looking statements and information.

### Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to various market risks, including (i) commodity price risk, (ii) interest rate risk and (iii) currency exchange rate risk. We use various derivative instruments to manage such risks and, in certain circumstances, to realize incremental margin during volatile market conditions. Our risk management policies and procedures are designed to help ensure that our hedging activities address our risks by monitoring our exchange-cleared and over-the-counter positions, as well as physical volumes, grades, locations, delivery schedules and storage capacity. We have a risk management function that has direct responsibility and authority for our risk policies, related controls around commercial activities and certain aspects of corporate risk management. Our risk management function also approves all new risk management strategies through a formal process. The following discussion addresses each category of risk.

#### Commodity Price Risk

We use derivative instruments to hedge price risk associated with the following commodities:

##### Crude oil

We utilize crude oil derivatives to hedge commodity price risk inherent in our Supply and Logistics and Transportation segments. Our objectives for these derivatives include hedging anticipated purchases and sales, stored inventory, and storage capacity utilization. We manage these exposures with various instruments including exchange-traded and over-the-counter futures, forwards, swaps and options.

##### Natural gas

We utilize natural gas derivatives to hedge commodity price risk inherent in our Supply and Logistics and Facilities segments. Our objectives for these derivatives include hedging anticipated purchases and sales and managing our anticipated base gas requirements. We manage these exposures with various instruments including exchange-traded futures, swaps and options.

NGL and other

55

---

Table of Contents

We utilize NGL derivatives, primarily butane and propane derivatives, to hedge commodity price risk inherent in our Supply and Logistics segment. Our objectives for these derivatives include hedging anticipated purchases and sales and stored inventory. We manage these exposures with various instruments including exchange-traded and over-the-counter futures, forwards, swaps and options.

See Note 9 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion regarding our hedging strategies and objectives.

The fair value of our commodity derivatives and the change in fair value as of September 30, 2016 that would be expected from a 10% price increase or decrease is shown in the table below (in millions):

	Fair Value	Effect of 10% Price Increase	Effect of 10% Price Decrease
Crude oil	\$ (18 )	\$ (75 )	\$ 75
Natural gas	(4 )	\$ 3	\$ (3 )
NGL and other	(44 )	\$ (56 )	\$ 56
Total fair value	\$ (66 )		

The fair values presented in the table above reflect the sensitivity of the derivative instruments only and do not include the effect of the underlying hedged commodity. Price-risk sensitivities were calculated by assuming an across-the-board 10% increase or decrease in price regardless of term or historical relationships between the contractual price of the instruments and the underlying commodity price. In the event of an actual 10% change in near-term commodity prices, the fair value of our derivative portfolio would typically change less than that shown in the table as changes in near-term prices are not typically mirrored in delivery months further out.

**Interest Rate Risk**

Our use of variable rate debt and any forecasted issuances of fixed rate debt expose us to interest rate risk. Therefore, from time to time, we use interest rate derivatives to hedge interest rate risk associated with anticipated interest payments and, in certain cases, outstanding debt instruments. All of PAA's senior notes are fixed rate notes and thus are not subject to interest rate risk. Our variable rate debt outstanding at September 30, 2016, approximately \$2.1 billion, was subject to interest rate re-sets of one month or less. The average interest rate on variable rate debt that was outstanding during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was 1.6%, based upon rates in effect during such period. The fair value of our interest rate derivatives was a liability of \$175 million as of September 30, 2016. A 10% increase in the forward LIBOR curve as of September 30, 2016 would have resulted in an increase of \$33 million to the fair value of our interest rate derivatives. A 10% decrease in the forward LIBOR curve as of September 30, 2016 would have resulted in a decrease of \$33 million to the fair value of our interest rate derivatives. See Note 9 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of our interest rate risk hedging activities.

**Currency Exchange Rate Risk**

We use foreign currency derivatives to hedge foreign currency exchange rate risk associated with our exposure to fluctuations in the USD-to-CAD exchange rate. Because a significant portion of our Canadian business is conducted in CAD and, at times, a portion of our debt is denominated in CAD, we use certain financial instruments to minimize the risks of unfavorable changes in exchange rates. These instruments include foreign currency exchange contracts, forwards and options. The fair value of our foreign currency derivatives was a liability of \$3 million as of September 30, 2016. A 10% increase in the exchange rate (USD-to-CAD) would have resulted in a decrease of \$13 million to the fair value of our foreign currency derivatives. A 10% decrease in the exchange rate (USD-to-CAD)

would have resulted in an increase of \$13 million to the fair value of our foreign currency derivatives. See Note 9 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of our currency exchange rate risk hedging.

#### Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option

The Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option of PAA's Series A preferred units is an embedded derivative that must be bifurcated from the related host contract, PAA's partnership agreement, and recorded at fair value in our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The valuation model utilized for this embedded derivative contains inputs including PAA's

Table of Contents

common unit price, ten-year U.S. treasury rates and default probabilities to ultimately calculate the fair value of PAA's Series A preferred units with and without the Preferred Distribution Rate Reset Option. The fair value of this embedded derivative was a liability of \$18 million as of September 30, 2016. A 10% increase in the fair value would have an impact of \$2 million. A 10% decrease in the fair value would also have an impact of \$2 million. See Note 9 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of embedded derivatives.

Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain written disclosure controls and procedures, which we refer to as our "DCP." Our DCP is designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (ii) accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Applicable SEC rules require an evaluation of the effectiveness of our DCP. Management, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our DCP as of September 30, 2016, the end of the period covered by this report, and, based on such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our DCP is effective.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In addition to the information concerning our DCP, we are required to disclose certain changes in internal control over financial reporting. There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the third quarter of 2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Certifications

The certifications of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) are filed with this report as Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2. The certifications of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350 are furnished with this report as Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2.

Table of Contents

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The information required by this item is included under the caption “Legal Proceedings — General” in Note 12 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, and is incorporated herein by reference thereto.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

For a discussion regarding our risk factors, see Item 1A of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Those risks and uncertainties are not the only ones facing us and there may be additional matters of which we are unaware or that we currently consider immaterial. All of those risks and uncertainties could adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or results of operations.

Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

In connection with our IPO and related transactions, the former owners of Plains All American GP LLC (the “Legacy Owners”) acquired the following interests (collectively, the “Stapled Interests”): (i) AAP units representing an economic limited partner interest in AAP; (ii) general partner units representing a non-economic membership interest in our general partner; and (iii) Class B shares representing a non-economic limited partner interest in us. The Legacy Owners and any permitted transferees of their Stapled Interests have the right to exchange (the “Exchange Right”) all or a portion of such Stapled Interests for an equivalent number of Class A shares. In connection with the exercise of the Exchange Right, the Stapled Interests are transferred to us and the applicable Class B shares are canceled. Although we issue one Class A share for each Stapled Interest that is exchanged, we also receive one AAP unit and one general partner unit. Additionally, a holder of vested AAP Management Units is entitled to convert his or her AAP Management Units into AAP units and a like number of our Class B shares based on a conversion ratio calculated in accordance with the AAP limited partnership agreement. Following any such conversion, the holder will have the Exchange Right for our Class A shares. Holders of AAP Management Units who convert such units into AAP units and our Class B shares will not receive general partner units and thus will not need to include any general partner units in a transfer to us upon exercise of their Exchange Right. During the three months ended September 30, 2016, certain AAP unitholders or their permitted transferees exercised the Exchange Right, which resulted in the issuance of 1,320,189 Class A shares. The issuance of Class A shares in connection with the exercise of the Exchange Right was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Section 4(2) thereof.

Item 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

None.

Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

Item 6. EXHIBITS



The exhibits listed on the accompanying Exhibit Index are filed or incorporated by reference as part of this report, and such Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

Table of Contents

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

PLAINS GP HOLDINGS, L.P.

By: PAA GP HOLDINGS LLC,  
its general partner

By: /s/ Greg L. Armstrong  
Greg L. Armstrong,  
Chairman of the Board,  
Chief Executive Officer and Director of PAA GP Holdings LLC (Principal Executive Officer)

November 8,  
2016

By: /s/ Al Swanson  
Al Swanson,  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of PAA GP Holdings LLC (Principal  
Financial Officer)

November 8,  
2016

By: /s/ Chris Herbold  
Chris Herbold,  
Vice President—Accounting and Chief Accounting Officer of PAA GP Holdings LLC (Principal  
Accounting Officer)

November 8,  
2016

59

---

Table of Contents

EXHIBIT INDEX

- 2.1\* Simplification Agreement, dated as of July 11, 2016, by and among PAA GP Holdings LLC, Plains GP Holdings, L.P., Plains All American GP LLC, Plains AAP, L.P., PAA GP LLC and Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 14, 2016).
- 3.1 Certificate of Limited Partnership of Plains GP Holdings, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (333-190227) filed July 29, 2013).
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Plains GP Holdings, L.P. dated as of October 21, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 25, 2013).
- 3.3 Certificate of Formation of PAA GP Holdings LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (333-190227) filed July 29, 2013).
- 3.4 Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of PAA GP Holdings LLC dated as of October 21, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 25, 2013).
- 3.5 Amendment No. 1 dated as of December 31, 2013 to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of PAA GP Holdings LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 31, 2013).
- 3.6 Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. dated as of January 28, 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 2, 2016).
- 3.7 Amendment No. 1 to the Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. dated as of July 10, 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 14, 2016).
- 3.8 Sixth Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Plains All American GP LLC dated October 21, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 25, 2013).
- 3.9 Amendment No. 1 dated January 28, 2016 to the Sixth Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Plains All American GP LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 2, 2016).
- 3.10 Seventh Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Plains AAP, L.P. dated October 21, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 25, 2013).
- 3.11 Amendment No. 1 dated December 31, 2013 to the Seventh Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Plains AAP, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 31, 2013).
- 3.12 Limited Liability Company Agreement of PAA GP LLC dated December 28, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 4, 2008).

- 4.1 Indenture dated September 25, 2002 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp. and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002).
- 4.2 Fourth Supplemental Indenture (Series A and Series B 5.875% Senior Notes due 2016) dated August 12, 2004 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to PAA's Registration Statement on Form S-4, File No. 333-121168).
- 4.3 Sixth Supplemental Indenture (Series A and Series B 6.70% Senior Notes due 2036) dated May 12, 2006 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 12, 2006).

Table of Contents

- 4.4 Ninth Supplemental Indenture (Series A and Series B 6.125% Senior Notes due 2017) dated October 30, 2006 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 30, 2006).
- 4.5 Tenth Supplemental Indenture (Series A and Series B 6.650% Senior Notes due 2037) dated October 30, 2006 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 30, 2006).
- 4.6 Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture (Series A and Series B 6.50% Senior Notes due 2018) dated April 23, 2008 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 23, 2008).
- 4.7 Fifteenth Supplemental Indenture (8.75% Senior Notes due 2019) dated April 20, 2009 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 20, 2009).
- 4.8 Seventeenth Supplemental Indenture (5.75% Senior Notes due 2020) dated September 4, 2009 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 4, 2009).
- 4.9 Nineteenth Supplemental Indenture (5.00% Senior Notes due 2021) dated January 14, 2011 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 11, 2011).
- 4.10 Twentieth Supplemental Indenture (3.65% Senior Notes due 2022) dated March 22, 2012 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 26, 2012).
- 4.11 Twenty-First Supplemental Indenture (5.15% Senior Notes due 2042) dated March 22, 2012 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 26, 2012).
- 4.12 Twenty-Second Supplemental Indenture (2.85% Senior Notes due 2023) dated December 10, 2012, by and among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 12, 2012).
- 4.13 Twenty-Third Supplemental Indenture (4.30% Senior Notes due 2043) dated December 10, 2012, by and among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 12, 2012).
- 4.14 Twenty-Fourth Supplemental Indenture (3.85% Senior Notes due 2023) dated August 15, 2013, by and among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 15, 2013).

Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Indenture (4.70% Senior Notes due 2044) dated April 23, 2014, by and among  
4.15 Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee  
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 29, 2014).

Twenty-Sixth Supplemental Indenture (3.60% Senior Notes due 2024) dated September 9, 2014, by and among  
4.16 Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee  
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 11, 2014).

Twenty-Seventh Supplemental Indenture (2.60% Senior Notes due 2019) dated December 9, 2014, by and  
4.17 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee  
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 11, 2014).

Table of Contents

- 4.18 Twenty-Eighth Supplemental Indenture (4.90% Senior Notes due 2045) dated December 9, 2014, by and among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 11, 2014).
- 4.19 Twenty-Ninth Supplemental Indenture (4.65% Senior Notes due 2025) dated August 24, 2015, by and among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., PAA Finance Corp., and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 26, 2015).
- 4.20 Shareholder and Registration Rights Agreement dated October 21, 2013 by and among Plains GP Holdings, L.P. and the other parties signatory thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 25, 2013).
- 10.1 Voting Agreement, dated as of July 11, 2016, by and among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., Plains GP Holdings, L.P. and the shareholders named therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 14, 2016).
- 10.2 Third Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of August 11, 2016 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. and Plains Midstream Canada ULC, as Borrowers; Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as an L/C Issuer; and the other Lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 17, 2016).
- 10.3 Second Amendment to 364-Day Credit Agreement dated as of August 11, 2016 among Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., as Borrower; Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent; Citibank, N.A., JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Co-Syndication Agents; DNB Bank ASA, New York Branch and Mizuho Bank Ltd., as Co-Documentation Agents; the other Lenders party thereto; and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., DNB Markets, Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Mizuho Bank, Ltd. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 17, 2016).
- 10.4 Third Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 11, 2016 among Plains Marketing, L.P. and Plains Midstream Canada ULC, as Borrowers; Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., as Guarantor; Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as an L/C Lender; and the other Lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to PAA's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 17, 2016).
- 10.5 Consent, Limited Waiver and Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 11, 2016 among Plains AAP, L.P., as Borrower, Citibank, N.A. as Administrative Agent, and the other Lenders party thereto. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 17, 2016).
- 10.6 \*\* Form of PAA LTIP Grant Letter for Officers (August 2016) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to PAA's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 filed November 8, 2016).
- 10.7 \*\* Form of Amendment to Plains AAP, L.P. Class B Restricted Units Agreement dated August 25, 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to PAA's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended

Edgar Filing: PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP - Form 10-Q

September 30, 2016 filed November 8, 2016).

10.8 \*\* ~~Amendment dated August 25, 2016 to LTIP Grant Letter dated August 24, 2015 (Willie Chiang)(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to PAA's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 filed November 8, 2016).~~

10.9 \*\* ~~First Amendment to Plains AAP, L.P. Class B Restricted Units Agreement dated August 25, 2016 (Willie Chiang) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to PAA's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 filed November 8, 2016).~~

31.1 † ~~Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a).~~

31.2 † ~~Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a).~~

32.1 †† ~~Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350.~~

32.2 †† ~~Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350.~~

101.INS†~~XBRL Instance Document~~

101.SCH†~~XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document~~



Table of Contents

101.CAL†XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document

101.DEF†XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

101.LAB†XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document

101.PRE†XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

---

† Filed herewith.

†† Furnished herewith.

\* Certain schedules have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. A copy of any omitted schedule will be furnished supplementally to the SEC upon request.

\*\* Management compensatory plan or arrangement.