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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016

Or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-34046

WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Delaware 26-1075808
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

1201 Lake Robbins Drive 77380
The Woodlands, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(832) 636-6000
(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 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

There were 130,671,970 common units outstanding as of October 31, 2016.

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COMMONLY USED TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, references to “we,” “us,” “our,” the “Partnership” or “Western Gas Partners, LP” refer to Western Gas Partners, LP and its subsidiaries. As used in this Form 10-Q, the terms below have the following meanings:

Affiliates: Subsidiaries of Anadarko, excluding us, but including equity interests in Fort Union, White Cliffs, Rendezvous, the Mont Belvieu JV, TEP, TEG, and FRP.

Anadarko: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries, excluding us and our general partner.

Anadarko-Operated Marcellus Interest: Our 33.75% interest in the Larry’s Creek, Seely and Warrensville gas gathering systems and related facilities located in northern Pennsylvania.

April 2016 Series A units: The 7,892,220 Series A Preferred units issued pursuant to the full exercise of the option granted in connection with the issuance of the March 2016 Series A units.

Barrel or Bbl: 42 U.S. gallons measured at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Btu: British thermal unit; the approximate amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit.

Chipeta: Chipeta Processing, LLC.

Condensate: A natural gas liquid with a low vapor pressure mainly composed of propane, butane, pentane and heavier hydrocarbon fractions.

COP: Continuous offering programs.

Cryogenic: The process in which liquefied gases are used to bring natural gas volumes to very low temperatures (below approximately -238 degrees Fahrenheit) to separate natural gas liquids from natural gas. Through cryogenic processing, more natural gas liquids are extracted than when traditional refrigeration methods are used.

DBJV: Delaware Basin JV Gathering LLC.

DBJV system: A gathering system and related facilities located in the Delaware Basin in Loving, Ward, Winkler and Reeves Counties, Texas.

DBM: Delaware Basin Midstream, LLC.

DBM complex: The cryogenic processing plants, gas gathering system, and related facilities and equipment that serve production from Reeves, Loving and Culberson Counties, Texas and Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

DJ Basin complex: The Platte Valley system, Wattenberg system and Lancaster plant, all of which were combined into a single complex in the first quarter of 2014.

EBITDA: Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization. For a definition of “Adjusted EBITDA,” see the caption Key Performance Metrics under Part I, Item 2 of this Form 10-Q.

Equity investment throughput: Our 14.81% share of average Fort Union throughput, 22% share of average Rendezvous throughput, 10% share of average White Cliffs throughput, 25% share of average Mont Belvieu JV throughput, 20% share of average TEP and TEG throughput and 33.33% share of average FRP throughput.

Exchange Act: The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Fort Union: Fort Union Gas Gathering, LLC.

FRP: Front Range Pipeline LLC.

GAAP: Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

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General partner: Western Gas Holdings, LLC.

Imbalance: Imbalances result from (i) differences between gas and NGL volumes nominated by customers and gas and NGL volumes received from those customers and (ii) differences between gas and NGL volumes received from customers and gas and NGL volumes delivered to those customers.

IPO: Initial public offering.

LIBOR: London Interbank Offered Rate.

March 2016 Series A units: The 14,030,611 Series A Preferred units issued in March 2016 in connection with the acquisition of Springfield.

MBbls/d: One thousand barrels per day.

MGR assets: The Red Desert complex and the Granger straddle plant.

MIGC: MIGC, LLC.

MLP: Master limited partnership.

MMBtu: One million British thermal units.

MMcf: One million cubic feet.

MMcf/d: One million cubic feet per day.

Mont Belvieu JV: Enterprise EF78 LLC.

Natural gas liquid(s) or NGL(s): The combination of ethane, propane, normal butane, isobutane and natural gasolines that, when removed from natural gas, become liquid under various levels of higher pressure and lower temperature.

Non-Operated Marcellus Interest: Our 33.75% interest in the Liberty and Rome gas gathering systems and related facilities located in northern Pennsylvania.

PIK Class C units: Additional Class C units issued as quarterly distributions to the holder of our Class C units.

RCF: Our senior unsecured revolving credit facility.

Red Desert complex: The Patrick Draw processing plant, the Red Desert processing plant, associated gathering lines, and related facilities.

Rendezvous: Rendezvous Gas Services, LLC.

Residue: The natural gas remaining after the unprocessed natural gas stream has been processed or treated.

SEC: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Springfield: Springfield Pipeline LLC.

Springfield interest: Springfield's 50.1% interest in the Springfield system.

Springfield gas gathering system: A gas gathering system and related facilities located in Dimmit, La Salle, Maverick and Webb Counties in South Texas.

Springfield oil gathering system: An oil gathering system and related facilities located in Dimmit, La Salle, Maverick and Webb Counties in South Texas.

Springfield system: Consists of the Springfield gas gathering system and Springfield oil gathering system.

TEFR Interests: The interests in TEP, TEG and FRP.

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TEG: Texas Express Gathering LLC.

TEP: Texas Express Pipeline LLC.

WGP: Western Gas Equity Partners, LP.

White Cliffs: White Cliffs Pipeline, LLC.

2018 Notes: Our 2.600% Senior Notes due 2018.

2021 Notes: Our 5.375% Senior Notes due 2021.

2022 Notes: Our 4.000% Senior Notes due 2022.

2025 Notes: Our 3.950% Senior Notes due 2025.

2026 Notes: Our 4.650% Senior Notes due 2026.

2044 Notes: Our 5.450% Senior Notes due 2044.

\$500.0 million COP: The COP contemplated by the registration statement filed with the SEC in August 2014 authorizing the issuance of up to an aggregate of \$500.0 million of our common units.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

Item 1. Financial Statements

WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015 ⁽¹⁾	2016	2015 ⁽¹⁾
thousands except per-unit amounts				
Revenues and other – affiliates				
Gathering, processing and transportation	\$ 189,465	\$ 188,947	\$ 563,916	\$ 576,631
Natural gas and natural gas liquids sales	135,847	105,032	336,385	345,385
Other	—	870	—	1,172
Total revenues and other – affiliates	325,312	294,849	900,301	923,188
Revenues and other – third parties				
Gathering, processing and transportation	125,727	94,082	346,416	267,566
Natural gas and natural gas liquids sales	28,189	41,968	43,200	141,489
Other	2,417	1,616	3,533	3,271
Total revenues and other – third parties	156,333	137,666	393,149	412,326
Total revenues and other	481,645	432,515	1,293,450	1,335,514
Equity income, net – affiliates	20,294	21,976	56,801	59,137
Operating expenses				
Cost of product ⁽²⁾	145,643	127,704	326,959	414,328
Operation and maintenance ⁽²⁾	74,755	88,722	226,141	242,744
General and administrative ⁽²⁾	11,382	10,143	33,542	30,632
Property and other taxes	10,670	9,042	33,098	27,908
Depreciation and amortization	67,246	67,367	199,646	204,896
Impairments	2,392	2,335	11,313	276,579
Total operating expenses	312,088	305,313	830,699	1,197,087
Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net	(6,230)	77,254	(8,769)	77,248
Proceeds from business interruption insurance claims	13,667	—	16,270	—
Operating income (loss)	197,288	226,432	527,053	274,812
Interest income – affiliates	4,225	4,225	12,675	12,675
Interest expense ⁽³⁾	(30,768)	(31,773)	(75,687)	(82,337)
Other income (expense), net	153	85	224	227
Income (loss) before income taxes	170,898	198,969	464,265	205,377
Income tax (benefit) expense	472	12,644	7,431	37,160
Net income (loss)	170,426	186,325	456,834	168,217
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,680	2,188	8,507	8,230
Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	\$ 167,746	\$ 184,137	\$ 448,327	\$ 159,987
Limited partners' interest in net income (loss):				
Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	\$ 167,746	\$ 184,137	\$ 448,327	\$ 159,987
Pre-acquisition net (income) loss allocated to Anadarko	—	(19,848)	(11,326)	(63,606)
Series A Preferred units interest in net (income) loss ⁽⁴⁾	(25,539)	—	(50,989)	—
General partner interest in net (income) loss ⁽⁴⁾	(60,551)	(50,267)	(174,332)	(133,415)
Common and Class C limited partners' interest in net income (loss) ⁽⁴⁾	81,656	114,022	211,680	(37,034)
Net income (loss) per common unit – basic and diluted ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.79	\$ 1.39	\$ (0.35)

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- (1) Financial information has been recast to include the financial position and results attributable to the Springfield interest. See Note 1 and Note 2.
Cost of product includes product purchases from Anadarko (as defined in Note 1) of \$21.3 million and \$68.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$35.7 million and \$132.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. Operation and maintenance includes charges from Anadarko of \$15.1 million and \$50.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$19.4 million and \$56.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. General and administrative includes charges from Anadarko of \$9.5 million and \$27.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$8.5 million and \$24.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. See Note 5.
- (2) Includes affiliate (as defined in Note 1) amounts of \$1.2 million and \$12.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$(4.3) million and \$(9.9) million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. See Note 2 and Note 9.
- (3) Represents net income (loss) earned on and subsequent to the date of acquisition of the Partnership assets (as defined in Note 1). See Note 4.
- (4) See Note 4 for the calculation of net income (loss) per common unit.
- (5)

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)

thousands except number of units	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015 ⁽¹⁾
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 144,447	\$ 98,033
Accounts receivable, net ⁽²⁾	214,150	193,329
Other current assets	9,217	7,855
Total current assets	367,814	299,217
Note receivable – Anadarko	260,000	260,000
Property, plant and equipment		
Cost	6,912,906	6,556,778
Less accumulated depreciation	1,882,012	1,697,999
Net property, plant and equipment	5,030,894	4,858,779
Goodwill	419,186	419,186
Other intangible assets	810,805	832,127
Equity investments	599,286	618,887
Other assets	13,113	13,001
Total assets	\$ 7,501,098	\$ 7,301,197
LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL		
Current liabilities		
Accounts and imbalance payables	\$ 101,101	\$ 98,661
Accrued ad valorem taxes	31,120	17,808
Accrued liabilities	122,164	119,019
Total current liabilities	254,385	235,488
Long-term debt	2,907,395	2,690,651
Deferred income taxes	6,360	139,704
Asset retirement obligations and other	139,604	128,652
Deferred purchase price obligation – Anadarko ⁽³⁾	16,425	188,674
Total long-term liabilities	3,069,784	3,147,681
Total liabilities	3,324,169	3,383,169
Equity and partners' capital		
Series A Preferred units (21,922,831 and zero units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016, and December 31, 2015, respectively) ⁽⁴⁾	628,548	—
Common units (130,671,970 and 128,576,965 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016, and December 31, 2015, respectively)	2,604,524	2,588,991
Class C units (12,160,424 and 11,411,862 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016, and December 31, 2015, respectively) ⁽⁵⁾	741,183	710,891
General partner units (2,583,068 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016, and December 31, 2015)	138,040	120,164
Net investment by Anadarko	—	430,598
Total partners' capital	4,112,295	3,850,644
Noncontrolling interest	64,634	67,384
Total equity and partners' capital	4,176,929	3,918,028
Total liabilities, equity and partners' capital	\$ 7,501,098	\$ 7,301,197

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- (1) Financial information has been recast to include the financial position and results attributable to the Springfield interest. See Note 1 and Note 2.
Accounts receivable, net includes amounts receivable from affiliates (as defined in Note 1) of \$91.6 million and
- (2) \$42.7 million as of September 30, 2016, and December 31, 2015, respectively. Accounts receivable, net as of September 30, 2016, and December 31, 2015, also includes an insurance claim receivable related to an incident at the DBM complex. See Note 1.
- (3) See Note 2.
- (4) The Series A Preferred units are convertible into common units at the holder's election on a one-for-one basis at any time after the second anniversary of the issuance date. See Note 4.
- (5) The Class C units will convert into common units on a one-for-one basis on December 31, 2017, unless the Partnership elects to convert such units earlier or Anadarko extends the conversion date. See Note 4.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL
(UNAUDITED)

thousands	Partners' Capital						Total
	Net Investment by Anadarko	Common Units	Class C Units	Series A Preferred Units	General Partner Units	Noncontrolling Interest	
Balance at December 31, 2015 ⁽¹⁾	\$430,598	\$2,588,991	\$710,891	\$—	\$120,164	\$ 67,384	\$3,918,028
Net income (loss)	11,326	209,958	21,835	30,876	174,332	8,507	456,834
Above-market component of swap extensions with Anadarko ⁽²⁾	—	34,782	—	—	—	—	34,782
Issuance of common units, net of offering expenses	—	25,000	—	—	—	—	25,000
Issuance of Series A Preferred units, net of offering expenses	—	—	—	686,937	—	—	686,937
Beneficial conversion feature of Series A Preferred units	—	93,409	—	(93,409)	—	—	—
Amortization of beneficial conversion feature of Class C units and Series A Preferred units	—	(28,570)	8,457	20,113	—	—	—
Distributions to noncontrolling interest owner	—	—	—	—	—	(11,257)	(11,257)
Distributions to unitholders	—	(317,813)	—	(15,969)	(156,507)	—	(490,289)
Acquisitions from affiliates	(547,989)	(164,511)	—	—	—	—	(712,500)
Revision to Deferred purchase price obligation – Anadarko ⁽³⁾	—	160,152	—	—	—	—	160,152
Contributions of equity-based compensation from Anadarko	—	3,006	—	—	60	—	3,066
Net pre-acquisition contributions from (distributions to) Anadarko	(29,335)	—	—	—	—	—	(29,335)
Net distributions to Anadarko of other assets	—	(572)	—	—	(9)	—	(581)
Elimination of net deferred tax liabilities	135,400	—	—	—	—	—	135,400
Other	—	692	—	—	—	—	692
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$—	\$2,604,524	\$741,183	\$628,548	\$138,040	\$ 64,634	\$4,176,929

(1) Financial information has been recast to include the financial position and results attributable to the Springfield interest. See Note 1 and Note 2.

(2) See Note 5.

(3) See Note 2.

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WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
thousands	2016	2015 ⁽¹⁾
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income (loss)	\$456,834	\$ 168,217
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	199,646	204,896
Impairments	11,313	276,579
Non-cash equity-based compensation expense	3,570	3,257
Deferred income taxes	2,321	9,996
Accretion and amortization of long-term obligations, net	(9,176)	12,296
Equity income, net – affiliates	(56,801)	(59,137)
Distributions from equity investment earnings – affiliates	59,671	60,645
(Gain) loss on divestiture and other, net	8,769	(77,248)
Lower of cost or market inventory adjustments	41	—
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, net	(41,108)	(18,617)
Increase (decrease) in accounts and imbalance payables and accrued liabilities, net	24,103	17,695
Change in other items, net	(1,445)	(1,686)
Net cash provided by operating activities	657,738	596,893
Cash flows from investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(372,725)	(505,848)
Contributions in aid of construction costs from affiliates	4,927	—
Acquisitions from affiliates	(716,465)	(10,369)
Acquisitions from third parties	—	(3,514)
Investments in equity affiliates	139	(9,052)
Distributions from equity investments in excess of cumulative earnings – affiliates	16,592	12,409
Proceeds from the sale of assets to affiliates	623	700
Proceeds from the sale of assets to third parties	7,819	147,023
Proceeds from property insurance claims	18,398	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,040,692)	(368,651)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Borrowings, net of debt issuance costs	1,094,600	769,606
Repayments of debt	(880,000)	(610,000)
Increase (decrease) in outstanding checks	(1,070)	(2,435)
Proceeds from the issuance of common units, net of offering expenses	25,000	57,353
Proceeds from the issuance of Series A Preferred units, net of offering expenses	686,937	—
Distributions to unitholders ⁽²⁾	(490,289)	(398,983)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest owner	(11,257)	(10,150)
Net contributions from (distributions to) Anadarko	(29,335)	(35,403)
Above-market component of swap extensions with Anadarko ⁽²⁾	34,782	7,916
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	429,368	(222,096)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	46,414	6,146
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	98,033	67,054
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 144,447	\$ 73,200
Supplemental disclosures		

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Acquisition of DBJV from Anadarko	\$ (172,249)	\$ 174,276
Net distributions to (contributions from) Anadarko of other assets	581	4,250
Interest paid, net of capitalized interest	82,529	60,612
Taxes paid (reimbursements received)	67	(138)

(1) Financial information has been recast to include the financial position and results attributable to the Springfield interest. See Note 1 and Note 2.

(2) See Note 5.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

General. Western Gas Partners, LP is a growth-oriented Delaware master limited partnership (“MLP”) formed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in 2007 to acquire, own, develop and operate midstream energy assets. For purposes of these consolidated financial statements, the “Partnership” refers to Western Gas Partners, LP and its subsidiaries. The Partnership’s general partner, Western Gas Holdings, LLC (the “general partner”), is owned by Western Gas Equity Partners, LP (“WGP”), a Delaware MLP formed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in September 2012 to own the Partnership’s general partner, as well as a significant limited partner interest in the Partnership (see Western Gas Equity Partners, LP below). WGP has no independent operations or material assets other than owning the partnership interests in WES (see Holdings of Partnership equity in Note 4). Western Gas Equity Holdings, LLC is WGP’s general partner and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. “Anadarko” refers to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries, excluding the Partnership and the general partner, and “affiliates” refers to subsidiaries of Anadarko, excluding the Partnership, but including equity interests in Fort Union Gas Gathering, LLC (“Fort Union”), White Cliffs Pipeline, LLC (“White Cliffs”), Rendezvous Gas Services, LLC (“Rendezvous”), Enterprise EF78 LLC (the “Mont Belvieu JV”), Texas Express Pipeline LLC (“TEP”), Texas Express Gathering LLC (“TEG”) and Front Range Pipeline LLC (“FRP”). The interests in TEP, TEG and FRP are referred to collectively as the “TEFR Interests.” The “MGR assets” include the Red Desert complex and the Granger straddle plant. The Partnership is engaged in the business of gathering, processing, compressing, treating and transporting natural gas, condensate, NGLs and crude oil for Anadarko, as well as for third-party producers and customers. As of September 30, 2016, the Partnership’s assets and investments accounted for under the equity method consisted of the following:

	Owned and Operated	Operated Interests	Non-Operated Interests	Equity Interests
Gathering systems	12	4	5	2
Treating facilities	13	12	—	3
Natural gas processing plants/trains	19	5	—	2
NGL pipelines	2	—	—	3
Natural gas pipelines	5	—	—	—
Oil pipelines	—	1	—	1

These assets and investments are located in the Rocky Mountains (Colorado, Utah and Wyoming), the Mid-Continent (Kansas and Oklahoma), North-central Pennsylvania and Texas. The Partnership commenced operation of Train IV in May 2016 and Train V in October 2016, both of which are processing plants at the DBM complex. The Partnership has also made progress payments toward the construction of another cryogenic unit at the DBM complex (“Train VI”). The Partnership is evaluating when construction of Train VI will start and believes the earliest the plant may come online is the fourth quarter of 2017.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

Basis of presentation. The following table outlines the Partnership's ownership interests and the accounting method of consolidation used in the Partnership's consolidated financial statements:

	Percentage Interest	
Equity investments ⁽¹⁾		
Fort Union	14.81	%
White Cliffs	10	%
Rendezvous	22	%
Mont Belvieu JV	25	%
TEP	20	%
TEG	20	%
FRP	33.33	%
Proportionate consolidation ⁽²⁾		
Non-Operated Marcellus Interest systems	33.75	%
Anadarko-Operated Marcellus Interest systems	33.75	%
Newcastle system	50	%
DBJV system	50	%
Springfield system	50.1	%
Full consolidation		
Chipeta ⁽³⁾	75	%

Investments in non-controlled entities over which the Partnership exercises significant influence are accounted for ⁽¹⁾ under the equity method. "Equity investment throughput" refers to the Partnership's share of average throughput for these investments.

⁽²⁾ The Partnership proportionately consolidates its associated share of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses attributable to these assets.

⁽³⁾ The 25% interest in Chipeta Processing LLC ("Chipeta") held by a third-party member is reflected within noncontrolling interest in the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Partnership and entities in which it holds a controlling financial interest. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

In preparing financial statements in accordance with GAAP, management makes informed judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Management evaluates its estimates and related assumptions regularly, using historical experience and other methods considered reasonable. Changes in facts and circumstances or additional information may result in revised estimates and actual results may differ from these estimates. Effects on the business, financial condition and results of operations resulting from revisions to estimates are recognized when the facts that give rise to the revisions become known. The information furnished herein reflects all normal recurring adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements, and certain prior-period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current-year presentation.

Certain information and note disclosures commonly included in annual financial statements have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, the

accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes should be read in conjunction with the Partnership's 2015 Form 10-K, as filed with the SEC on February 25, 2016, certain sections of which were recast to reflect the results of the Springfield interest in the Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K, as filed with the SEC on June 10, 2016. Management believes that the disclosures made are adequate to make the information not misleading.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

Presentation of Partnership assets. The term “Partnership assets” refers to the assets owned and interests accounted for under the equity method (see Note 7) by the Partnership as of September 30, 2016. Because Anadarko controls the Partnership through its ownership and control of WGP, which owns the Partnership’s entire general partner interest, each acquisition of Partnership assets from Anadarko has been considered a transfer of net assets between entities under common control. As such, the Partnership assets acquired from Anadarko were initially recorded at Anadarko’s historic carrying value, which did not correlate to the total acquisition price paid by the Partnership. Further, after an acquisition of Partnership assets from Anadarko, the Partnership may be required to recast its financial statements to include the activities of such Partnership assets from the date of common control. See Note 2.

For those periods requiring recast, the consolidated financial statements for periods prior to the Partnership’s acquisition of the Partnership assets from Anadarko have been prepared from Anadarko’s historical cost-basis accounts and may not necessarily be indicative of the actual results of operations that would have occurred if the Partnership had owned the Partnership assets during the periods reported. Net income (loss) attributable to the Partnership assets acquired from Anadarko for periods prior to the Partnership’s acquisition of the Partnership assets is not allocated to the limited partners.

Insurance recoveries. Involuntary conversions result from the loss of an asset because of some unforeseen event (e.g., destruction due to fire). Some of these events are insurable and result in property damage insurance recovery. Amounts the Partnership receives from insurance carriers are net of any deductibles related to the covered event. The Partnership records a receivable from insurance to the extent it recognizes a loss from an involuntary conversion event and the likelihood of recovering such loss is deemed probable. To the extent that any of the Partnership’s insurance claim receivables are later judged not probable of recovery (e.g., due to new information), such amounts are expensed. The Partnership recognizes gains on involuntary conversions when the amount received from insurance exceeds the net book value of the retired asset(s). In addition, the Partnership does not recognize a gain related to insurance recoveries until all contingencies related to such proceeds have been resolved, that is, a non-refundable cash payment is received from the insurance carrier or the Partnership has a binding settlement agreement with the carrier that clearly states that a non-refundable payment will be made. To the extent that an asset is rebuilt, the associated expenditures are capitalized, as appropriate, in the consolidated balance sheets and presented as capital expenditures in the Partnership’s consolidated statements of cash flows. With respect to business interruption insurance claims, the Partnership recognizes income only when non-refundable cash proceeds are received from insurers, which are presented in the Partnership’s consolidated statements of operations as a component of Operating income (loss). On December 3, 2015, there was an initial fire and secondary explosion at the processing facility within the DBM complex. The majority of the damage from the incident was to the liquid handling facilities and the amine treating units at the inlet of the complex. Train II (with capacity of 100 MMcf/d) sustained the most damage of the processing trains and is expected to be returned to service by the end of 2016. Train III (with capacity of 200 MMcf/d) experienced minimal damage and returned to full service in May 2016. As of September 30, 2016, and December 31, 2015, the consolidated balance sheets include receivables of \$28.8 million and \$49.0 million, respectively, for a property insurance claim related to the incident at the DBM complex. As of September 30, 2016, the Partnership had received \$34.7 million in cash proceeds from insurers related to the incident at the DBM complex, including \$16.3 million in proceeds from business interruption insurance claims and \$18.4 million in proceeds from property insurance claims.

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Recently adopted accounting standards. Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2015-06, Earnings Per Share (Topic 260)—Effects on Historical Earnings per Unit of Master Limited Partnership Dropdown Transactions. This ASU provides guidance for the presentation of historical earnings per unit for MLPs that apply the two-class method of calculating earnings per unit. When a general partner transfers or “drops down” net assets to an MLP, the transaction is accounted for as a transaction between entities under common control, and the statements of operations are adjusted retrospectively to reflect the transaction. This ASU specifies that the historical earnings (losses) of a transferred business before the date of a dropdown transaction should be allocated entirely to the general partner, and the previously reported earnings per unit of the limited partners should not change as a result of the dropdown transaction. The ASU also requires additional disclosures about how the rights to the earnings (losses) differ before and after the dropdown transaction occurs for purposes of computing earnings per unit under the two-class method. The Partnership applies the two-class method of calculating earnings per unit as described above (including the allocation of pre-acquisition net income (loss) to the general partner), and discloses the rights to earnings (losses) noted above. As such, there was no impact to the Partnership’s consolidated financial statements upon adoption of this ASU on January 1, 2016.

ASU 2015-03, Interest—Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30)—Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs and ASU 2015-15, Interest—Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30)—Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements. These ASUs require capitalized debt issuance costs, except for those related to revolving credit facilities, to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the related debt liability, rather than as an asset. The Partnership adopted these ASUs on January 1, 2016, using a retrospective approach. The adoption resulted in a reclassification that reduced Other assets and Long-term debt by \$16.7 million on the Partnership’s consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2015. See Note 9. ASU 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810)—Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. This ASU amends existing requirements applicable to reporting entities that are required to evaluate consolidation of a legal entity under the variable interest entity (“VIE”) or voting interest entity models. The provisions will affect how limited partnerships and similar entities are assessed for consolidation, including an additional requirement that a limited partnership will be a VIE unless the limited partners have either substantive kick-out or participating rights over the general partner. The Partnership evaluated the impact of the adoption of this ASU on its consolidated financial statements and determined it does not have any entities for which it is the primary beneficiary for accounting and disclosure purposes. As such, the adoption of this ASU on January 1, 2016, did not impact the Partnership’s consolidated financial statements.

New accounting standards issued but not yet adopted. ASU 2016-16, Income Taxes (Topic 740)—Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory. This ASU requires an entity to recognize the income tax consequences of an intra-entity transfer of an asset other than inventory when the transfer occurs and eliminates the exception for an intra-entity transfer of an asset other than inventory. This ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning in 2018 and is required to be adopted using a modified retrospective approach, with early adoption permitted. The Partnership is evaluating the impact of the adoption of this ASU on its consolidated financial statements.

ASU 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230)—Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments. This ASU provides clarification on how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. This ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning in 2018 and is required to be adopted using a retrospective approach if practicable, with early adoption permitted. The Partnership does not expect the adoption of this ASU to have a material impact on its consolidated statement of cash flows.

ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). This ASU requires the lessees to recognize a lease liability and a right-of-use asset for all leases, including operating leases, with a term greater than 12 months on the balance sheet and disclose key information about their leasing transactions. This ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning in 2019.

The Partnership is evaluating the impact of the adoption of this ASU on its consolidated financial statements. ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). This ASU supersedes current revenue recognition requirements. The codification was amended through additional ASUs and, as amended, requires an entity to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. The Partnership is required to adopt the new standard in the first quarter of 2018 using one of two retrospective application methods. The Partnership is continuing to evaluate the provisions of this ASU and has not determined the impact this standard may have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures or decided upon the method of adoption.

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2. ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES

The following table presents the acquisitions completed by the Partnership during 2016 and 2015, and identifies the funding sources for such acquisitions:

thousands except unit and percent amounts	Acquisition Date	Percentage Acquired	Deferred Purchase Price Obligation	Borrowings	Common Units Issued	Series A Preferred Units Issued
			-			
			Anadarko			
DBJV ⁽¹⁾	03/02/2015	100 %	\$ 174,276	\$ —	—	—
Springfield ⁽²⁾	03/14/2016	100 %	—	247,500	2,089,602	14,030,611

The Partnership acquired Delaware Basin JV Gathering LLC (“DBJV”) from Anadarko. DBJV owns a 50% interest in a gathering system and related facilities. The DBJV gathering system and related facilities (the “DBJV system”) are located in the Delaware Basin in Loving, Ward, Winkler and Reeves Counties, Texas. The Partnership will ⁽¹⁾ make a cash payment on March 31, 2020, to Anadarko as consideration for the acquisition of DBJV. At the acquisition date, the Partnership estimated the future payment would be \$282.8 million, the net present value of which was \$174.3 million. For further information, including revisions to the estimated future payment, see DBJV acquisition—deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko below.

The Partnership acquired Springfield Pipeline LLC (“Springfield”) from Anadarko for \$750.0 million, consisting of \$712.5 million in cash and the issuance of 1,253,761 of the Partnership’s common units. Springfield owns a 50.1% interest in an oil gathering system and a gas gathering system, such interest being referred to in this report as the “Springfield interest.” The Springfield oil and gas gathering systems (collectively, the “Springfield system”) are located ⁽²⁾ in Dimmit, La Salle, Maverick and Webb Counties in South Texas. The Partnership financed the cash portion of the acquisition through: (i) borrowings of \$247.5 million on the Partnership’s senior unsecured revolving credit facility (“RCF”), (ii) the issuance of 835,841 of the Partnership’s common units to WGP and (iii) the issuance of Series A Preferred units to private investors. See Note 4 for further information regarding the Series A Preferred units.

Springfield acquisition. Because the acquisition of Springfield was a transfer of net assets between entities under common control, the Partnership’s historical financial statements and operational data previously filed with the SEC have been recast in this Form 10-Q to include the results attributable to the Springfield interest as if the Partnership owned Springfield for all periods presented. The consolidated financial statements for periods prior to the Partnership’s acquisition of Springfield have been prepared from Anadarko’s historical cost-basis accounts and may not necessarily be indicative of the actual results of operations that would have occurred if the Partnership had owned Springfield during the periods reported.

The following table presents the impact of the Springfield interest on Revenues and other and Net income (loss) as presented in the Partnership’s historical consolidated statements of operations:

thousands	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015			
	Partnership Historical	Springfield Interest	Eliminations	Combined
Revenues and other	\$385,101	\$47,431	\$ (17)	\$432,515
Net income (loss)	166,477	19,848	—	186,325

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015

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thousands	Partnership Historical	Springfield Interest	Eliminations	Combined
Revenues and other	\$ 1,190,082	\$ 145,482	\$ (50)	\$ 1,335,514
Net income (loss)	106,353	61,864	—	168,217

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2. ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES (CONTINUED)

DBJV acquisition - deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko. The consideration to be paid by the Partnership for the acquisition of DBJV consists of a cash payment to Anadarko due on March 31, 2020. The cash payment will be equal to (a) eight multiplied by the average of the Partnership's share in the Net Earnings (see definition below) of DBJV for the calendar years 2018 and 2019, less (b) the Partnership's share of all capital expenditures incurred for DBJV between March 1, 2015, and February 29, 2020. Net Earnings is defined as all revenues less cost of product, operating expenses and property taxes, in each case attributable to DBJV on an accrual basis. As of the acquisition date, the estimated future payment obligation (based on management's estimate of the Partnership's share of forecasted Net Earnings and capital expenditures for DBJV) was \$282.8 million, which had a net present value of \$174.3 million, using a discount rate of 10%. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Partnership recognized an aggregate \$259.9 million decrease in the estimated future payment obligation, resulting in a net present value of \$16.4 million for this obligation at September 30, 2016, calculated using a discounted cash flow model with a 10% discount rate. The reduction in the value of the deferred purchase price obligation is primarily due to revisions reflecting a decrease in the Partnership's estimate of 2018 and 2019 Net Earnings and an increase in the Partnership's estimate of aggregate capital expenditures to be incurred by DBJV through February 29, 2020.

The following table summarizes the financial statement impact of the Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko:

	Deferred purchase price obligation -	Estimated future payment obligation
Balance at March 2, 2015 – Acquisition date	\$ 174,276	\$ 282,807
Accretion expense ⁽¹⁾	14,398	
Balance at December 31, 2015	188,674	282,807
Accretion expense ⁽¹⁾	4,537	
Balance at March 31, 2016	193,211	282,807
Accretion revision ⁽²⁾	(15,461)	
Revision to Deferred purchase price obligation – Anadarko ⁽³⁾	(148,600)	
Balance at June 30, 2016	29,150	41,666
Accretion revision ⁽²⁾	(1,173)	
Revision to Deferred purchase price obligation – Anadarko ⁽³⁾	(11,552)	
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$ 16,425	\$ 22,920

⁽¹⁾ Accretion expense was recorded as a charge to Interest expense on the consolidated statements of operations.

⁽²⁾ Interest expense on the consolidated statements of operations includes financing-related accretion revisions of \$(1.2) million and \$(12.1) million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

⁽³⁾ Recorded as revisions within Common units on the consolidated balance sheets and consolidated statement of equity and partners' capital.

Assets held for sale - Hugoton system. During the third quarter of 2016, the Hugoton system, located in Southwest Kansas and Oklahoma, satisfied criteria to be considered held for sale. The assets were remeasured to their current fair value using a market approach and Level 2 fair-value measurement, resulting in a loss of \$6.2 million at September 30, 2016, recorded as Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net in the Partnership's consolidated statements of operations. At September 30, 2016, the Partnership's consolidated balance sheet included long-term assets of \$65.6

million and long-term liabilities of \$8.4 million associated with assets held for sale. The sale of these assets closed on October 31, 2016.

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3. PARTNERSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS

The partnership agreement requires the Partnership to distribute all of its available cash (as defined in the partnership agreement) to unitholders of record on the applicable record date within 45 days of the end of each quarter. The Board of Directors of the general partner declared the following cash distributions to the Partnership's common and general partner unitholders for the periods presented:

thousands

Quarterly Distribution Quarter Ended	Total Quarterly Cash Distribution	Date of Distribution
2015 March 31 \$ 0.725	\$ 133,203	May 2015
June 30 0.750	139,736	August 2015
September 30 0.775	146,160	November 2015
December 31 0.800	152,588	February 2016
2016 March 31 \$ 0.815	\$ 158,905	May 2016
June 30 0.830	162,827	August 2016
September 30 0.845	166,742	November 2016

(1)

The Board of Directors of the Partnership's general partner declared a cash distribution to the Partnership's unitholders for the third quarter of 2016 of \$0.845 per unit, or \$166.7 million in aggregate, including incentive (1) distributions, but excluding distributions on Class C units (see Class C unit distributions below) and Series A Preferred units (see Series A Preferred unit distributions below). The cash distribution is payable on November 10, 2016, to unitholders of record at the close of business on October 31, 2016.

Class C unit distributions. The Class C units receive quarterly distributions at a rate equivalent to the Partnership's common units. The distributions are paid in the form of additional Class C units ("PIK Class C units") until the scheduled conversion date on December 31, 2017 (unless earlier converted), and the Class C units are disregarded with respect to distributions of the Partnership's available cash until they are converted to common units. The number of additional PIK Class C units to be issued in connection with a distribution payable on the Class C units is determined by dividing the corresponding distribution attributable to the Class C units by the volume-weighted-average price of the Partnership's common units for the ten days immediately preceding the payment date for the common unit distribution, less a 6% discount. The Partnership records the PIK Class C unit distributions at fair value at the time of issuance. This Level 2 fair value measurement uses the Partnership's unit price as a significant input in the determination of the fair value. The Partnership made distributions to APC Midstream

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Holdings, LLC (“AMH”), the holder of the Class C units, of (i) 214,416 PIK Class C units in August 2016, for the quarterly distribution period ended June 30, 2016, (ii) 210,562 PIK Class C units in May 2016, for the quarterly distribution period ended March 31, 2016, and (iii) 323,584 PIK Class C units in February 2016, for the quarterly distribution period ended December 31, 2015.

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3. PARTNERSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

Series A Preferred unit distributions. As further described in Note 4, the Partnership issued Series A Preferred units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership to private investors in March 2016 and April 2016. The Series A Preferred unitholders receive quarterly distributions in cash equal to \$0.68 per Series A Preferred unit, subject to certain adjustments. The holders of the Series A Preferred units are entitled to certain rights that are senior to the rights of holders of common and Class C units, such as rights to distributions and rights upon liquidation of the Partnership. No payment or distribution on any junior equity security of the Partnership, including common and Class C units, for any quarter is permitted prior to the payment in full of the Series A Preferred unit distribution (including any outstanding arrearages). For the quarter ended September 30, 2016, the Series A Preferred unitholders will receive an aggregate cash distribution of \$14.9 million (to be paid in November 2016). For the quarter ended June 30, 2016, the Series A Preferred unitholders received an aggregate cash distribution of \$14.1 million (paid in August 2016) comprised of a quarterly per unit distribution prorated for the 77-day period 7,892,220 Series A Preferred units were outstanding during the second quarter of 2016 and a full quarterly per unit distribution on 14,030,611 Series A Preferred units. For the quarter ended March 31, 2016, the Series A Preferred unitholders received an aggregate cash distribution of \$1.9 million (paid in May 2016), based on the quarterly per unit distribution prorated for the 18-day period 14,030,611 Series A Preferred units were outstanding during the first quarter of 2016. See Note 4 for further discussion of the Series A Preferred units.

4. EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL

Equity offerings. Pursuant to the Partnership's registration statement filed with the SEC in August 2014 authorizing the issuance of up to an aggregate of \$500.0 million of common units ("500.0 million COP"), during the year ended December 31, 2015, the Partnership issued 873,525 common units, at an average price of \$66.61, generating proceeds of \$57.4 million (net of \$0.8 million for the underwriting discount and other offering expenses). Net proceeds were used for general partnership purposes, including funding capital expenditures. Gross proceeds generated during the year ended December 31, 2015, were \$58.2 million. Commissions paid during the year ended December 31, 2015, were \$0.6 million. The Partnership issued no common units under the \$500.0 million COP during the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Class C units. In connection with the closing of the DBM acquisition in November 2014, the Partnership issued 10,913,853 Class C units to AMH at a price of \$68.72 per unit, generating proceeds of \$750.0 million, pursuant to a Unit Purchase Agreement ("UPA") with Anadarko and AMH. All outstanding Class C units will convert into common units on a one-for-one basis on December 31, 2017, unless the Partnership elects to convert such units earlier or Anadarko extends the conversion date. The Class C units were issued to partially fund the acquisition of DBM, and the UPA contains an optional redemption feature that provides the Partnership the ability to redeem up to \$150.0 million of the Class C units within 10 days of the receipt of cash proceeds from an entity that is not an affiliate of the Partnership or AMH, if these cash proceeds were in relation to (i) the assets of DBM, (ii) the equity interests in DBM or (iii) the equity interests in a subsidiary of the Partnership that owns a majority of the outstanding equity interests in DBM. As of September 30, 2016, no such proceeds had been received, and no Class C units had been redeemed. The Class C units were issued at a discount to the then-current market price of the common units into which they are convertible. This discount, totaling \$34.8 million, represents a beneficial conversion feature, and at issuance, it was reflected as an increase in common unitholders' capital and a decrease in Class C unitholder capital to reflect the fair value of the Class C units at issuance. The beneficial conversion feature is considered a non-cash distribution that will be recognized from the date of issuance through the date of conversion, resulting in an increase in Class C unitholder capital and a decrease in common unitholders' capital as amortized. The beneficial conversion feature is amortized

assuming a conversion date of December 31, 2017, using the effective yield method. The impact of the beneficial conversion feature amortization is also included in the calculation of earnings per unit.

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4. EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL (CONTINUED)

Series A Preferred units. In connection with the closing of the Springfield acquisition on March 14, 2016, the Partnership issued 14,030,611 Series A Preferred units (the "March 2016 Series A units") to private investors for a cash purchase price of \$32.00 per unit, generating proceeds of \$440.0 million (net of fees and expenses, including a 2.0% transaction fee paid to the private investors). In April 2016, the Partnership issued an additional 7,892,220 Series A Preferred units (the "April 2016 Series A units") pursuant to the full exercise of an option granted in connection with the March 2016 Series A units issuance, generating net proceeds of \$246.9 million. The Series A Preferred unitholders may convert the Series A Preferred units into common units on a one-for-one basis at any time after the second anniversary of the issuance date, in whole or in part, subject to certain conversion thresholds. Similarly, the Partnership may convert the Series A Preferred units at any time after the third anniversary of the issuance date, in whole or in part, if the closing price of the Partnership's common units is greater than \$48.00 per common unit for 20 of the 30 preceding trading days, and subject to other certain conversion thresholds. In addition, upon certain events involving a change of control, the Series A Preferred unitholders may elect on an individual basis, subject to certain conditions, to (i) convert their Series A Preferred units to common units at the then applicable conversion rate, (ii) if the Partnership is not the surviving entity (or if the Partnership is the surviving entity, but its common units will cease to be listed), require the Partnership to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the surviving entity in any such transaction to issue a substantially equivalent security (or convert into common units based on a specified formula, if the Partnership is unable to cause such substantially equivalent securities to be issued), (iii) if the Partnership is the surviving entity, continue to hold their Series A Preferred units, or (iv) require the Partnership to redeem the Series A Preferred units at a price per Series A Preferred unit of \$32.32, plus accrued and unpaid distributions to be paid in cash or common units at the discretion of the Partnership.

The Series A Preferred unitholders will vote on an as-converted basis with the Partnership's common unitholders and will have certain other class voting rights with respect to any amendment to the partnership agreement that would adversely affect any rights, preferences or privileges of the Series A Preferred unitholders. In connection with the issuance of the Series A Preferred units, the Partnership entered into a Registration Rights Agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement") with the Series A Preferred unit purchasers relating to the registered resale of the common units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership issuable upon conversion of the Series A Preferred units. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Partnership is required to use its commercially reasonable efforts to file and maintain a registration statement for the resale of the converted Series A Preferred units, with such registration statement to become effective no later than March 2018.

The March 2016 Series A units and the April 2016 Series A units were issued at a discount to the then-current market price of the common units into which they are convertible. The discount on the March 2016 Series A units, totaling \$21.7 million, represents a beneficial conversion feature, and on the date the Preferred Unit Purchase Agreement was signed (the "commitment date"), it was reflected as an increase in common unitholders' capital and a decrease in Series A Preferred unitholders' capital to reflect the fair value of the March 2016 Series A units on the commitment date. The discount on the April 2016 Series A units, totaling \$71.7 million, also represents a beneficial conversion feature and on the date the option to purchase additional Series A units was exercised (the "notice date"), it was reflected as an increase in common unitholders' capital and a decrease in Series A Preferred unitholders' capital to reflect the fair value of the April 2016 Series A units on the notice date. The beneficial conversion features are considered non-cash distributions that will be recognized from each issuance date through the date of earliest conversion, resulting in an increase in Series A Preferred unitholders' capital and a decrease in common unitholders' capital as amortized. The beneficial conversion features are amortized assuming a conversion date of March 14, 2018 for the March 2016 Series A units and a conversion date of April 15, 2018 for the April 2016 Series A units, using the effective yield method.

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4. EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL (CONTINUED)

Partnership interests. The Partnership's common units are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "WES."

The following table summarizes the common, Class C, Series A Preferred and general partner units issued during the nine months ended September 30, 2016:

	Common Units	Class C Units	Series A Preferred Units	General Partner Units	Total
Balance at December 31, 2015	128,576,965	11,411,862	—	2,583,068	142,571,895
PIK Class C units	—	748,562	—	—	748,562
Springfield acquisition	2,089,602	—	14,030,611	—	16,120,213
April 2016 Series A units	—	—	7,892,220	—	7,892,220
Long-Term Incentive Plan award vestings	5,403	—	—	—	5,403
Balance at September 30, 2016	130,671,970	12,160,424	21,922,831	2,583,068	167,338,293

Holdings of Partnership equity. As of September 30, 2016, WGP held 50,132,046 common units, representing a 30.0% limited partner interest in the Partnership, and, through its ownership of the general partner, WGP indirectly held 2,583,068 general partner units, representing a 1.5% general partner interest in the Partnership, and 100% of the incentive distribution rights. As of September 30, 2016, other subsidiaries of Anadarko held 2,011,380 common units and 12,160,424 Class C units, representing an aggregate 8.5% limited partner interest in the Partnership. As of September 30, 2016, the public held 78,528,544 common units, representing a 46.9% limited partner interest in the Partnership and private investors held 21,922,831 Series A Preferred units, representing a 13.1% limited partner interest in the Partnership.

Net income (loss) per unit for common units. Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP earned on and subsequent to the date of the acquisition of the Partnership assets, net of distributions on the Series A Preferred units and amortization of the Series A Preferred unit beneficial conversion features (see Series A Preferred units above), is allocated to the general partner, the common unitholders and the Class C unitholder, in accordance with their respective weighted-average ownership percentages (exclusive of the Series A Preferred unit limited partnership interest) and, when applicable, giving effect to incentive distributions allocable to the general partner. The allocable limited partners' interest in net income (loss) is also net of amortization of the beneficial conversion feature related to the Class C units (see Class C units above) and is allocated between the common and Class C unitholders by applying the provisions of the partnership agreement that govern actual cash distributions and capital account allocations, as if all earnings for the period had been distributed. Net income (loss) attributable to the Partnership assets acquired from Anadarko for periods prior to the Partnership's acquisition of the Partnership assets is not allocated to the limited partners for purposes of calculating net income (loss) per common unit.

Basic net income (loss) per common unit is calculated by dividing the limited partners' interest in net income (loss) attributable to common unitholders by the weighted-average number of common units outstanding during the period. The common units issued in connection with acquisitions and equity offerings are included on a weighted-average basis for periods they were outstanding. The Series A Preferred units are not considered a participating security as they only have distribution rights up to the specified per-unit quarterly distribution and have no rights to the Partnership's undistributed earnings. Because the Class C units participate in distributions with common units according to a predetermined formula (see Note 3), they are considered a participating security and are included in the computation of earnings per unit pursuant to the two-class method. The Class C unit participation right results in a non-contingent transfer of value each time the Partnership declares a distribution. Diluted net income (loss) per

common unit is calculated by dividing the sum of (i) the limited partners' interest in net income (loss) attributable to common units adjusted for distributions on the Series A Preferred units and a reallocation of the limited partners' interest in net income (loss) assuming conversion of the Series A Preferred units into common units, and (ii) the limited partners' interest in net income (loss) allocable to the Class C units as a participating security, by the sum of the weighted-average number of common units outstanding plus the dilutive effect of (i) the weighted-average number of outstanding Class C units and (ii) the weighted-average number of common units outstanding assuming conversion of the Series A Preferred units.

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4. EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL (CONTINUED)

The following table illustrates the Partnership's calculation of net income (loss) per unit for common units:

thousands except per-unit amounts	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	\$167,746	\$184,137	\$448,327	\$159,987
Pre-acquisition net (income) loss allocated to Anadarko	—	(19,848)	(11,326)	(63,606)
Series A Preferred units interest in net (income) loss ⁽¹⁾	(25,539)	—	(50,989)	—
General partner interest in net (income) loss	(60,551)	(50,267)	(174,332)	(133,415)
Common and Class C limited partners' interest in net income (loss)	\$81,656	\$114,022	\$211,680	\$(37,034)
Net income (loss) allocable to common units ⁽¹⁾	\$70,204	\$101,140	\$181,388	\$(44,999)
Net income (loss) allocable to Class C units ⁽¹⁾	11,452	12,882	30,292	7,965
Common and Class C limited partners' interest in net income (loss)	\$81,656	\$114,022	\$211,680	\$(37,034)
Net income (loss) per unit				
Common units – basic and diluted ⁽²⁾	\$0.54	\$0.79	\$1.39	\$(0.35)
Weighted-average units outstanding				
Common units – basic and diluted	130,672	128,575	130,112	128,267
Excluded due to anti-dilutive effect:				
Class C units	12,063	11,161	11,835	11,042
Series A Preferred units assuming conversion to common units	21,923	—	15,160	—

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted to reflect amortization of the beneficial conversion features.

⁽²⁾ The impact of Class C units and the conversion of Series A Preferred units would be anti-dilutive.

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Affiliate transactions. Revenues from affiliates include amounts earned by the Partnership from services provided to Anadarko as well as from the sale of residue and NGLs to Anadarko. In addition, the Partnership purchases natural gas from an affiliate of Anadarko pursuant to gas purchase agreements. Operation and maintenance expense includes amounts accrued for or paid to affiliates for the operation of the Partnership assets, whether in providing services to affiliates or to third parties, including field labor, measurement and analysis, and other disbursements. A portion of the Partnership's general and administrative expenses is paid by Anadarko, which results in affiliate transactions pursuant to the reimbursement provisions of the Partnership's omnibus agreement. Affiliate expenses do not bear a direct relationship to affiliate revenues, and third-party expenses do not bear a direct relationship to third-party revenues. See Note 2 for further information related to contributions of assets to the Partnership by Anadarko.

Cash management. Anadarko operates a cash management system whereby excess cash from most of its subsidiaries' separate bank accounts is generally swept to centralized accounts. Prior to the Partnership's acquisition of the Partnership assets, third-party sales and purchases related to such assets were received or paid in cash by Anadarko within its centralized cash management system. The outstanding affiliate balances were entirely settled through an adjustment to net investment by Anadarko in connection with the acquisition of the Partnership assets. Subsequent to the acquisition of Partnership assets from Anadarko, transactions related to such assets are cash-settled directly with third parties and with Anadarko affiliates. Chipeta cash settles its transactions directly with third parties and Anadarko, as well as with the other subsidiaries of the Partnership.

Note receivable - Anadarko and Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko. Concurrently with the closing of the Partnership's May 2008 initial public offering, the Partnership loaned \$260.0 million to Anadarko in exchange for a 30-year note bearing interest at a fixed annual rate of 6.50%, payable quarterly. The fair value of the note receivable from Anadarko was \$308.1 million and \$252.3 million at September 30, 2016, and December 31, 2015, respectively. The fair value of the note reflects consideration of credit risk and any premium or discount for the differential between the stated interest rate and quarter-end market interest rate, based on quoted market prices of similar debt instruments. Accordingly, the fair value of the note receivable from Anadarko is measured using Level 2 inputs. The consideration to be paid by the Partnership to Anadarko for the March 2015 acquisition of DBJV consists of a cash payment due on March 31, 2020. See Note 2 and Note 9.

Commodity price swap agreements. The Partnership has commodity price swap agreements with Anadarko to mitigate exposure to a majority of the commodity price volatility that would otherwise be present as a result of the purchase and sale of natural gas, condensate or NGLs. Notional volumes for each of the commodity price swap agreements are not specifically defined. Instead, the commodity price swap agreements apply to the actual volume of natural gas, condensate and NGLs purchased and sold. The outstanding commodity price swap agreements for the Hugoton system, MGR assets and DJ Basin complex expire in December 2016. The commodity price swap agreements do not satisfy the definition of a derivative financial instrument and, therefore, are not required to be measured at fair value. Below is a summary of the fixed price ranges on all of the Partnership's outstanding commodity price swap agreements as of September 30, 2016:

per barrel except natural gas	2016
Ethane	\$18.41 – 23.11
Propane	47.08 – 52.90
Isobutane	62.09 – 73.89
Normal butane	54.62 – 64.93
Natural gasoline	72.88 – 81.68

Condensate	76.47	-81.68
Natural gas (per MMBtu)	4.87	-5.96

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5. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES (CONTINUED)

The following table summarizes gains and losses upon settlement of commodity price swap agreements recognized in the consolidated statements of operations:

	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
thousands	2016	2015	2016	2015
Gains (losses) on commodity price swap agreements related to sales: ⁽¹⁾				
Natural gas sales	\$719	\$5,774	\$12,962	\$39,100
Natural gas liquids sales	15,939	33,746	56,489	116,475
Total	16,658	39,520	69,451	155,575
Losses on commodity price swap agreements related to purchases ⁽²⁾	(9,248)	(23,998)	(45,032)	(99,897)
Net gains (losses) on commodity price swap agreements	\$7,410	\$15,522	\$24,419	\$55,678

(1) Reported in affiliate Natural gas and natural gas liquids sales in the consolidated statements of operations in the period in which the related sale is recorded.

(2) Reported in Cost of product in the consolidated statements of operations in the period in which the related purchase is recorded.

DJ Basin complex and Hugoton system swap extensions. On June 25, 2015, the Partnership extended its commodity price swap agreements with Anadarko for the DJ Basin complex from July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, and for the Hugoton system from October 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. The table below summarizes the swap prices for the extension period compared to the forward market prices as of the agreement date, June 25, 2015.

	DJ Basin Complex		Hugoton System	
	2015 Swap Prices	Market Prices ⁽¹⁾	2015 Swap Prices	Market Prices ⁽¹⁾
per barrel except natural gas				
Ethane	\$18.41	\$ 1.96	—	—
Propane	47.08	13.10	—	—
Isobutane	62.09	19.75	—	—
Normal butane	54.62	18.99	—	—
Natural gasoline	72.88	52.59	—	—
Condensate	76.47	52.59	\$78.61	\$ 32.56
Natural gas (per MMBtu)	5.96	2.75	5.50	2.74

(1) Represents the New York Mercantile Exchange (“NYMEX”) forward strip price as of June 25, 2015, adjusted for product specification, location, basis and, in the case of NGLs, transportation and fractionation costs.

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On December 8, 2015, the commodity price swap agreements with Anadarko for the DJ Basin complex and Hugoton system were further extended from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. The table below summarizes the swap prices for the extension period compared to the forward market prices as of the agreement date, December 8, 2015.

per barrel except natural gas	DJ Basin Complex		Hugoton System	
	2016 Swap Prices	Market Prices ⁽¹⁾	2016 Swap Prices	Market Prices ⁽¹⁾
Ethane	\$18.41	\$ 0.60	—	—
Propane	47.08	10.98	—	—
Isobutane	62.09	17.23	—	—
Normal butane	54.62	16.86	—	—
Natural gasoline	72.88	26.15	—	—
Condensate	76.47	34.65	\$78.61	\$ 18.81
Natural gas (per MMBtu)	5.96	2.11	5.50	2.12

⁽¹⁾ Represents the NYMEX forward strip price as of December 8, 2015, adjusted for product specification, location, basis and, in the case of NGLs, transportation and fractionation costs.

Revenues or costs attributable to volumes settled during the respective extension period, at the applicable market price in the above tables, will be recognized in the consolidated statements of operations. The Partnership will also record a capital contribution from Anadarko in the Partnership's consolidated statement of equity and partners' capital for the amount by which the swap price exceeds the applicable market price in the above tables. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the capital contribution from Anadarko was \$34.8 million.

Gathering and processing agreements. The Partnership has significant gathering and processing arrangements with affiliates of Anadarko on a majority of its systems. The Partnership's gathering, treating and transportation throughput (excluding equity investment throughput) attributable to natural gas production owned or controlled by Anadarko was 37% and 38% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and 53% and 55% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The Partnership's processing throughput (excluding equity investment throughput) attributable to natural gas production owned or controlled by Anadarko was 51% and 55% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and 47% and 51% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The Partnership's gathering, treating and transportation throughput (excluding equity investment throughput) attributable to crude/NGL production owned or controlled by Anadarko was 67% and 64% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and 100% for each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. Prior to January 1, 2016, Springfield's contracts were with a subsidiary of Anadarko who contracted with third parties. Effective January 1, 2016, Springfield's contracts are with both a subsidiary of Anadarko and third parties directly.

Commodity purchase and sale agreements. The Partnership sells a significant amount of its natural gas, condensate and NGLs to Anadarko Energy Services Company ("AES"), Anadarko's marketing affiliate. In addition, the Partnership purchases natural gas, condensate and NGLs from AES pursuant to purchase agreements. The Partnership's purchase and sale agreements with AES are generally one-year contracts, subject to annual renewal.

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Acquisitions from Anadarko. On March 14, 2016, the Partnership acquired Springfield from Anadarko, and on March 2, 2015, the Partnership acquired DBJV from Anadarko. See Note 2 for further information on these acquisitions.

WES LTIP. The general partner awards phantom units under the Western Gas Partners, LP 2008 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("WES LTIP") primarily to its independent directors, but also from time to time to its executive officers and Anadarko employees performing services for the Partnership. The phantom units awarded to the independent directors vest one year from the grant date, while all other awards are subject to graded vesting over a three-year service period. Compensation expense is recognized over the vesting period and was \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively.

WGP LTIP and Anadarko Incentive Plans. General and administrative expenses included \$1.4 million and \$3.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$1.0 million and \$3.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, of equity-based compensation expense, allocated to the Partnership by Anadarko, for awards granted to the executive officers of the general partner and other employees under the Western Gas Equity Partners, LP 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("WGP LTIP") and the Anadarko Petroleum Corporation 2008 and 2012 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plans (referred to collectively as the "Anadarko Incentive Plans"). Of this amount, \$3.1 million is reflected as a contribution to partners' capital in the Partnership's consolidated statement of equity and partners' capital for the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Equipment purchases and sales. The following table summarizes the Partnership's purchases from and sales to Anadarko of pipe and equipment:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2016	2015	2016	2015
thousands	Purchases		Sales	
Cash consideration	\$3,965	\$10,369	\$623	\$700
Net carrying value	(3,366)	(5,785)	(605)	(366)
Partners' capital adjustment	\$599	\$4,584	\$18	\$334

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5. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES (CONTINUED)

Summary of affiliate transactions. The following table summarizes material affiliate transactions. See Note 2 for discussion of affiliate acquisitions and related funding.

thousands	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues and other ⁽¹⁾	\$325,312	\$294,849	\$900,301	\$923,188
Equity income, net – affiliates ⁽¹⁾	20,294	21,976	56,801	59,137
Cost of product ⁽¹⁾	21,254	35,656	67,979	132,613
Operation and maintenance ⁽²⁾	15,052	19,394	50,688	56,065
General and administrative ⁽³⁾	9,453	8,496	27,574	24,691
Operating expenses	45,759	63,546	146,241	213,369
Interest income ⁽⁴⁾	4,225	4,225	12,675	12,675
Interest expense ⁽⁵⁾	(1,173)	4,310	(12,097)	9,920
Proceeds from the issuance of common units, net of offering expenses ⁽⁶⁾	—	—	25,000	—
Distributions to unitholders ⁽⁷⁾	97,648	80,845	282,326	228,893
Above-market component of swap extensions with Anadarko	18,417	7,916	34,782	7,916

⁽¹⁾ Represents amounts earned or incurred on and subsequent to the date of acquisition of the Partnership assets, as well as amounts earned or incurred by Anadarko on a historical basis related to the Partnership assets prior to the acquisition of such assets, recognized under gathering, treating or processing agreements, and purchase and sale agreements.

⁽²⁾ Represents expenses incurred on and subsequent to the date of the acquisition of the Partnership assets, as well as expenses incurred by Anadarko on a historical basis related to the Partnership assets prior to the acquisition of such assets.

⁽³⁾ Represents general and administrative expense incurred on and subsequent to the date of the Partnership's acquisition of the Partnership assets, as well as a management services fee for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Anadarko for periods prior to the acquisition of the Partnership assets by the Partnership. These amounts include equity-based compensation expense allocated to the Partnership by Anadarko (see WES LTIP and WGP LTIP and Anadarko Incentive Plans within this Note 5).

⁽⁴⁾ Represents interest income recognized on the note receivable from Anadarko.

⁽⁵⁾ For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, includes accretion revisions to the Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko (see Note 2 and Note 9).

⁽⁶⁾ Represents proceeds from the issuance of 835,841 common units to WGP as partial funding for the acquisition of Springfield (see Note 2).

⁽⁷⁾ Represents distributions paid under the partnership agreement (see Note 3 and Note 4).

Concentration of credit risk. Anadarko was the only customer from whom revenues exceeded 10% of the Partnership's consolidated revenues for all periods presented in the consolidated statements of operations.

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6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of the historical cost of the Partnership's property, plant and equipment is as follows:

thousands	Estimated Useful Life	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Land	n/a	\$4,000	\$ 3,744
Gathering systems	3 to 47 years	6,471,338	6,061,004
Pipelines and equipment	15 to 45 years	135,504	136,290
Assets under construction	n/a	272,169	329,887
Other	3 to 40 years	29,895	25,853
Total property, plant and equipment		6,912,906	6,556,778
Accumulated depreciation		1,882,012	1,697,999
Net property, plant and equipment		\$5,030,894	\$ 4,858,779

The cost of property classified as "Assets under construction" is excluded from capitalized costs being depreciated. These amounts represent property that is not yet suitable to be placed into productive service as of the respective balance sheet date.

As of September 30, 2016, net property, plant and equipment includes impairments of \$11.3 million, including an impairment of \$6.1 million at the Newcastle system. This asset was impaired to its estimated fair value of \$3.1 million, using the income approach and Level 3 fair value inputs, due to a reduction in estimated future cash flows caused by the low commodity price environment. Also during this period, the Partnership recognized impairments of \$5.2 million, primarily related to the abandonment of compressors at the MIGC system and cancellation of projects at the DBJV and Anadarko-Operated Marcellus Interest systems. See Note 2 for a discussion of the Partnership's assets held for sale as of September 30, 2016.

7. EQUITY INVESTMENTS

The following table presents the activity in the Partnership's equity investments for the nine months ended September 30, 2016:

thousands	Equity Investments							
	Fort Union	White Cliffs	Rendezvous	Mont Belvieu JV	TEG	TEP	FRP	Total
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 17,122	\$ 50,439	\$ 50,913	\$ 117,089	\$ 16,283	\$ 194,803	\$ 172,238	\$ 618,887
Investment earnings (loss), net of amortization	(308)	10,474	1,413	18,245	529	12,239	14,209	56,801
Contributions	—	441	—	—	—	(580)	—	(139)
Distributions	(787)	(10,038)	(2,573)	(18,274)	(546)	(12,427)	(15,026)	(59,671)
Distributions in excess of cumulative earnings ⁽¹⁾	(3,354)	(3,393)	(1,541)	(3,963)	(266)	(3,720)	(355)	(16,592)
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$ 12,673	\$ 47,923	\$ 48,212	\$ 113,097	\$ 16,000	\$ 190,315	\$ 171,066	\$ 599,286

(1) Distributions in excess of cumulative earnings, classified as investing cash flows in the consolidated statements of cash flows, is calculated on an individual investment basis.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, an impairment loss was recognized by the managing partner of Fort Union. The Partnership's 14.81% share of the impairment loss was \$3.0 million, which was recorded in Equity income, net – affiliates in the consolidated statements of operations.

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8. COMPONENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL

A summary of accounts receivable, net is as follows:

thousands	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Trade receivables, net	\$ 184,331	\$ 143,557
Other receivables, net	29,819	49,772
Total accounts receivable, net	\$ 214,150	\$ 193,329

A summary of other current assets is as follows:

thousands	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Natural gas liquids inventory	\$ 5,086	\$ 2,403
Imbalance receivables	1,514	2,122
Prepaid insurance	2,617	2,296
Other	—	1,034
Total other current assets	\$ 9,217	\$ 7,855

A summary of accrued liabilities is as follows:

thousands	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Accrued capital expenditures	\$ 49,328	\$ 61,454
Accrued plant purchases	31,849	16,425
Accrued interest expense	28,532	26,194
Short-term asset retirement obligations	2,182	3,677
Short-term remediation and reclamation obligations	1,136	1,136
Income taxes payable	488	770
Other	8,649	9,363
Total accrued liabilities	\$ 122,164	\$ 119,019

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9. DEBT AND INTEREST EXPENSE

At September 30, 2016, the Partnership's debt consisted of 5.375% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "2021 Notes"), 4.000% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "2022 Notes"), 2.600% Senior Notes due 2018 (the "2018 Notes"), 5.450% Senior Notes due 2044 (the "2044 Notes"), 3.950% Senior Notes due 2025 (the "2025 Notes"), 4.650% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "2026 Notes") and borrowings on the RCF.

The following table presents the Partnership's outstanding debt as of September 30, 2016, and December 31, 2015:

thousands	September 30, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	Principal	Carrying Value	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾	Principal	Carrying Value	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾
2021 Notes	\$500,000	\$494,474	\$545,314	\$500,000	\$493,711	\$513,645
2022 Notes	670,000	668,583	688,425	670,000	668,432	595,744
2018 Notes	350,000	349,066	350,659	350,000	348,706	339,293
2044 Notes	400,000	389,822	405,499	400,000	389,707	321,499
2025 Notes	500,000	490,749	496,563	500,000	490,095	422,285
2026 Notes	500,000	494,701	521,249	—	—	—
RCF	20,000	20,000	20,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total long-term debt	\$2,940,000	\$2,907,395	\$3,027,709	\$2,720,000	\$2,690,651	\$2,492,466

⁽¹⁾ Fair value is measured using the market approach and Level 2 inputs.

Debt activity. The following table presents the debt activity of the Partnership for the nine months ended September 30, 2016:

thousands	Carrying Value
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 2,690,651
RCF borrowings	600,000
Issuance of 2026 Notes	500,000
Repayments of RCF borrowings	(880,000)
Other	(3,256)
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$ 2,907,395

Senior Notes. At September 30, 2016, the Partnership was in compliance with all covenants under the indentures governing its outstanding notes.

The 2026 Notes issued in July 2016 were offered at a price to the public of 99.796% of the face amount. Including the effects of the issuance and underwriting discounts, the effective interest rate of the 2026 Notes is 4.787%. Interest is paid semi-annually on January 1 and July 1 of each year. Proceeds (net of underwriting discount of \$3.1 million, original issue discount and debt issuance costs) were used to repay a portion of the amount outstanding under the RCF.

In October 2016, the Partnership issued an additional \$200.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 2044 Notes at a price to the public of 102.776% of the face amount plus accrued interest from October 1, 2016 to the settlement date. These notes were offered as additional notes under the indenture governing the 2044 Notes issued in March 2014 and are treated as a single class of securities with the 2044 Notes under such indenture. Proceeds (net of underwriting discount of \$1.8 million and debt issuance costs and excluding accrued interest from October 1, 2016 to the settlement date) were used to repay amounts then outstanding under the RCF. The remaining proceeds will be used for general partnership purposes, including capital expenditures.

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9. DEBT AND INTEREST EXPENSE (CONTINUED)

Revolving credit facility. The interest rate on the RCF, which matures in February 2019, was 1.82% and 1.49% at September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The facility fee rate was 0.20% at September 30, 2016 and 2015. As of September 30, 2016, the Partnership had \$20.0 million of outstanding borrowings, \$4.9 million in outstanding letters of credit and \$1.18 billion available for borrowing under the RCF. At September 30, 2016, the Partnership was in compliance with all covenants under the RCF.

Interest rate agreements. In June 2016, the Partnership entered into a U.S. Treasury rate lock agreement to mitigate the risk of rising interest rates on existing variable-rate debt expected to be refinanced during the third quarter of 2016. The rate lock agreement was not designated as a cash flow hedge and was settled in June 2016 upon the offering of the 2026 Notes that closed in July 2016. The Partnership realized a loss of \$0.2 million at settlement, which is included in Other income (expense), net in the Partnership's consolidated statements of operations.

Interest expense. The following table summarizes the amounts included in interest expense:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
thousands	2016	2015	2016	2015
Third parties				
Long-term debt	\$31,612	\$26,972	\$87,711	\$75,047
Amortization of debt issuance costs and commitment fees	1,672	1,530	4,747	4,196
Capitalized interest	(1,343)	(1,039)	(4,674)	(6,826)
Total interest expense – third parties	31,941	27,463	87,784	72,417
Affiliates				
Deferred purchase price obligation – Anadarko ⁽¹⁾	(1,173)	4,310	(12,097)	9,920
Total interest expense – affiliates	(1,173)	4,310	(12,097)	9,920
Interest expense	\$30,768	\$31,773	\$75,687	\$82,337

(1) See Note 2 for a discussion of the accretion and net present value of the Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko.

10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation and legal proceedings. From time to time, the Partnership is involved in legal, tax, regulatory and other proceedings in various forums regarding performance, contracts and other matters that arise in the ordinary course of business. Management is not aware of any such proceeding the final disposition of which could have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Other commitments. The Partnership has short-term payment obligations, or commitments, related to its capital spending programs, as well as those of its unconsolidated affiliates. As of September 30, 2016, the Partnership had unconditional payment obligations for services to be rendered or products to be delivered in connection with its capital projects of \$39.8 million, the majority of which is expected to be paid in the next twelve months. These commitments relate primarily to the construction of Train V, the purchase of long-lead items associated with Train VI at the DBM complex and expansion projects at the DBJV system and the DBM complex.

Lease commitments. Anadarko, on behalf of the Partnership, has entered into lease agreements for corporate offices, shared field offices and a warehouse supporting the Partnership's operations, for which Anadarko charges the Partnership rent. The leases for the corporate offices and shared field offices extend through 2017 and 2018, respectively, and the lease for the warehouse extends through February 2017.

Rent expense associated with the office, warehouse and equipment leases was \$8.9 million and \$26.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$8.7 million and \$25.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively.

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

The following discussion analyzes our financial condition and results of operations and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes to consolidated financial statements, which are included under Part I, Item 1 of this quarterly report, as well as our historical consolidated financial statements, and the notes thereto, which are included in Part II, Item 8 of our 2015 Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on February 25, 2016, certain sections of which were recast to reflect the results of the Springfield interest in our Current Report on Form 8-K, as filed with the SEC on June 10, 2016.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have made in this Form 10-Q, and may from time to time make in other public filings, press releases and statements by management, forward-looking statements concerning our operations, economic performance and financial condition. These forward-looking statements include statements preceded by, followed by or that otherwise include the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "estimates," "projects," "target," "goal," "plans," "objective," similar expressions or variations on such expressions. These statements discuss future expectations, contain projections of results of operations or financial condition or include other "forward-looking" information. Although we and our general partner believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, neither we nor our general partner can give any assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, the following:

• our ability to pay distributions to our unitholders;

• our and Anadarko's assumptions about the energy market;

• future throughput, including Anadarko's production, which is gathered or processed by or transported through our assets;

• our operating results;

• competitive conditions;

• technology;

• the availability of capital resources to fund acquisitions, capital expenditures and other contractual obligations, and our ability to access those resources from Anadarko or through the debt or equity capital markets;

• the supply of, demand for, and the price of, oil, natural gas, NGLs and related products or services;

• weather and natural disasters;

• inflation;

• the availability of goods and services;

• general economic conditions, either internationally or domestically or in the jurisdictions in which we are doing business;

federal, state and local laws, including those that limit Anadarko's and other producers' hydraulic fracturing or other oil and natural gas operations;

environmental liabilities;

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legislative or regulatory changes, including changes affecting our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes;

changes in the financial or operational condition of Anadarko;

the creditworthiness of Anadarko or our other counterparties, including financial institutions, operating partners, and other parties;

changes in Anadarko's capital program, strategy or desired areas of focus;

our commitments to capital projects;

our ability to use our RCF;

our ability to repay debt;

our ability to mitigate exposure to the commodity price risks inherent in our percent-of-proceeds and keep-whole contracts through the extension of our commodity price swap agreements with Anadarko, or otherwise;

conflicts of interest among us, our general partner, WGP and its general partner, and affiliates, including Anadarko;

our ability to maintain and/or obtain rights to operate our assets on land owned by third parties;

our ability to acquire assets on acceptable terms;

non-payment or non-performance of Anadarko or other significant customers, including under our gathering, processing and transportation agreements and our \$260.0 million note receivable from Anadarko;

the timing, amount and terms of future issuances of equity and debt securities; and

other factors discussed below, in "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" included in our 2015 Form 10-K, certain sections of which were recast to reflect the results of the Springfield interest in our Current Report on Form 8-K, as filed with the SEC on June 10, 2016, in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and in our other public filings and press releases.

The risk factors and other factors noted throughout or incorporated by reference in this Form 10-Q could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We are a growth-oriented Delaware MLP formed by Anadarko to acquire, own, develop and operate midstream energy assets. We currently own or have investments in assets located in the Rocky Mountains (Colorado, Utah and Wyoming), the Mid-Continent (Kansas and Oklahoma), North-central Pennsylvania and Texas, and are engaged in the business of gathering, processing, compressing, treating and transporting natural gas, condensate, NGLs and crude oil for Anadarko, as well as for third-party producers and customers. As of September 30, 2016, our assets and investments accounted for under the equity method consisted of the following:

	Owned and Operated	Operated Interests	Non-Operated Interests	Equity Interests
Gathering systems	12	4	5	2
Treating facilities	13	12	—	3
Natural gas processing plants/trains	19	5	—	2
NGL pipelines	2	—	—	3
Natural gas pipelines	5	—	—	—
Oil pipelines	—	1	—	1

Significant financial and operational events during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, included the following:

• We completed the acquisition of Springfield from Anadarko for cash and common unit consideration totaling \$750.0 million. See Acquisitions and Divestitures below.

• In May 2016, we commenced operation of Train IV, a 200 MMcf/d processing plant at the DBM complex.

• We completed the offering of \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2026 Notes in July 2016. Net proceeds were used to repay a portion of the amount outstanding under our RCF. See Liquidity and Capital Resources within this Item 2 for additional information.

• We raised our distribution to \$0.845 per unit for the third quarter of 2016, representing a 2% increase over the distribution for the second quarter of 2016 and a 9% increase over the distribution for the third quarter of 2015.

• Throughput attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets totaled 4,070 MMcf/d and 3,908 MMcf/d for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, representing no change and an 8% decrease, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2015.

• Throughput for crude/NGL assets totaled 185 MBbls/d for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, representing a 3% and 1% decrease, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2015.

• Operating income (loss) was \$197.3 million and \$527.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, representing a 13% decrease and 92% increase, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2015.

• Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets (as defined under the caption Key Performance Metrics within this Item 2) averaged \$0.82 per Mcf for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, representing an 11% and 12% increase, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2015.

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Adjusted gross margin for crude/NGL assets (as defined under the caption Key Performance Metrics within this Item 2) averaged \$2.20 per Bbl and \$2.10 per Bbl for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, representing a 15% and 8% increase, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2015.

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Significant Item Affecting Comparability. On December 3, 2015, there was an initial fire and secondary explosion at the processing facility within the DBM complex. The majority of the damage was to the liquid handling facilities and the amine treating units at the inlet of the complex. Train II (with capacity of 100 MMcf/d) sustained the most damage of the processing trains and is expected to be returned to service by the end of 2016. Train III (with capacity of 200 MMcf/d) experienced minimal damage and returned to full service in May 2016. For ease of reference throughout the remainder of this Management's Discussion and Analysis, the damage to the processing facility and resulting lack of processing capacity and associated financial statement impact will be referred to as the "DBM outage." See Note 1—Description of Business and Basis of Presentation in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES

Acquisitions. The following table presents our acquisitions during 2016 and 2015, and identifies the funding sources for such acquisitions. See Note 2—Acquisitions and Divestitures in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

thousands except unit and percent amounts	Acquisition Date	Percentage Acquired	Deferred Purchase Price Obligation	Borrowings	Common Units Issued	Series A Preferred Units Issued
			-			
			Anadarko			
DBJV ⁽¹⁾	03/02/2015	100 %	\$ 174,276	\$ —	—	—
Springfield ⁽²⁾	03/14/2016	100 %	—	247,500	2,089,602	14,030,611

We acquired DBJV from Anadarko. DBJV owns a 50% interest in the DBJV system. We will make a cash payment on March 31, 2020, to Anadarko as consideration for the acquisition of DBJV. At the acquisition date, we ⁽¹⁾ estimated the future payment would be \$282.8 million, the net present value of which was \$174.3 million. For further information, including revisions to the estimated future payment, see Note 2—Acquisitions and Divestitures in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

We acquired Springfield from Anadarko for \$750.0 million, consisting of \$712.5 million in cash and the issuance of 1,253,761 of our common units. Springfield owns a 50.1% interest in the Springfield system. We financed the ⁽²⁾ cash portion of the acquisition through: (i) borrowings of \$247.5 million on our RCF, (ii) the issuance of 835,841 of our common units to WGP and (iii) the issuance of Series A Preferred units to private investors. See Note 4—Equity and Partners' Capital in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q for a discussion of the Series A Preferred units.

Assets held for sale - Hugoton system. During the third quarter of 2016, the Hugoton system, located in Southwest Kansas and Oklahoma, satisfied criteria to be considered held for sale. The assets were remeasured to their current fair value using a market approach and Level 2 fair-value measurement, resulting in a loss of \$6.2 million at September 30, 2016, recorded as Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net in the consolidated statements of operations. At September 30, 2016, our consolidated balance sheet included long-term assets of \$65.6 million and long-term liabilities of \$8.4 million associated with assets held for sale. The sale of these assets closed on October 31, 2016.

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Presentation of Partnership assets. The term “Partnership assets” refers to the assets owned and interests accounted for under the equity method by us as of September 30, 2016. See Note 7—Equity Investments in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q. Because Anadarko controls us through its ownership and control of WGP, which owns the entire interest in our general partner, each of our acquisitions of Partnership assets from Anadarko has been considered a transfer of net assets between entities under common control. As such, the Partnership assets we acquired from Anadarko were initially recorded at Anadarko’s historic carrying value, which did not correlate to the total acquisition price paid by us. See Note 2—Acquisitions and Divestitures in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q. Further, after an acquisition of Partnership assets from Anadarko, we may be required to recast our financial statements to include the activities of such Partnership assets from the date of common control.

The historical financial statements and operational data previously filed with the SEC have been recast in this Form 10-Q to include the results attributable to the Springfield interest as if we owned Springfield for all periods presented. The consolidated financial statements for periods prior to our acquisition of Springfield have been prepared from Anadarko’s historical cost-basis accounts and may not necessarily be indicative of the actual results of operations that would have occurred if we had owned Springfield during the periods reported.

EQUITY OFFERINGS

Equity offerings. Pursuant to our \$500.0 million COP, during the year ended December 31, 2015, we issued 873,525 common units, at an average price of \$66.61, generating proceeds of \$57.4 million (net of \$0.8 million for the underwriting discount and other offering expenses), which were used for general partnership purposes, including funding capital expenditures. Gross proceeds generated during the year ended December 31, 2015, were \$58.2 million. Commissions paid during the year ended December 31, 2015, were \$0.6 million. We issued no common units under the \$500.0 million COP during the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Other equity offerings. In March 2016, we issued the March 2016 Series A units to private investors for a cash purchase price of \$32.00 per unit, generating proceeds of \$440.0 million (net of fees and expenses, including a 2.0% transaction fee paid to the private investors), which were used to fund a portion of the Springfield acquisition. In April 2016, we issued the April 2016 Series A units pursuant to the full exercise of an option granted in connection with the March 2016 Series A units issuance, generating net proceeds of \$246.9 million, which were used to pay down amounts borrowed under our RCF in connection with the Springfield acquisition. See Note 4—Equity and Partners’ Capital and Note 9—Debt and Interest Expense in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OPERATING RESULTS

The following tables and discussion present a summary of our results of operations:

thousands	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Total revenues and other ⁽¹⁾	\$481,645	\$432,515	\$1,293,450	\$1,335,514
Equity income, net – affiliates	20,294	21,976	56,801	59,137
Total operating expenses ⁽¹⁾	312,088	305,313	830,699	1,197,087
Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net	(6,230)	77,254	(8,769)	77,248
Proceeds from business interruption insurance claims ⁽²⁾	13,667	—	16,270	—
Operating income (loss)	197,288	226,432	527,053	274,812
Interest income – affiliates	4,225	4,225	12,675	12,675
Interest expense	(30,768)	(31,773)	(75,687)	(82,337)
Other income (expense), net	153	85	224	227
Income (loss) before income taxes	170,898	198,969	464,265	205,377
Income tax (benefit) expense	472	12,644	7,431	37,160
Net income (loss)	170,426	186,325	456,834	168,217
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,680	2,188	8,507	8,230
Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	\$167,746	\$184,137	\$448,327	\$159,987
Key performance metrics ⁽³⁾				
Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	\$343,981	\$311,148	\$984,459	\$940,595
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	278,170	220,696	759,834	686,206
Distributable cash flow	237,315	189,631	628,602	586,883

(1) Revenues and other include amounts earned from services provided to our affiliates, as well as from the sale of residue and NGLs to our affiliates. Operating expenses include amounts charged by our affiliates for services as well as reimbursement of amounts paid by affiliates to third parties on our behalf. See Note 5—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

(2) See Note 1—Description of Business and Basis of Presentation in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

(3) Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP, Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP and Distributable cash flow are defined under the caption Key Performance Metrics within this Item 2. For reconciliations of Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP, Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP and Distributable cash flow to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, see Key Performance Metrics within this Item 2.

For purposes of the following discussion, any increases or decreases “for the three months ended September 30, 2016” refer to the comparison of the three months ended September 30, 2016, to the three months ended September 30, 2015; any increases or decreases “for the nine months ended September 30, 2016” refer to the comparison of the nine months ended September 30, 2016, to the nine months ended September 30, 2015; and any increases or decreases “for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016” refer to the comparison of these 2016 periods to the corresponding three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2015.

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Throughput

	Three Months			Nine Months		
	Ended			Ended		
	September 30,			September 30,		
	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)
Throughput for natural gas assets (MMcf/d)						
Gathering, treating and transportation	1,562	1,704	(8)%	1,556	1,862	(16)%
Processing	2,448	2,327	5 %	2,301	2,351	(2)%
Equity investment ⁽¹⁾	179	177	1 %	178	171	4 %
Total throughput for natural gas assets	4,189	4,208	— %	4,035	4,384	(8)%
Throughput attributable to noncontrolling interest for natural gas assets	119	126	(6)%	127	149	(15)%
Total throughput attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets	4,070	4,082	— %	3,908	4,235	(8)%
Throughput for crude/NGL assets (MBbls/d)						
Gathering, treating and transportation	58	66	(12)%	59	72	(18)%
Equity investment ⁽²⁾	127	125	2 %	126	114	11 %
Total throughput for crude/NGL assets	185	191	(3)%	185	186	(1)%

(1) Represents our 14.81% share of average Fort Union throughput and our 22% share of average Rendezvous throughput.

(2) Represents our 10% share of average White Cliffs throughput, our 25% share of average Mont Belvieu JV throughput, our 20% share of average TEG and TEP throughput, and our 33.33% share of average FRP throughput.

Natural gas assets

Gathering, treating and transportation throughput decreased by 142 MMcf/d for the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to decreased throughput at the Bison facility due to volumes being diverted to a third-party treater, the sale of the Dew and Pinnacle systems in July 2015, and production declines in the area around the Springfield gas gathering system. These decreases were partially offset by higher throughput at the DBJV system due to increased production in West Texas and increased throughput at the Anadarko-Operated and Non-Operated Marcellus Interest systems due to previously modulated volumes being brought online.

Gathering, treating and transportation throughput decreased by 306 MMcf/d for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to the sale of the Dew and Pinnacle systems in July 2015 and decreased throughput at the Bison facility due to volumes being diverted to a third-party treater.

Processing throughput increased by 121 MMcf/d for the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to increased production in the areas around the DJ Basin complex and the May 2016 start-up of Train IV at the DBM complex. These increases were partially offset by decreased throughput at the Chipeta complex due to decreased drilling activity in the Uinta Basin and production declines in the areas around the MGR assets and Granger complex. Processing throughput decreased by 50 MMcf/d for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to the decreases noted above for the three months ended September 30, 2016, as well as to decreases attributable to the DBM outage.

Equity investment throughput increased by 7 MMcf/d for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to volumes being diverted from the third-party Bison pipeline to the Fort Union system, which was partially offset by a decrease in volumes at the Rendezvous system due to production declines in the Jonah and Pinedale Anticline fields.

Crude/NGL assets

Gathering, treating and transportation throughput decreased by 8 MBbls/d and 13 MBbls/d for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, primarily due to decreased throughput at the Springfield oil gathering system. Equity investment throughput increased by 12 MBbls/d for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to an increase in volumes on FRP as a result of increased production in the DJ Basin area.

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Gathering, Processing and Transportation Revenues

thousands except percentages	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)
Gathering, processing and transportation revenues	\$315,192	\$283,029	11 %	\$910,332	\$844,197	8 %

Revenues from gathering, processing and transportation increased by \$32.2 million and \$66.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, primarily due to increases of \$26.1 million and \$93.9 million, respectively, at the DJ Basin complex resulting from increased throughput and a higher processing fee. In addition, for the three months ended September 30, 2016, there was an increase of \$10.0 million at the DBM complex due to increased throughput and a higher processing fee. These increases were partially offset by decreases during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, of (i) \$2.5 million and \$17.6 million, respectively, due to the sale of the Dew and Pinnacle systems in July 2015 and (ii) \$5.6 million and \$15.8 million, respectively, at the Springfield system due to decreased throughput.

Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids Sales

thousands except percentages and per-unit amounts	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)
Natural gas sales ⁽¹⁾	\$72,658	\$59,628	22 %	\$155,251	\$193,282	(20)%
Natural gas liquids sales ⁽¹⁾	91,378	87,372	5 %	224,334	293,592	(24)%
Total	\$164,036	\$147,000	12 %	\$379,585	\$486,874	(22)%
Average price per unit ⁽¹⁾ :						
Natural gas (per Mcf)	\$2.70	\$3.26	(17)%	\$2.41	\$3.51	(31)%
Natural gas liquids (per Bbl)	19.10	18.68	2 %	19.45	22.37	(13)%

⁽¹⁾ Excludes amounts considered above market, with respect to our swap extensions at the DJ Basin complex and the Hugoton system beginning July 1, 2015, that are recorded as capital contributions in the statement of equity and partners' capital. See Note 5—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, average natural gas and NGL prices included the effects of commodity price swap agreements attributable to sales for the Hugoton system, the MGR assets and the DJ Basin complex. See Note 5—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

The increase in natural gas sales of \$13.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016, was primarily due to an increase of \$12.9 million at the DBM complex due to an increase in volumes sold.

The decline in natural gas sales of \$38.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, was primarily due to decreases of (i) \$13.5 million due to the DBM outage, (ii) \$10.2 million at the Hilight system due to a decrease in average price and volumes sold, (iii) \$9.2 million at the DJ Basin complex due to the partial equity treatment of our above-market swap extensions beginning July 1, 2015, partially offset by an increase in volumes sold and (iv) \$3.4 million at the MGR assets due to a decrease in volumes sold.

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The increase in NGLs sales of \$4.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016, was primarily due to an increase of \$12.9 million at the DBM complex due to an increase in average price and volumes sold. This increase was partially offset by decreases of (i) \$7.6 million at the MGR assets due to a decrease in volumes sold and (ii) \$1.9 million at the DJ Basin complex due to a decrease in the market prices associated with our above-market swap extensions, which was partially offset by an increase in volumes sold.

The decline in NGLs sales of \$69.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, was primarily due to decreases of (i) \$28.6 million at the MGR assets due to a decrease in volumes sold, (ii) \$20.6 million due to the DBM outage, (iii) \$6.4 million at the Hilight system due to a decrease in volumes sold and average price and (iv) \$7.1 million and \$4.2 million at the DJ Basin complex and Hugoton system, respectively, due to the partial equity treatment of our above-market swap extensions beginning July 1, 2015 for the DJ Basin complex and October 1, 2015 for the Hugoton system, which was partially offset by an increase in volumes sold at the DJ Basin complex.

Equity Income, Net – Affiliates

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)
thousands except percentages						
Equity income, net – affiliates	\$20,294	\$21,976	(8)%	\$56,801	\$59,137	(4)%

For the three months ended September 30, 2016, equity income, net – affiliates decreased by \$1.7 million, primarily due to a decrease in equity income at the Fort Union system and TEFR Interests. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, equity income, net – affiliates decreased by \$2.3 million, primarily due to our 14.81% share of an impairment loss determined by the managing partner of Fort Union, partially offset by increases in equity income from the TEFR Interests due to increased volumes.

Cost of Product and Operation and Maintenance Expenses

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)
thousands except percentages						
NGL purchases ⁽¹⁾	\$66,822	\$57,345	17 %	\$149,547	\$196,112	(24)%
Residue purchases ⁽¹⁾	70,376	64,278	9 %	156,774	200,237	(22)%
Other ⁽¹⁾	8,445	6,081	39 %	20,638	17,979	15 %
Cost of product	145,643	127,704	14 %	326,959	414,328	(21)%
Operation and maintenance	74,755	88,722	(16)%	226,141	242,744	(7)%
Total cost of product and operation and maintenance expenses	\$220,398	\$216,426	2 %	\$553,100	\$657,072	(16)%

Excludes amounts considered above market, with respect to our swap extensions at the DJ Basin complex and the Hugoton system beginning July 1, 2015, that are recorded as capital contributions in the statement of equity and partners' capital. See Note 5—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Cost of product expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, included the effects of commodity price swap agreements attributable to purchases for the Hugoton system, the MGR assets and the DJ Basin complex. See Note 5—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

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NGL purchases increased by \$9.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to an increase of \$13.0 million at the DBM complex due to an increase in volume and average price, partially offset by a decrease of \$4.8 million at the MGR assets due to a decrease in volume and average swap price.

NGL purchases decreased by \$46.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to decreases of (i) \$19.2 million at the MGR assets due to a decrease in volume and average swap price, (ii) \$13.8 million due to the DBM outage, (iii) \$5.4 million at the Hilight system due to a decrease in volume and average price, (iv) \$3.8 million at the DJ Basin complex due to the partial equity treatment of our above-market swap extensions beginning July 1, 2015, and (v) \$3.1 million at the Chipeta complex due to a decrease in volume and average price.

Residue purchases increased by \$6.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to an increase of \$9.0 million at the DBM complex due to an increase in volume, partially offset by a decrease in average price. This increase was partially offset by a decrease of \$1.6 million at the Hilight system due to a decrease in volume and average price.

Residue purchases decreased by \$43.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to decreases of (i) \$17.9 million due to the DBM outage, (ii) \$10.4 million at the DJ Basin complex due to the partial equity treatment of our above-market swap extensions beginning July 1, 2015, (iii) \$9.0 million at the Hilight system due to a decrease in volume and average price and (iv) \$3.4 million at the MGR assets due to a decrease in volume, partially offset by an increase in average swap price.

Other items increased by \$2.4 million and \$2.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, primarily due to fees paid for rerouting volumes due to the DBM outage. The increase for the three months ended September 30, 2016, also includes changes in imbalance positions primarily at the DBM and DJ Basin complexes.

Operation and maintenance expense decreased by \$14.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to decreases of (i) \$5.4 million in plant repairs primarily at the Chipeta, DJ Basin and DBM complexes, (ii) \$2.8 million in chemicals and treating services primarily attributable to the DBM complex, (iii) \$2.3 million in salaries and wages primarily at the DBM complex and the DBJV and Springfield systems and (iv) \$2.0 million in other operating costs and utilities expense primarily at the DJ Basin complex and the DBJV and Springfield systems.

Operation and maintenance expense decreased by \$16.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to decreases of (i) \$7.7 million in other operating and vehicle costs primarily attributable to the DBM and DJ Basin complexes and the DBJV and Springfield systems, (ii) \$5.4 million in chemicals and treating services primarily attributable to the DJ Basin and DBM complexes, and the sale of the Dew and Pinnacle systems in July 2015, (iii) \$3.0 million in salaries and wages primarily attributable to the sale of the Dew and Pinnacle systems in July 2015, the Hugoton, Hilight and MIGC systems and the DBM and Granger complexes, (iv) \$2.8 million in plant repairs primarily at the Hilight system and the Chipeta, DJ Basin and DBM complexes and (v) \$1.6 million in measurement and well-testing analysis expense primarily attributable to the DJ Basin complex. These decreases were partially offset by increases of (i) \$2.5 million in utilities expense primarily at the Chipeta and DJ Basin complexes and (ii) \$2.6 million in facilities and overhead expense attributable to the Non-Operated Marcellus Interest systems.

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General and Administrative, Depreciation and Amortization, Impairments and Other Expenses

thousands except percentages	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)
General and administrative	\$11,382	\$10,143	12 %	\$33,542	\$30,632	9 %
Property and other taxes	10,670	9,042	18 %	33,098	27,908	19 %
Depreciation and amortization	67,246	67,367	— %	199,646	204,896	(3)%
Impairments	2,392	2,335	2 %	11,313	276,579	(96)%
Total general and administrative, depreciation and amortization, impairments and other expenses	\$91,690	\$88,887	3 %	\$277,599	\$540,015	(49)%

General and administrative expenses increased by \$1.2 million and \$2.9 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, primarily due to increases in personnel costs for which we reimbursed Anadarko pursuant to our omnibus agreement.

Property and other taxes increased by \$1.6 million and \$5.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, primarily due to ad valorem tax increases at the DJ Basin and DBM complexes. The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, was partially offset by an ad valorem tax decrease of \$1.5 million due to the sale of the Dew and Pinnacle systems in July 2015.

Depreciation and amortization decreased by \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to depreciation expense decreases of (i) \$2.9 million at the Hilight system due to an asset impairment recognized in the fourth quarter of 2015 and (ii) \$0.6 million due to the Hugoton system being classified as held for sale in the third quarter of 2016. These decreases were partially offset by an increase of \$3.2 million related to capital projects at the DBM complex and the DBJV and Non-Operated Marcellus Interest systems.

Depreciation and amortization decreased by \$5.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to depreciation expense decreases of (i) \$12.5 million at the MGR assets and the Hilight system due to asset impairments recognized in the first and fourth quarters of 2015, respectively, (ii) \$7.0 million due to the sale of the Dew and Pinnacle systems in July 2015 and (iii) \$1.1 million due to the Hugoton system being classified as held for sale in the third quarter of 2016. These decreases were partially offset by an increase of \$14.7 million related to capital projects at the DJ Basin and DBM complexes and the DBJV, Non-Operated Marcellus Interest and Springfield systems.

Impairment expense increased by \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to impairments related to the cancellation of projects at the DBJV and Anadarko-Operated Marcellus Interest systems during 2016, as compared to lower impairments in 2015 related to the cancellation of projects at the Non-Operated Marcellus Interest systems.

Impairment expense decreased by \$265.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to (i) a \$264.4 million impairment at the Red Desert complex recognized during the first quarter of 2015 and (ii) impairments related to the abandonment of compressors at the MIGC system and cancellation of projects at the Non-Operated Marcellus Interest systems and Red Desert complex during 2015. Impairment expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, included (i) the \$6.1 million impairment at the Newcastle system, which was impaired to its estimated fair value of \$3.1 million, using the income approach and Level 3 fair value inputs, due to a reduction in estimated future cash flows caused by the low commodity price environment and (ii) impairments related to the abandonment of compressors at the MIGC system and cancellation of projects at the DBJV and Anadarko-Operated Marcellus Interest systems during 2016.

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Interest Income – Affiliates and Interest Expense

thousands except percentages	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)
Note receivable – Anadarko	\$4,225	\$4,225	— %	\$12,675	\$12,675	— %
Interest income – affiliates	\$4,225	\$4,225	— %	\$12,675	\$12,675	— %
Third parties						
Long-term debt	\$(31,612)	\$(26,972)	17 %	\$(87,711)	\$(75,047)	17 %
Amortization of debt issuance costs and commitment fees	(1,672)	(1,530)	9 %	(4,747)	(4,196)	13 %
Capitalized interest	1,343	1,039	29 %	4,674	6,826	(32)%
Affiliates						
Deferred purchase price obligation – Anadarko ⁽¹⁾	1,173	(4,310)	(127)%	12,097	(9,920)	NM
Interest expense	\$(30,768)	\$(31,773)	(3)%	\$(75,687)	\$(82,337)	(8)%

NM-Not Meaningful

See Note 2—Acquisitions and Divestitures in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q for a discussion of the accretion and net present value of the Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko.

Interest expense decreased by \$1.0 million and \$6.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, primarily due to \$1.2 million and \$12.1 million, respectively, in accretion revisions recorded as reductions to interest expense for the Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko entered into in March 2015 (see Note 2—Acquisitions and Divestitures in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q). The accretion revisions were partially offset by interest incurred on the 2026 Notes issued in July 2016 of \$5.1 million and interest incurred on the 2025 Notes issued in June 2015 of \$8.4 million. Capitalized interest decreased by \$2.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to the completion of Lancaster Train II in June 2015 (within the DJ Basin complex), this decrease was partially offset by an increase due to the construction of Trains IV and V and the purchase of long-lead items associated with Train VI at the DBM complex. See Note 9—Debt and Interest Expense in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Income Tax (Benefit) Expense

thousands except percentages	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$170,898	\$198,969	(14)%	\$464,265	\$205,377	126 %
Income tax (benefit) expense	472	12,644	(96)%	7,431	37,160	(80)%
Effective tax rate	—	% 6	%	2	% 18	%

We are not a taxable entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, our income apportionable to Texas is subject to Texas margin tax. For the periods presented, our variance from the federal statutory rate, which is zero percent as a non-taxable entity, is primarily due to federal and state taxes on pre-acquisition income attributable to Partnership assets acquired from Anadarko, and our share of Texas margin tax.

Income attributable to (i) the Springfield system prior to and including February 2016 and (ii) the DBJV system prior to and including February 2015, was subject to federal and state income tax. Income earned on the Springfield system and the DBJV system for periods subsequent to February 2016 and February 2015, respectively, was only subject to

Texas margin tax on income apportionable to Texas.

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KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

thousands except percentages and per-unit amounts	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)	2016	2015	Inc/ (Dec)
Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets ⁽¹⁾	\$306,393	\$277,407	10 %	\$877,583	\$842,213	4 %
Adjusted gross margin for crude/NGL assets ⁽²⁾	37,588	33,741	11 %	106,876	98,382	9 %
Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP ⁽³⁾	343,981	311,148	11 %	984,459	940,595	5 %
Adjusted gross margin per Mcf attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets ⁽⁴⁾	0.82	0.74	11 %	0.82	0.73	12 %
Adjusted gross margin per Bbl for crude/NGL assets ⁽⁵⁾	2.20	1.92	15 %	2.10	1.94	8 %
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP ⁽³⁾	278,170	220,696	26 %	759,834	686,206	11 %
Distributable cash flow ⁽³⁾	237,315	189,631	25 %	628,602	586,883	7 %

(1) Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets is calculated as total revenues and other for natural gas assets, less reimbursements for electricity-related expenses recorded as revenue and cost of product for natural gas assets, plus distributions from our equity investments in Fort Union and Rendezvous, and excluding the noncontrolling interest owner's proportionate share of revenue and cost of product. See the reconciliation of Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets to its most comparable GAAP measure below.

(2) Adjusted gross margin for crude/NGL assets is calculated as total revenues and other for crude/NGL assets, less reimbursements for electricity-related expenses recorded as revenue and cost of product for crude/NGL assets, plus distributions from our equity investments in White Cliffs, the Mont Belvieu JV, and the TEFR Interests. See the reconciliation of Adjusted gross margin for crude/NGL assets to its most comparable GAAP measure below.

(3) For a reconciliation of Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP, Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP and Distributable cash flow to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, see the descriptions below.

(4) Average for period. Calculated as Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets, divided by total throughput (MMcf/d) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets.

(5) Average for period. Calculated as Adjusted gross margin for crude/NGL assets, divided by total throughput (MBbls/d) for crude/NGL assets.

Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP. We define Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP ("Adjusted gross margin") as total revenues and other, less cost of product and reimbursements for electricity-related expenses recorded as revenue, plus distributions from equity investees and excluding the noncontrolling interest owner's proportionate share of revenue and cost of product. We believe Adjusted gross margin is an important performance measure of the core profitability of our operations, as well as our operating performance as compared to that of other companies in our industry.

Adjusted gross margin increased by \$32.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to an increase in volumes at the DJ Basin complex and the start-up of Train IV within the DBM complex in May 2016, partially offset by lower volumes at the Springfield system and the sale of the Dew and Pinnacle systems in July 2015. Adjusted gross margin increased by \$43.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to an increase in volumes at the DJ Basin complex, partially offset by lower volumes due to the DBM outage, lower volumes at the Springfield system, the sale of the Dew and Pinnacle systems in July 2015, and lower volumes at the MGR assets and the Chipeta complex.

To facilitate investor and industry analyst comparisons between us and our peers, we also disclose Adjusted gross margin per Mcf attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets and Adjusted gross margin per Bbl for

crude/NGL assets. Adjusted gross margin per Mcf attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets increased by \$0.08 and \$0.09 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, primarily due to increased production in the DJ Basin and the start-up of Lancaster Train II in June 2015 (within the DJ Basin complex). Adjusted gross margin per Bbl for crude/NGL assets increased by \$0.28 and \$0.16 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, primarily due to higher distributions received from the Mont Belvieu JV and TEP.

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Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP. We define Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP (“Adjusted EBITDA”) as net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP, plus distributions from equity investees, non-cash equity-based compensation expense, interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization, impairments, and other expense (including lower of cost or market inventory adjustments recorded in cost of product), less gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net, income from equity investments, interest income, income tax benefit, and other income. We believe that the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA provides information useful to investors in assessing our financial condition and results of operations and that Adjusted EBITDA is a widely accepted financial indicator of a company’s ability to incur and service debt, fund capital expenditures and make distributions. Adjusted EBITDA is a supplemental financial measure that management and external users of our consolidated financial statements, such as industry analysts, investors, commercial banks and rating agencies, use to assess the following, among other measures:

• our operating performance as compared to other publicly traded partnerships in the midstream energy industry, without regard to financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis;

• the ability of our assets to generate cash flow to make distributions; and

• the viability of acquisitions and capital expenditure projects and the returns on investment of various investment opportunities.

Adjusted EBITDA increased by \$57.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to a \$49.1 million increase in total revenues and other, a \$14.0 million decrease in operation and maintenance expenses, \$13.7 million in proceeds from business interruption insurance claims and a \$1.7 million increase in distributions from equity investees. These amounts were partially offset by a \$17.9 million increase in cost of product and a \$1.6 million increase in property and other tax expense.

Adjusted EBITDA increased by \$73.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to an \$87.4 million decrease in cost of product, a \$16.6 million decrease in operation and maintenance expenses, \$16.3 million in proceeds from business interruption insurance claims and a \$3.2 million increase in distributions from equity investees. These amounts were partially offset by a \$42.1 million decrease in total revenues and other, a \$5.2 million increase in property and other tax expense and a \$2.3 million increase in general and administrative expenses excluding non-cash equity-based compensation expense.

Distributable cash flow. We define “Distributable cash flow” as Adjusted EBITDA, plus interest income and the net settlement amounts from the sale and/or purchase of natural gas, condensate and NGLs under our commodity price swap agreements to the extent such amounts are not recognized as Adjusted EBITDA, less net cash paid (or to be paid) for interest expense (including amortization of deferred debt issuance costs originally paid in cash, offset by non-cash capitalized interest), maintenance capital expenditures, Series A Preferred unit distributions and income taxes. We compare Distributable cash flow to the cash distributions we expect to pay our unitholders. Using this measure, management can quickly compute the Coverage ratio of distributable cash flow to planned cash distributions. We believe Distributable cash flow is useful to investors because this measurement is used by many companies, analysts and others in the industry as a performance measurement tool to evaluate our operating and financial performance and compare it with the performance of other publicly traded partnerships. See Note 5—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q for a discussion of our swap extensions at the DJ Basin complex and the Hugoton system. While Distributable cash flow is a measure we use to assess our ability to make distributions to our unitholders, it should not be viewed as indicative of the actual amount of cash that we have available for distributions or that we plan to distribute for a given period. Furthermore, to the extent Distributable cash flow includes realized amounts recorded as capital contributions from Anadarko attributable to activity under our commodity price swap agreements, Distributable cash flow is not a reflection of our ability to generate cash from operations.

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Distributable cash flow increased by \$47.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to increases of \$57.5 million in Adjusted EBITDA and \$10.5 million in the above-market component of the swap extensions with Anadarko. These amounts were partially offset by distributions of \$14.9 million on Series A Preferred units issued in 2016 and a \$4.8 million increase in net cash paid for interest expense.

Distributable cash flow increased by \$41.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to an increase of \$73.6 million in Adjusted EBITDA and \$26.9 million in the above-market component of the swap extensions with Anadarko, where such amount related to the above-market component of swaps did not exist prior to the extensions executed on July 1, 2015. These amounts were partially offset by distributions of \$30.9 million on Series A Preferred units issued in 2016, a \$14.5 million increase in cash paid for maintenance capital expenditures and a \$13.2 million increase in net cash paid for interest expense.

Reconciliation to non-GAAP measures. Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow are not defined in GAAP. The GAAP measure used by us that is most directly comparable to Adjusted gross margin is operating income (loss), while net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP and net cash provided by operating activities are the GAAP measures used by us that are most directly comparable to Adjusted EBITDA. The GAAP measure used by us that is most directly comparable to Distributable cash flow is net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP. Our non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow should not be considered as alternatives to the GAAP measures of operating income (loss), net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP, net cash provided by operating activities or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow have important limitations as analytical tools because they exclude some, but not all, items that affect operating income (loss), net income (loss) and net cash provided by operating activities. Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Our definitions of Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies in our industry, thereby diminishing their utility.

Management compensates for the limitations of Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow as analytical tools by reviewing the comparable GAAP measures, understanding the differences between Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow compared to (as applicable) operating income (loss), net income (loss) and net cash provided by operating activities, and incorporating this knowledge into its decision-making processes. We believe that investors benefit from having access to the same financial measures that our management uses in evaluating our operating results.

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The following tables present (a) a reconciliation of the GAAP financial measure of operating income (loss) to the non-GAAP financial measure of Adjusted gross margin, (b) a reconciliation of the GAAP financial measures of net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP and net cash provided by operating activities to the non-GAAP financial measure of Adjusted EBITDA and (c) a reconciliation of the GAAP financial measure of net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP to the non-GAAP financial measure of Distributable cash flow:

thousands	Three Months		Nine Months Ended	
	Ended September 30, 2016	2015	2016	2015
Reconciliation of Operating income (loss) to Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP				
Operating income (loss)	\$ 197,288	\$ 226,432	\$ 527,053	\$ 274,812
Add:				
Distributions from equity investees	27,133	25,482	76,263	73,054
Operation and maintenance	74,755	88,722	226,141	242,744
General and administrative	11,382	10,143	33,542	30,632
Property and other taxes	10,670	9,042	33,098	27,908
Depreciation and amortization	67,246	67,367	199,646	204,896
Impairments	2,392	2,335	11,313	276,579
Less:				
Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net	(6,230)	77,254	(8,769)	77,248
Proceeds from business interruption insurance claims	13,667	—	16,270	—
Equity income, net – affiliates	20,294	21,976	56,801	59,137
Reimbursed electricity-related charges recorded as revenues	15,170	15,392	45,707	40,423
Adjusted gross margin attributable to noncontrolling interest	3,984	3,753	12,588	13,222
Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	\$ 343,981	\$ 311,148	\$ 984,459	\$ 940,595
Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets	\$ 306,393	\$ 277,407	\$ 877,583	\$ 842,213
Adjusted gross margin for crude/NGL assets	37,588	33,741	106,876	98,382

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	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
thousands	2016	2015	2016	2015
Reconciliation of Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP to Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP				
Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	\$167,746	\$184,137	\$448,327	\$159,987
Add:				
Distributions from equity investees	27,133	25,482	76,263	73,054
Non-cash equity-based compensation expense	1,469	1,148	4,018	3,423
Interest expense	30,768	31,773	75,687	82,337
Income tax expense	472	12,644	7,431	37,160
Depreciation and amortization ⁽¹⁾	66,589	66,714	197,678	202,945
Impairments	2,392	2,335	11,313	276,579
Other expense ⁽¹⁾	40	—	96	—
Less:				
Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net	(6,230)	77,254	(8,769)	77,248
Equity income, net – affiliates	20,294	21,976	56,801	59,137
Interest income – affiliates	4,225	4,225	12,675	12,675
Other income ⁽¹⁾	150	82	272	219
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	\$278,170	\$220,696	\$759,834	\$686,206
Reconciliation of Net cash provided by operating activities to Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP				
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$263,872	\$224,572	\$657,738	\$596,893
Interest (income) expense, net	26,543	27,548	63,012	69,662
Uncontributed cash-based compensation awards	290	21	448	166
Accretion and amortization of long-term obligations, net	121	(5,226)	9,176	(12,296)
Current income tax (benefit) expense	131	9,030	5,110	27,164
Other (income) expense, net	(153)	(85)	(224)	(227)
Distributions from equity investments in excess of cumulative earnings – affiliates	5,981	3,871	16,592	12,409
Changes in operating working capital:				
Accounts receivable, net	7,866	(22,741)	41,108	18,617
Accounts and imbalance payables and accrued liabilities, net	(26,330)	(13,288)	(24,103)	(17,695)
Other	3,184	(168)	1,445	1,686
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to noncontrolling interest	(3,335)	(2,838)	(10,468)	(10,173)
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	\$278,170	\$220,696	\$759,834	\$686,206
Cash flow information of Western Gas Partners, LP				
Net cash provided by operating activities			\$657,738	\$596,893
Net cash used in investing activities			(1,040,692)	(368,651)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities			429,368	(222,096)

⁽¹⁾ Includes our 75% share of depreciation and amortization; other expense; and other income attributable to the Chipeta complex.

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	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
thousands except Coverage ratio				
Reconciliation of Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP to Distributable cash flow and calculation of the Coverage ratio				
Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP	\$ 167,746	\$ 184,137	\$ 448,327	\$ 159,987
Add:				
Distributions from equity investees	27,133	25,482	76,263	73,054
Non-cash equity-based compensation expense	1,469	1,148	4,018	3,423
Interest expense, net (non-cash settled) ⁽¹⁾	(1,173)	4,310	(12,097)	9,920
Income tax (benefit) expense	472	12,644	7,431	37,160
Depreciation and amortization ⁽²⁾	66,589	66,714	197,678	202,945
Impairments	2,392	2,335	11,313	276,579
Above-market component of swap extensions with Anadarko ⁽³⁾	18,417	7,916	34,782	7,916
Other expense ⁽²⁾	40	—	96	—
Less:				
Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net	(6,230)	77,254	(8,769)	77,248
Equity income, net – affiliates	20,294	21,976	56,801	59,137
Cash paid for maintenance capital expenditures ⁽²⁾	15,306	14,704	55,288	40,809
Capitalized interest	1,343	1,039	4,674	6,826
Cash paid for (reimbursement of) income taxes	—	—	67	(138)
Series A Preferred unit distributions	14,907	—	30,876	—
Other income ⁽²⁾	150	82	272	219
Distributable cash flow	\$ 237,315	\$ 189,631	\$ 628,602	\$ 586,883
Distributions declared ⁽⁴⁾				
Limited partners – common units	\$ 110,418		\$ 325,369	
General partner	56,324		163,105	
Total	\$ 166,742		\$ 488,474	
Coverage ratio	1.42	x	1.29	x

(1) Includes accretion revisions related to the Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko. See Note 2—Acquisitions and Divestitures in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

(2) Includes our 75% share of depreciation and amortization; other expense; cash paid for maintenance capital expenditures; and other income attributable to the Chipeta complex.

(3) See Note 5—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

(4) Reflects cash distributions of \$0.845 and \$2.490 per unit declared for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

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LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary cash requirements are for acquisitions and capital expenditures, debt service, customary operating expenses, quarterly distributions to our limited partners and general partner, and distributions to our noncontrolling interest owner. Our sources of liquidity as of September 30, 2016, included cash and cash equivalents, cash flows generated from operations, interest income on our \$260.0 million note receivable from Anadarko, available borrowing capacity under our RCF, and issuances of additional equity or debt securities. We believe that cash flows generated from these sources will be sufficient to satisfy our short-term working capital requirements and long-term maintenance and expansion capital expenditure requirements. The amount of future distributions to unitholders will depend on our results of operations, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors, including the extension of commodity price swap agreements, and will be determined by the Board of Directors of our general partner on a quarterly basis. Due to our cash distribution policy, we expect to rely on external financing sources, including equity and debt issuances, to fund expansion capital expenditures and future acquisitions. However, to limit interest expense, we may use operating cash flows to fund expansion capital expenditures or acquisitions, which could result in subsequent borrowings under our RCF to pay distributions or fund other short-term working capital requirements.

We have filed an insurance claim for the incident at the DBM complex and are currently in the adjusting process with insurers. Recoveries from the business interruption claim related to the DBM outage are recognized as income when non-refundable cash proceeds are received from insurers. As of September 30, 2016, we had received \$34.7 million in cash proceeds from insurers related to the incident at the DBM complex, including \$16.3 million in proceeds from business interruption insurance claims and \$18.4 million in proceeds from property insurance claims (see Note 1—Description of Business and Basis of Presentation in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q).

Our partnership agreement requires that we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in the partnership agreement) to unitholders of record on the applicable record date within 45 days of the end of each quarter. We have made cash distributions to our unitholders each quarter since our IPO and have increased our quarterly distribution each quarter since the second quarter of 2009. The Board of Directors of our general partner declared a cash distribution to our unitholders for the third quarter of 2016 of \$0.845 per unit, or \$166.7 million in aggregate, including incentive distributions, but excluding distributions on Class C units and Series A Preferred units. The cash distribution is payable on November 10, 2016, to unitholders of record at the close of business on October 31, 2016. In connection with the closing of the DBM acquisition in November 2014, we issued Class C units that will receive distributions in the form of additional Class C units until the end of 2017, unless earlier converted (see Note 3—Partnership Distributions in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q). The Class C unit distribution, if paid in cash, would have been \$10.3 million for the third quarter of 2016. In connection with the closing of the Springfield acquisition in March 2016, we issued the March 2016 Series A units, and in April 2016, we issued the April 2016 Series A units pursuant to the full exercise of the option granted in connection with the March 2016 Series A units issuance. These Series A Preferred units will receive quarterly distributions in cash equal to \$0.68 per Series A Preferred unit, subject to certain adjustments. See Note 3—Partnership Distributions in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q. For the quarter ended September 30, 2016, the Series A Preferred unitholders will receive an aggregate cash distribution of \$14.9 million, payable in November 2016.

Management continuously monitors our leverage position and coordinates our capital expenditure program, quarterly distributions and acquisition strategy with our expected cash flows and projected debt-repayment schedule. We will continue to evaluate funding alternatives, including additional borrowings and the issuance of debt or equity securities, to secure funds as needed or to refinance outstanding debt balances with longer term notes. To facilitate a potential debt or equity securities issuance, we have the ability to sell securities under our shelf registration statements. Our ability to generate cash flows is subject to a number of factors, some of which are beyond our control. Read Risk Factors under Part II, Item 1A of this Form 10-Q.

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Working capital. As of September 30, 2016, we had \$113.4 million of working capital, which we define as the amount by which current assets exceed current liabilities. Working capital includes the estimated property insurance receivable related to the DBM outage. See Note 1—Description of Business and Basis of Presentation in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q. Working capital is an indication of our liquidity and potential need for short-term funding. Our working capital requirements are driven by changes in accounts receivable and accounts payable and factors such as credit extended to, and the timing of collections from, our customers, and the level and timing of our spending for maintenance and expansion activity. As of September 30, 2016, we had \$1.18 billion available for borrowing under our RCF. See Note 9—Debt and Interest Expense in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Capital expenditures. Our business is capital intensive, requiring significant investment to maintain and improve existing facilities or develop new midstream infrastructure. We categorize capital expenditures as either of the following:

maintenance capital expenditures, which include those expenditures required to maintain the existing operating capacity and service capability of our assets, such as to replace system components and equipment that have been subject to significant use over time, become obsolete or reached the end of their useful lives, to remain in compliance with regulatory or legal requirements or to complete additional well connections to maintain existing system throughput and related cash flows (for fiscal year 2016, the general partner’s Board of Directors has approved Estimated Maintenance Capital Expenditures (as defined in our partnership agreement) of \$17.7 million per quarter);
or

expansion capital expenditures, which include expenditures to construct new midstream infrastructure and those expenditures incurred to extend the useful lives of our assets, reduce costs, increase revenues or increase system throughput or capacity from current levels, including well connections that increase existing system throughput.

Capital expenditures in the consolidated statements of cash flows reflect capital expenditures on a cash basis, when payments are made. Capital incurred is presented on an accrual basis. Capital expenditures as presented in the consolidated statements of cash flows and capital incurred were as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
thousands	2016	2015
Acquisitions	\$716,465	\$13,883