

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

**Form S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**30-0108820**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** As soon as practicable after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities registered on this form are being offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered(1)	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Security	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
Debt Securities				
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	

(1) There is being registered hereunder such indeterminate number or amount of debt securities as may from time to time be issued by the registrant at indeterminate prices.

(2) In reliance on Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act, the registrant hereby defers payment of the registration fee required in connection with this Registration Statement.



# Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.

## Debt Securities

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We may offer and sell debt securities described in this prospectus from time to time in one or more classes or series and in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of our offerings.

We may offer and sell these debt securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. This prospectus describes the general terms of these debt securities and the general manner in which we will offer the debt securities. The specific terms of any debt securities we offer will be included in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will also describe the specific manner in which we will offer the debt securities. We will provide a supplement to accompany this prospectus each time we offer any debt securities. You should read this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

**Investing in our debt securities involves risks. See “[Risk Factors](#)” beginning on page 5 of this prospectus.**

We will provide information in the prospectus supplement for the trading market, if any, for any debt securities we may offer.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

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The date of this prospectus is November 14, 2013.

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**In making your investment decision, you should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any other information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it.**

**You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of this prospectus. You should not assume that the information contained in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the respective dates of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.**

## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) using a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer and sell the debt securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus generally describes Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and the debt securities. Each time we sell securities with this prospectus, we will provide you with a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change information in this prospectus. Before you invest in our securities, you should carefully read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement and the additional information described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information” and any additional information you may need to make your investment decision. To the extent information in this prospectus is inconsistent with information contained in a prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement.

All references in this prospectus to “we,” “us,” “Energy Transfer Equity” and “our” refer to Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and its subsidiaries. All references in this prospectus to “our general partner” refer to LE GP, LLC.

## ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

We are a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership (NYSE: ETE) that directly and indirectly owns equity interests in Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP) (“ETP”) and Regency Energy Partners LP (NYSE:RGP) (“Regency”), both of which are publicly traded master limited partnerships engaged in diversified energy-related services.

As of October 31, 2013, our equity interests in ETP and Regency consisted of:

	<b>General Partner Interest (as a % of total partnership interest)</b>	<b>Incentive Distribution Rights</b>	<b>Common Units</b>	<b>Other</b>
ETP	0.8%	100%	49,551,069(1)	50,160,000 Class H Units(3)
Regency	1.3%	100%	26,266,791(2)	—

- (1) Represented an approximate 15.0% limited partner interest in ETP.
- (2) Represented an approximate 12.5% limited partner interest in Regency.
- (3) The Class H Units entitle us to (i) allocations of profits, losses and other items from ETP corresponding to 50.05% of the profits, losses and other items allocated to ETP by Sunoco Partners LLC (“SXL GP”), the general partner of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE: SXL) (“SXL”), with respect to the incentive distribution rights and general partner interest in SXL held by SXL GP, (ii) distributions from ETP for each quarter equal to 50.05% of the cash distributed to ETP by SXL GP with respect to the incentive distribution rights and general partner interest in SXL held by SXL GP for such quarter and, to the extent not previously distributed to holders of the Class H Units, for any previous quarters, and (iii) incremental cash distributions in the aggregate amount of \$329 million, subject to adjustment, to be payable by ETP to us over 15 quarters, commencing with the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and ending with the quarter ending March 31, 2017.

The following is a brief description of ETP’s and Regency’s operations:

- ETP is a publicly-traded limited partnership owning and operating a diversified portfolio of energy assets in the United States. ETP owns and operates approximately 43,000 miles of natural gas, natural gas liquids (“NGLs”), refined products and crude oil pipelines. ETP owns 100% of ETP Holdco Corporation, which owns Southern Union Company and Sunoco, Inc., and a 70% interest in Lone Star NGL LLC, a joint venture that owns and operates NGL storage, fractionation and transportation assets.

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ETP also owns the general partner, 100% of the incentive distribution rights and approximately 33.5 million common units in SXL, which operates a geographically diverse portfolio of crude oil and refined products pipelines, terminalling and crude oil acquisition and marketing assets.

- Regency is a growth-oriented, midstream energy partnership engaged in the gathering and processing, contract compression, treating and transportation of natural gas and the transportation, fractionation and storage of natural gas liquids. RGP also owns a 30% interest in Lone Star NGL LLC, a joint venture that owns and operates natural gas liquids storage, fractionation, and transportation assets in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Our principal executive offices are located at 3738 Oak Lawn Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75219, and our telephone number at that location is (214) 981-0700.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference contain various forward-looking statements and information that are based on our beliefs and those of our general partner, as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to us. These forward-looking statements are identified as any statement that does not relate strictly to historical or current facts. When used in this prospectus, words such as “anticipate,” “project,” “expect,” “plan,” “goal,” “forecast,” “estimate,” “intend,” “could,” “believe,” “may,” “will” and similar expressions and statements regarding our plans and objectives for future operations, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Although we and our general partner believe that the expectations on which such forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, neither we nor our general partner can give assurances that such expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated, projected or expected. Among the key risk factors that may have a direct bearing on our results of operations and financial condition are:

- the ability of our subsidiaries, ETP and Regency, to make cash distributions to us, which is dependent on their results of operations, cash flows and financial condition;
- the actual amount of cash distributions by ETP and Regency to us;
- the volumes transported on our subsidiaries’ pipelines and gathering systems;
- the level of throughput in our subsidiaries’ processing and treating facilities;
- the fees our subsidiaries charge and the margins they realize for their gathering, treating, processing, storage and transportation services;
- the prices and market demand for, and the relationship between, natural gas and NGLs;
- energy prices generally;
- the prices of natural gas and NGLs compared to the price of alternative and competing fuels;
- the general level of petroleum product demand and the availability and price of NGL supplies;
- the level of domestic oil, natural gas and NGL production;
- the availability of imported oil, natural gas and NGLs;
- actions taken by foreign oil and gas producing nations;
- the political and economic stability of petroleum producing nations;
- the effect of weather conditions on demand for oil, natural gas and NGLs;
- availability of local, intrastate and interstate transportation systems;
- the continued ability to find and contract for new sources of natural gas supply;
- availability and marketing of competitive fuels;
- the impact of energy conservation efforts;
- energy efficiencies and technological trends;
- governmental regulation and taxation;
- changes to, and the application of, regulation of tariff rates and operational requirements related to our subsidiaries’ interstate and intrastate pipelines;
- hazards or operating risks incidental to the gathering, treating, processing and transporting of natural gas and NGLs;

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- competition from other midstream companies and interstate pipeline companies;
- loss of key personnel;
- loss of key natural gas producers or the providers of fractionation services;
- reductions in the capacity or allocations of third-party pipelines that connect with our subsidiaries' pipelines and facilities;
- the effectiveness of our risk-management policies and procedures and the ability of our subsidiaries' liquids marketing counterparties to satisfy their financial commitments;
- the nonpayment or nonperformance by our subsidiaries' customers;
- regulatory, environmental, political and legal uncertainties that may affect the timing and cost of our subsidiaries' internal growth projects, such as our subsidiaries' construction of additional pipeline systems;
- risks associated with the construction of new pipelines and treating and processing facilities or additions to our subsidiaries' existing pipelines and facilities, including difficulties in obtaining permits and rights-of-way or other regulatory approvals and the performance by third-party contractors;
- the availability and cost of capital and our subsidiaries' ability to access certain capital sources;
- a deterioration of the credit and capital markets;
- risks associated with the assets and operations of entities in which our subsidiaries own less than a controlling interest, including risks related to management actions at such entities that our subsidiaries may not be able to control or influence;
- the ability to successfully identify and consummate strategic acquisitions at purchase prices that are accretive to our financial results and to successfully integrate acquired businesses;
- changes in laws and regulations to which we are subject, including tax, environmental, transportation and employment regulations or new interpretations by regulatory agencies concerning such laws and regulations; and
- the costs and effects of legal and administrative proceedings.

You should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. When considering forward-looking statements, please review the risk factors described under "Risk Factors" in this prospectus. Any forward-looking statement made by us in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus is based only on information currently available to us and speaks only as of the date on which it is made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

## RISK FACTORS

*The nature of our business activities subjects us to certain hazards and risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors and all of the other information included in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, including those included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and, if applicable, in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, in evaluating an investment in our securities. If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our debt securities could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment. When we offer and sell any securities pursuant to a prospectus supplement, we may include additional risk factors relevant to those securities in the prospectus supplement.*

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Any specific use of the net proceeds of an offering of debt securities will be determined at the time of the offering and will be described in a prospectus supplement.

## RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The table below sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated on a consolidated historical basis. For purposes of determining the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings are defined as pre-tax income from continuing operations before adjustment for income or loss from equity investees, plus fixed charges, amortization of capitalized interest, and distributed income from equity investees, minus capitalized interest. Fixed charges consist of net interest expense (inclusive of credit facility commitment fees) on all indebtedness, capitalized interest, the amortization of deferred financing costs, and interest associated with operating leases, if any.

	Years Ended December 31,					Nine Months Ended
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	September 30, 2013
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	2.73	2.37	1.50	1.70	2.18	2.12



## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. may issue senior debt securities under an indenture dated September 20, 2010 between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., as issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. We refer to this indenture as the “indenture.” The debt securities will be governed by the provisions of the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

We have summarized material provisions of the indenture and the debt securities below. This summary is not complete. We have filed the indenture with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement, and you should read the indenture for provisions that may be important to you.

References in this “Description of Debt Securities” to “we,” “us” and “our” mean Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., and not any of our subsidiaries.

### Provisions Applicable to the Indenture

Except as may be provided in a prospectus supplement relating to an issuance of debt securities, the indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued under any indenture, and does not limit the amount of other unsecured debt or securities that we may issue. We may issue debt securities under the indenture from time to time in one or more series, each in an amount authorized prior to issuance.

Except as may be provided in a prospectus supplement relating to an issuance of debt securities, the indenture does not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to protect holders of the debt securities in the event we participate in a highly leveraged transaction or upon a change of control. Except as may be provided in a prospectus supplement relating to an issuance of debt securities, the indenture also does not contain provisions that give holders the right to require us to repurchase their securities in the event of a decline in our credit ratings for any reason, including as a result of a takeover, recapitalization or similar restructuring or otherwise.

*Terms.* We will prepare a prospectus supplement and either a supplemental indenture, or authorizing resolutions of the board of directors of our general partner, accompanied by an officers’ certificate, relating to any series of debt securities that we offer, which will include specific terms relating to some or all of the following:

- the form and title of the debt securities of that series;
- the total principal amount of the debt securities of that series;
- whether the debt securities will be issued in individual certificates to each holder or in the form of temporary or permanent global securities held by a depository on behalf of holders;
- the date or dates on which the principal of and any premium on the debt securities of that series will be payable;
- any interest rate that the debt securities of that series will bear, the date from which interest will accrue, interest payment dates and record dates for interest payments;
- any right to extend or defer the interest payment periods and the duration of the extension;
- whether and under what circumstances any additional amounts with respect to the debt securities will be payable;
- whether debt securities are entitled to the benefits of any guarantee of any subsidiary guarantor;
- whether debt securities are secured by any of our or any guarantor’s, if any, assets;
- the place or places where payments on the debt securities of that series will be payable;

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- any provisions for optional redemption or early repayment;
- any provisions that would require the redemption, purchase or repayment of debt securities;
- the denominations in which the debt securities will be issued;
- whether payments on the debt securities will be payable in foreign currency or currency units or another form and whether payments will be payable by reference to any index or formula;
- the portion of the principal amount of debt securities that will be payable if the maturity is accelerated, if other than the entire principal amount;
- any additional means of defeasance of the debt securities, any additional conditions or limitations to defeasance of the debt securities or any changes to those conditions or limitations;
- any changes or additions to the events of default or covenants described in this prospectus;
- any restrictions or other provisions relating to the transfer or exchange of debt securities;
- any terms for the conversion or exchange of the debt securities for our other securities or securities of any other entity; and
- any other terms of the debt securities of that series.

This description of debt securities will be deemed modified, amended or supplemented by any description of any series of debt securities set forth in a prospectus supplement related to that series.

We may sell the debt securities at a discount, which may be substantial, below their stated principal amount. These debt securities may bear no interest or interest at a rate that at the time of issuance is below market rates. If we sell these debt securities, we will describe in the prospectus supplement any material United States federal income tax consequences and other special considerations.

If we sell any of the debt securities for any foreign currency or currency unit or if payments on the debt securities are payable in any foreign currency or currency unit, we will describe in the prospectus supplement the restrictions, elections, tax consequences, specific terms and other information relating to those debt securities and the foreign currency or currency unit.

*Events of Default.* We will describe in the prospectus supplement the terms of events of default with respect to a series of debt securities and all provisions relating thereto.

*Modification and Waiver.* The indenture may be amended or supplemented if the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series issued under the indenture that are affected by the amendment or supplement (acting as one class) consent to it. We will describe in the prospectus supplement the terms that may not be modified without the consent of the holder of each debt security affected with respect to a series of debt securities.

*Defeasance.* When we use the term defeasance, we mean discharge from some or all of our obligations under the indenture. We will describe in the prospectus supplement the provisions applicable to defeasance with respect to a series of debt securities.

*Governing Law.* New York law governs the indenture and the debt securities.

*Trustee.* We may appoint a separate trustee for any series of debt securities. We use the term “trustee” to refer to the trustee appointed with respect to any such series of debt securities. We may maintain banking and other commercial relationships with the trustee and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business, and the trustee may own debt securities.

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*Form, Exchange, Registration and Transfer.* The debt securities will be issued in registered form, without interest coupons. There will be no service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange of the debt securities. However, payment of any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable for that registration may be required.

Debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series, the same total principal amount and the same terms but in different authorized denominations in accordance with the applicable indenture. Holders may present debt securities for registration of transfer at the office of the security registrar or any transfer agent we designate. The security registrar or transfer agent will effect the transfer or exchange if its requirements and the requirements of the indenture are met.

The trustee will be appointed as security registrar for the debt securities. If a prospectus supplement refers to any transfer agents we initially designate, we may at any time rescind that designation or approve a change in the location through which any transfer agent acts. We are required to maintain an office or agency for transfers and exchanges in each place of payment. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents for any series of debt securities.

In the case of any redemption, we will not be required to register the transfer or exchange of:

- any debt security during a period beginning 15 business days prior to the mailing of the relevant notice of redemption and ending on the close of business on the day of mailing of such notice; or
- any debt security that has been called for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part.

*Payment and Paying Agents.* Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus supplement, payments on the debt securities will be made in U.S. dollars at the office of the trustee and any paying agent. At our option, however, payments may be made by wire transfer for global debt securities or by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to the payment as it appears in the security register. Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus supplement, interest payments may be made to the person in whose name the debt security is registered at the close of business on the record date for the interest payment.

Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus supplement, the trustee under the indenture will be designated as the paying agent for payments on debt securities issued under the indenture. We may at any time designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts.

If the principal of or any premium or interest on debt securities of a series is payable on a day that is not a business day, the payment will be made on the following business day. For these purposes, unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus supplement, a “business day” is any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in New York, New York or a place of payment on the debt securities of that series is authorized or obligated by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed.

Subject to the requirements of any applicable abandoned property laws, the trustee and paying agent will pay to us upon written request any money held by them for payments on the debt securities that remains unclaimed for two years after the date upon which that payment has become due. After payment to us, holders entitled to the money must look to us for payment. In that case, all liability of the trustee or paying agent with respect to that money will cease.

*Book-Entry Debt Securities.* The debt securities of a series may be issued in the form of one or more global debt securities that would be deposited with a depository or its nominee identified in the prospectus supplement. Global debt securities may be issued in either temporary or permanent form. We will describe in the prospectus supplement the terms of any depository arrangement and the rights and limitations of owners of beneficial interests in any global debt security.

## **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

Under this prospectus, we intend to offer our debt securities to the public through underwriters or directly to investors.

We will fix a price or prices of our debt securities at negotiated prices.

We may change the price of the debt securities offered from time to time.

To the extent required, the names of the specific managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, as well as other important information, will be set forth in prospectus supplements. In that event, the discounts and commissions we will allow or pay to the underwriters, if any, and the discounts and commissions the underwriters may allow or pay to dealers or agents, if any, will be set forth in, or may be calculated from, the prospectus supplements. Any underwriters, brokers, dealers and agents who participate in any sale of the debt securities may also engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us or our affiliates in the ordinary course of their businesses. We may indemnify underwriters, brokers, dealers and agents against specific liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution.

## LEGAL MATTERS

Latham & Watkins LLP, Houston, Texas, will pass upon the validity of the debt securities offered in this registration statement. If certain legal matters in connection with an offering of the debt securities made by this prospectus and a related prospectus supplement are passed upon by counsel for the underwriters of such offering, that counsel will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement related to that offering.

## EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the reports of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the reports of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, included in this prospectus have been so included in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Regency Energy Partners LP and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the years then ended, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the reports of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the years then ended incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent certified public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Lone Star NGL LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from inception (March 21, 2011) to December 31, 2011 incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent certified public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Southern Union Gathering Company, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and for the period from March 26, 2012 to December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 1, 2012 to March 25, 2012 incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent certified public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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The consolidated financial statements of Regency Energy Partners LP for the period from May 26, 2010 to December 31, 2010 and the period from January 1, 2010 to May 25, 2010 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, included herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010 included in Exhibit 99.3 of Regency Energy Partners LP's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 have been so incorporated in this prospectus in reliance on the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The financial statements of Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and for the year ended December 31, 2011 and for the seven-month period ended December 31, 2010, included in Exhibits 99.4 and 99.5, respectively, of Regency Energy Partners LP's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 have been so incorporated in this prospectus in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The financial statements of LDH Energy Asset Holdings LLC as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for the three year period ended December 31, 2010 included in Exhibit 99.7 of Regency Energy Partners LP's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 have been so incorporated in this prospectus in reliance on the report of Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

This prospectus, including any documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes a part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the SEC under the Securities Act. This prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement. You should refer to the registration statement and its related exhibits and schedules, and the documents incorporated herein by reference, for further information about ETE and the debt securities offered in this prospectus. Statements contained in this prospectus concerning the provisions of any document are not necessarily complete and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of that document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement or otherwise filed with the SEC, and each such statement is qualified by this reference. The registration statement and its exhibits and schedules, and the documents incorporated herein by reference, are on file at the offices of the SEC and may be inspected without charge.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports and other information with the SEC. You can read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can obtain information about the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains information we file electronically with the SEC, which you can access over the Internet at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Our home page is located at <http://www.energytransfer.com>. Our annual reports on Form 10-K, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other filings with the SEC are available free of charge through our web site as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports or filings are electronically filed or furnished to the SEC. Information on our web site or any other web site is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

We are incorporating by reference in this prospectus information we file with the SEC, which means that we are disclosing important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC automatically will update and supersede this information and will be considered a part of this prospectus from the date those documents are filed. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, excluding any information in those documents that is deemed by the rules of the SEC to be furnished and not filed, after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of an offering:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2013, June 30, 2013 and September 30, 2013;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed February 14, 2013, February 28, 2013, March 26, 2013, April 2, 2013, April 4, 2013, May 1, 2013 (which was amended by Form 8-K/A on May 6, 2013), June 24, 2013, August 8, 2013, October 25, 2013, November 1, 2013 and November 14, 2013 (excluding any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any such Current Reports on Form 8-K or 8 K/A);
- audited financial statements of ETP for the year ended December 31, 2012 included in ETP's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed March 1, 2013;
- unaudited financial statements of ETP for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 included in ETP's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013;
- audited financial statements of Regency for the year ended December 31, 2012 included in Regency's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 9, 2013;

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- unaudited financial statements of Regency for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 included in Regency's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013;
- audited financial statements of Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the seven month period ended December 31, 2010 included in Regency's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (the "Regency 2012 10-K");
- audited financial statements of RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co. as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010 included in the Regency 2012 10-K;
- audited financial statements of Lone Star NGL LLC as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from March 21, 2011 to December 31, 2011, included in the Regency 2012 10-K;
- audited financial statements of LDH Energy Asset Holdings LLC as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for the three year period ended December 31, 2010 included in the Regency 2012 10-K; and
- audited financial statements of Southern Union Gathering Company as of December 31, 2012 and for the period from March 26, 2012 to December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 1, 2012 to March 25, 2012 included in Exhibit 99.2 of Regency Energy Partners LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 12, 2013.

You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC through the SEC's web site at the address provided above. You also may request a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus (including exhibits to those documents specifically incorporated by reference in this document), at no cost, by visiting our web site at the address provided above or by writing or calling us at the address set forth below.

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.  
3738 Oak Lawn Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75219  
Attention: Sonia Aubé  
Telephone: (214) 981-0700



**PART II****Information not required in the Prospectus****Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

Set forth below are the expenses (other than underwriting discounts and commissions) expected to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities registered hereby.

Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee	*
Legal fees and expenses	**
Accounting fees and expenses	**
Printing and engraving expenses	**
Miscellaneous	**
Total	\$ **

\* The registrant is deferring payment of the registration fee in reliance on Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r).

\*\* These fees are calculated based on the number of issuances and amount of securities offered and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

**Item 15. Indemnification of Officers and Directors.**

As provided in our partnership agreement, which is incorporated herein by this reference, we will generally indemnify our general partner, officers, directors and affiliates of the general partner to the fullest extent permitted by the law against all losses, claims, damages or similar events; provided, that the indemnitee shall not be indemnified and held harmless if there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter for which the indemnitee is seeking indemnification, the indemnitee acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud, willful misconduct, or in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the indemnitee's conduct was unlawful. Subject to any terms, conditions or restrictions set forth in our partnership agreement, Section 17-108 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act empowers a Delaware limited partnership to indemnify and hold harmless any partner or other persons from and against all claims and demands whatsoever.

To the extent that the indemnification provisions of our partnership agreement purport to include indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is contrary to public policy and is therefore unenforceable.

**Item 16. Exhibits**

Exhibit Number	Previously Filed		As Exhibit
	With File Number (Form) (Period Ending or Date)		
1.1**			Form of Underwriting Agreement.
2.1	1-32740 (8-K/A) (5/13/10)	2.1	General Partner Purchase Agreement, dated May 10, 2010, by and among Regency GP Acquirer, L.P., Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and ETE GP Acquirer LLC.
2.2	1-32740 (8-K/A) (5/13/10)	2.2	Redemption and Exchange Agreement, dated May 10, 2010, by and among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.
2.3	1-32740 (8-K/A) (5/13/10)	2.3	Contribution Agreement, dated May 10, 2010, by and among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Regency Energy Partners LP and Regency Midcontinent Express LLC.

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Previously Filed</u>	
	<u>With File Number (Form) (Period Ending or Date)</u>	<u>As Exhibit</u>
2.4	1-32740 (8-K) (7/20/11)	2.1 Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 19, 2011, by and among, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Sigma Acquisition Corporation, and Southern Union Company.
2.5	1-32740 (8-K) (9/15/11)	2.1 Amendment No. 1, dated as of September 14, 2011, to Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 19, 2011, by and among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Sigma Acquisition Corporation and Southern Union Company.
2.5	1-32740 (8-K) (7/20/11)	2.2 Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 19, 2011, by and among, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Citrus ETP Acquisition L.L.C., Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Southern Union Company, and CrossCountry Energy, LLC.
2.7	1-32740 (8-K) (9/15/11)	2.2 Amendment No. 1, dated as of September 14, 2011, to Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 19, 2011, by and between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Citrus ETP Acquisition L.L.C., Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Southern Union Company, and CrossCountry Energy, LLC.
2.8	1-32740 (8-K) (3/28/12)	2.1 Amendment No. 2, dated as of March 23, 2012, to Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 19, 2011, by and among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Citrus ETP Acquisition, L.L.C, Southern Union Company and CrossCountry Energy, LLC.
2.9	1-32740 (8-K) (5/1/12)	2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 29, 2012, by and among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sam Acquisition Corporation, Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., Sunoco, Inc. and, for certain limited purposes set forth therein, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.
2.10	1-32740 (8-K) (6/20/12)	2.2 Amendment No. 1, dated as of June 15, 2012, to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 29, 2012, by and among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sam Acquisition Corporation, Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., Sunoco, Inc., and, for certain limited purposes set forth therein, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.
2.11	1-32740 (8-K) (6/20/12)	2.1 Transaction Agreement, dated as of June 15, 2012, by and among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., Heritage Holdings, Inc., Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., ETE Sigma Holdco, LLC and ETE Holdco Corporation.
4.1	1-32740 (8-K) (9/20/10)	4.14 Indenture, dated as of September 20, 2010, between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.2	1-32740 (8-K) (9/20/10)	4.15 First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 20, 2010, between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (including form of the Notes).

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Previously Filed</u>	
	<u>With File Number (Form) (Period Ending or Date)</u>	<u>As Exhibit</u>
4.3*		Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 20, 2011, between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.4	1-32740 (8-K) (2/16/12)	4.1 Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 16, 2012, between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.5	1-32740 (8-K) (9/20/10)	4.1 Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 24, 2012, between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and US Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.6	1-11727 (8-K) (1/19/05)	4.1 Indenture, dated as of January 18, 2005, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.7	1-11727 (8-K) (1/19/05)	4.2 First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 18, 2005, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.8	1-11727 (10-Q) (2/28/05)	10.45 Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 24, 2005, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.9	1-11727 (10-K) (8/31/06)	4.13 Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 29, 2006, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.10	1-11727 (8-K) (10/25/06)	4.1 Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 23, 2006, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.11	1-11727 (8-K) (3/28/08)	4.2 Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 28, 2008, between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.12	1-11727 (8-K) (12/23/08)	4.2 Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 23, 2008, between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.13	1-11727 (8-K) (4/7/09)	4.2 Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 7, 2009, between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.14	1-11727 (8-K) (5/12/11)	4.2 Ninth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 12, 2011, between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.15	1-11727 (8-K) (1/17/12)	4.2 Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 17, 2012, between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.16	1-11727 (8-K) (1/23/13)	4.2 Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 22, 2013, by and between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.17	1-11727 (8-K) (6/26/13)	4.2 Twelfth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 24, 2013, by and between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.

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4.18	1-11727 (8-K) (9/19/13)	4.2	Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 19, 2013, by and between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.19	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.1	Indenture, dated as of March 31 2009, between Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.20	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.2	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 31, 2009, between Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.21	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.3	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 5, 2012, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.22	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.4	Indenture, dated as of June 30, 2000, between Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A.
4.23	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.7	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 5, 2012, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A.
4.24	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.8	Indenture, dated as of May 15, 1994, between Sun Company, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A.
4.25	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.9	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 5, 2012, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A.
4.26	1-11727 (10-Q) (5/31/07)	10.55	Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of November 17, 2004, by and among Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC and the Purchasers parties thereto.
4.27	1-11727 (10-Q) (5/31/07)	10.55.1	Amendment No. 1 to the Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 18, 2007, by and among Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC and the Purchasers parties thereto.
4.28	1-11727 (10-Q) (5/31/07)	10.6	Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2007, by and among Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC and the Purchasers parties thereto.
4.29	1-11727 (8-K) (12/14/09)	10.1	Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 9, 2009, by and among Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC and the Purchasers parties thereto.
4.30	1-35262 (8-K) (10/27/10)	4.1	Indenture, dated as of October 27, 2010, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.31	1-35262 (8-K) (10/27/10)	4.2	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 27, 2010, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.

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4.32	1-35262 (8-K) (5/26/11)	4.2 Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 24, 2011, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.33	1-35262 (8-K) (5/26/11)	4.3 Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 26, 2011, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.34	333-169901 (S-3/A) (9/27/12)	4.9 Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 22, 2012, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.35	1-35262 (8-K) (10/2/12)	4.2 Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 2, 2012, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.36	333-169901 (S-3/A) (9/4/13)	4.33 Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 15, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.37	1-35262 (8-K) (4/30/13)	4.1 Indenture, dated as of April 30, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.38	1-35262 (8-K) (4/30/13)	4.2 First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 15, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.39	1-35262 (8-K) (9/11/13)	4.1 Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.40	333-169901 (S-3/A) (9/4/13)	4.35 First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.41	1-11727 (8-K) (6/26/13)	4.7 Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of June 24, 2013, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and the dealer managers party thereto.
4.42	1-35262 (8-K) (4/30/13)	4.3 Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., certain subsidiaries of Regency Energy Partners LP party thereto, PEPL Holdings, LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative of the several initial purchasers.
5.1*		Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP regarding the legality of the debt securities.
12.1*		Calculation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
23.1*		Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
23.2*		Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.
23.3*		Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.

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23.4*		Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P.
23.5*		Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Regency Energy Partners LP.
23.6*		Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co.
23.7*		Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Lone Star NGL LLC.
23.8*		Consent of Ernst & Young LLP related to Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.
23.9*		Consent of Ernst & Young LLP related to Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.
23.10*		Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP related to Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC.
23.11*		Consent of KPMG LLP related to RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co.
23.12*		Consent of KPMG LLP related to Regency Energy Partners LP.
23.13*		Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Southern Union Gathering Company, LLC.
23.14*		Consent of Ernst & Young LLP related to LDH Energy Asset Holdings LLC.
24.1*		Power of Attorney (set forth on the signature page contained in Part II of this Registration Statement).
25.1**		Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility and Qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of the Trustee under the Indenture.
99.1	1-11727 (10-K) (3/1/13)	Audited Financial Statements of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. for the three years ended December 31, 2012.
99.2	1-11727 (10-Q) (11/7/13)	Unaudited Financial Statements of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.
99.3*		Audited Financial Statements of Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P. for the three years ended December 31, 2012.
99.4*		Unaudited Financial Statements of Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P. for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.
99.5	1-35262 (8-K) (8/9/13)	Audited Financial Statements of Regency Energy Partners LP for the three years ended December 31, 2012.
99.6	1-35262 (10-Q) (11/7/13)	Unaudited Financial Statements of Regency Energy Partners LP for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.
99.7	1-35262 (8-K) (04/12/13)	99.2 Audited financial statements of Southern Union Gathering Company, LLC as of December 31, 2012 and for the period from March 26, 2012 to December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 1, 2012 to March 25, 2012.

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99.8	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.4 Audited Financial Statements of Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.
99.9	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.5 Audited Financial Statements of Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC for the seven month period ended December 31, 2010.
99.10	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.2 Audited Financial Statements of RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co. as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.
99.11	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.3 Audited Financial Statements of RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010.
99.12	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.6 Audited Financial Statements of Lone Star NGL LLC as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, for the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from March 21, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
99.13	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.7 Audited Financial Statements of LDH Energy Asset Holdings LLC as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for the three year period ended December 31, 2010.
99.14*		Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm—Ernst & Young LLP opinion on consolidated financial statements of Sunoco Logistics Partners LP.

\* Filed herewith

\*\* To be filed by amendment or as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K of the registrant.

### **Item 17. Undertakings**

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

1. To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

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*provided, however*, that paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) above do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

2. That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

3. To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

4. That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

5. That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.



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6. For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

7. To file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act ("Act") in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions set forth in response to Item 15, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-3 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Dallas, State of Texas, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

**ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.**

By: LE GP, L.L.C.  
its general partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds  
John W. McReynolds  
President

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints John W. McReynolds and Jamie Welch, and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agents, with full power to act without the other, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement and any additional registration statement pursuant to Rule 462(b), and to file the same with all exhibits thereto and any and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any national exchange or self-regulatory agency, and to do and perform any and all acts and things requisite and necessary to be done in connection with the foregoing as fully as he might or could do in person hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ John W. McReynolds</u> John W. McReynolds	President and Director <i>(Principal Executive Officer)</i>	November 14, 2013
<u>/s/ Jamie Welch</u> Jamie Welch	Chief Financial Officer and Director <i>(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)</i>	November 14, 2013
<u>/s/ Kelcy L. Warren</u> Kelcy L. Warren	Chairman of the Board of Directors	November 14, 2013
<u>/s/ John D. Harkey, Jr.</u> John D. Harkey, Jr.	Director	November 14, 2013
<u>/s/ Marshall S. McCrea</u> Marshall S. McCrea	Director	November 14, 2013
<u>/s/ K. Rick Turner</u> K. Rick Turner	Director	November 14, 2013
<u>/s/ Matthew S. Ramsey</u> Matthew S. Ramsey	Director	November 14, 2013

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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	<b>With File Number (Form) (Period Ending or Date)</b>		
1.1**			Form of Underwriting Agreement.
2.1	1-32740 (8-K/A) (5/13/10)	2.1	General Partner Purchase Agreement, dated May 10, 2010, by and among Regency GP Acquirer, L.P., Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and ETE GP Acquirer LLC.
2.2	1-32740 (8-K/A) (5/13/10)	2.2	Redemption and Exchange Agreement, dated May 10, 2010, by and among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.
2.3	1-32740 (8-K/A) (5/13/10)	2.3	Contribution Agreement, dated May 10, 2010, by and among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Regency Energy Partners LP and Regency Midcontinent Express LLC.
2.4	1-32740 (8-K) (7/20/11)	2.1	Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 19, 2011, by and among, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Sigma Acquisition Corporation, and Southern Union Company.
2.5	1-32740 (8-K) (9/15/11)	2.1	Amendment No. 1, dated as of September 14, 2011, to Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 19, 2011, by and among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Sigma Acquisition Corporation and Southern Union Company.
2.5	1-32740 (8-K) (7/20/11)	2.2	Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 19, 2011, by and among, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Citrus ETP Acquisition L.L.C., Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Southern Union Company, and CrossCountry Energy, LLC.
2.7	1-32740 (8-K) (9/15/11)	2.2	Amendment No. 1, dated as of September 14, 2011, to Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 19, 2011, by and between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Citrus ETP Acquisition L.L.C., Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Southern Union Company, and CrossCountry Energy, LLC.
2.8	1-32740 (8-K) (3/28/12)	2.1	Amendment No. 2, dated as of March 23, 2012, to Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 19, 2011, by and among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Citrus ETP Acquisition, L.L.C, Southern Union Company and CrossCountry Energy, LLC.
2.9	1-32740 (8-K) (5/1/12)	2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 29, 2012, by and among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sam Acquisition Corporation, Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., Sunoco, Inc. and, for certain limited purposes set forth therein, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.
2.10	1-32740 (8-K) (6/20/12)	2.2	Amendment No. 1, dated as of June 15, 2012, to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 29, 2012, by and among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sam Acquisition Corporation, Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., Sunoco, Inc., and, for certain limited purposes set forth therein, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.

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2.11	1-32740 (8-K) (6/20/12)	2.1	Transaction Agreement, dated as of June 15, 2012, by and among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., Heritage Holdings, Inc., Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., ETE Sigma Holdco, LLC and ETE Holdco Corporation.
4.1	1-32740 (8-K) (9/20/10)	4.14	Indenture, dated as of September 20, 2010, between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.2	1-32740 (8-K) (9/20/10)	4.15	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 20, 2010, between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (including form of the Notes).
4.3*			Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 20, 2011, between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.4	1-32740 (8-K) (2/16/12)	4.1	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 16, 2012, between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.5	1-32740 (8-K) (9/20/10)	4.1	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 24, 2012, between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and US Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.6	1-11727 (8-K) (1/19/05)	4.1	Indenture, dated as of January 18, 2005, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.7	1-11727 (8-K) (1/19/05)	4.2	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 18, 2005, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.8	1-11727 (10-Q) (2/28/05)	10.45	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 24, 2005, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.9	1-11727 (10-K) (8/31/06)	4.13	Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 29, 2006, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.10	1-11727 (8-K) (10/25/06)	4.1	Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 23, 2006, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.11	1-11727 (8-K) (3/28/08)	4.2	Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 28, 2008, between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.12	1-11727 (8-K) (12/23/08)	4.2	Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 23, 2008, between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.13	1-11727 (8-K) (4/7/09)	4.2	Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 7, 2009, between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.

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4.14	1-11727 (8-K) (5/12/11)	4.2	Ninth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 12, 2011, between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.15	1-11727 (8-K) (1/17/12)	4.2	Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 17, 2012, between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.16	1-11727 (8-K) (1/23/13)	4.2	Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 22, 2013, by and between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.17	1-11727 (8-K) (6/26/13)	4.2	Twelfth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 24, 2013, by and between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.18	1-11727 (8-K) (9/19/13)	4.2	Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 19, 2013, by and between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association), as trustee.
4.19	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.1	Indenture, dated as of March 31 2009, between Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.20	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.2	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 31, 2009, between Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.21	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.3	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 5, 2012, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.22	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.4	Indenture, dated as of June 30, 2000, between Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A.
4.23	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.7	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 5, 2012, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A.
4.24	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.8	Indenture, dated as of May 15, 1994, between Sun Company, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A.
4.25	1-11727 (8-K) (10/5/12)	4.9	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 5, 2012, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sunoco, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A.
4.26	1-11727 (10-Q) (5/31/07)	10.55	Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of November 17, 2004, by and among Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC and the Purchasers parties thereto.
4.27	1-11727 (10-Q) (5/31/07)	10.55.1	Amendment No. 1 to the Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 18, 2007, by and among Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC and the Purchasers parties thereto.

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4.28	1-11727 (10-Q) (5/31/07)	10.6	Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2007, by and among Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC and the Purchasers parties thereto.
4.29	1-11727 (8-K) (12/14/09)	10.1	Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 9, 2009, by and among Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC and the Purchasers parties thereto.
4.30	1-35262 (8-K) (10/27/10)	4.1	Indenture, dated as of October 27, 2010, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.31	1-35262 (8-K) (10/27/10)	4.2	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 27, 2010, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.32	1-35262 (8-K) (5/26/11)	4.2	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 24, 2011, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.33	1-35262 (8-K) (5/26/11)	4.3	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 26, 2011, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.34	333-169901 (S-3/A) (9/27/12)	4.9	Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 22, 2012, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.35	1-35262 (8-K) (10/2/12)	4.2	Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 2, 2012, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.36	333-169901 (S-3/A) (9/4/13)	4.33	Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 15, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.37	1-35262 (8-K) (4/30/13)	4.1	Indenture, dated as of April 30, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.38	1-35262 (8-K) (4/30/13)	4.2	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 15, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.39	1-35262 (8-K) (9/11/13)	4.1	Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.40	333-169901 (S-3/A) (9/4/13)	4.35	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee.
4.41	1-11727 (8-K) (6/26/13)	4.7	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of June 24, 2013, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and the dealer managers party thereto.

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4.42	1-35262 (8-K) (4/30/13)	4.3	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2013, among Regency Energy Partners LP, Regency Energy Finance Corp., certain subsidiaries of Regency Energy Partners LP party thereto, PEPL Holdings, LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative of the several initial purchasers.
5.1*			Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP regarding the legality of the debt securities.
12.1*			Calculation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
23.1*			Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
23.2*			Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.
23.3*			Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.
23.4*			Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P.
23.5*			Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Regency Energy Partners LP.
23.6*			Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co.
23.7*			Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Lone Star NGL LLC.
23.8*			Consent of Ernst & Young LLP related to Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.
23.9*			Consent of Ernst & Young LLP related to Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.
23.10*			Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP related to Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC.
23.11*			Consent of KPMG LLP related to RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co.
23.12*			Consent of KPMG LLP related to Regency Energy Partners LP.
23.13*			Consent of Grant Thornton LLP related to Southern Union Gathering Company, LLC.
23.14*			Consent of Ernst & Young LLP related to LDH Energy Asset Holdings LLC.
24.1*			Power of Attorney (set forth on the signature page contained in Part II of this Registration Statement).
25.1**			Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility and Qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of the Trustee under the Indenture.
99.1	1-11727 (10-K) (3/1/13)		Audited Financial Statements of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. for the three years ended December 31, 2012.
99.2	1-11727 (10-Q) (11/7/13)		Unaudited Financial Statements of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.
99.3*			Audited Financial Statements of Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P. for the three years ended December 31, 2012.
99.4*			Unaudited Financial Statements of Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P. for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.
99.5	1-35262 (8-K) (8/9/13)		Audited Financial Statements of Regency Energy Partners LP for the three years ended December 31, 2012.

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99.6	1-35262 (10-Q) (11/7/13)	
		Unaudited Financial Statements of Regency Energy Partners LP for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.
99.7	1-35262 (8-K) (04/12/13)	99.2
		Audited financial statements of Southern Union Gathering Company, LLC as of December 31, 2012 and for the period from March 26, 2012 to December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 1, 2012 to March 25, 2012.
99.8	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.4
		Audited Financial Statements of Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.
99.9	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.5
		Audited Financial Statements of Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC for the seven month period ended December 31, 2010.
99.10	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.2
		Audited Financial Statements of RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co. as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.
99.11	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.3
		Audited Financial Statements of RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010.
99.12	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.6
		Audited Financial Statements of Lone Star NGL LLC as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, for the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from March 21, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
99.13	1-35262 (10-K) (03/01/13)	99.7
		Audited Financial Statements of LDH Energy Asset Holdings LLC as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for the three year period ended December 31, 2010.
99.14*		
		Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm—Ernst & Young LLP opinion on consolidated financial statements of Sunoco Logistics Partners LP.

\* Filed herewith

\*\* To be filed by amendment or as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K of the registrant.



ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.,

as Issuer,

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Trustee

**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE**

Dated as of December 20, 2011

to

Indenture dated as of September 20, 2010, as supplemented

7.500% Senior Notes due 2020

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THIS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE dated as of December 20, 2011 (this "**Supplemental Indenture**"), is between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("**ETE**" or the "**Partnership**"), and U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association, as trustee (the "**Trustee**").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Partnership has executed and delivered to the Trustee an Indenture, dated as of September 20, 2010, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 20, 2010 (as supplemented, the "**Indenture**"), providing for the issuance of \$1,800,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Partnership's 7.500% Senior Notes due 2020 (the "**Notes**");

WHEREAS, the Notes are the Partnership's unsecured obligations and are not guaranteed by any of the Partnership's Subsidiaries, including ETP, Regency or any of their respective Subsidiaries, and therefore, Holders of Notes may look solely to the property and assets of ETE for the repayment of any amounts payable under any Note Document or the Notes and for satisfaction of the Note Obligations;

WHEREAS, it had been the intention of the Partnership to conform the text of the Indenture to any provision of the Description of Notes contained in the final offering document relating to the original offering of the Notes, in this case the Partnership's Prospectus Supplement dated September 15, 2010 to the Prospectus dated January 20, 2010 (collectively, the "**Prospectus**"), describing the issuance of the Notes;

WHEREAS, the Prospectus contains the following statement in the subsection entitled "Separateness" in the Description of Notes (the "**Separateness Provision**"):

"Each Holder of notes, by accepting a note, will be deemed to have acknowledged and affirmed (i) the separateness of ETP and Regency from ETE and each Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) that it has purchased the notes from ETE in reliance upon the separateness of ETP and Regency from ETE and each Restricted Subsidiary, (iii) that ETP and Regency have assets and liabilities that are separate from those of ETE and any Restricted Subsidiary, (iv) that the Note Obligations have not been guaranteed by ETP, Regency or any of their respective subsidiaries, and (v) that, except as other Persons may expressly assume or guarantee any of the Note Documents or Note Obligations, the Holders of notes shall look solely to the property and assets of ETE, and any property pledged as collateral with respect to the Note Documents, for the repayment of any amounts payable under any Note Document or the notes and for satisfaction of the Note Obligations and that none of ETP or any of its subsidiaries shall be personally liable to the Holders of notes for any amounts payable, or any other Note Obligation, under the Note Documents."

WHEREAS, the Separateness Provision has been unintentionally omitted from the Indenture;

WHEREAS, due to the unintentional omission of the Separateness Provision in the Indenture, there is an ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency as to the separateness of ETP and Regency from ETE and each Restricted Subsidiary;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01(a) of the Indenture, the Partnership and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without the consent of any Holder to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency and, therefore, the Partnership and the Trustee are authorized pursuant to Section 9.01(a) of the Indenture to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01(j) of the Indenture, the Partnership and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without the consent of any Holder to conform the text of the Indenture to any provision of the Description of Notes to the extent that such provision of the Description of Notes was intended to be a verbatim recitation of a provision in the Indenture, such as the case herein, and therefore, for the foregoing reasons the Partnership and the Trustee are authorized pursuant to Sections 9.01(a) and 9.01(j) of the Indenture to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, agreements and obligations set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Notes, as follows:

**ARTICLE I**  
**RELATION TO BASE INDENTURE; DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.1. *Relation to Base Indenture.*

With respect to the Notes, this Supplemental Indenture constitutes an integral part of the Indenture.

Section 1.2. *Generally.*

The rules of interpretation set forth in the Indenture shall be applied hereto as if set forth in full herein.

Section 1.3. *Definition of Certain Terms.*

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the Indenture.

**ARTICLE II  
AMENDMENT OF THE INDENTURE**

Section 2.1. *Amendment to Article XI of the Indenture.*

Article XI of the Indenture is hereby amended by inserting the following new Section 11.15:

“Section 11.15 Separateness. Each Holder of Notes, by accepting a Note, will be deemed to have acknowledged and affirmed (i) the separateness of ETP and Regency from the Partnership and each Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) that it has purchased the Notes from the Partnership in reliance upon the separateness of ETP and Regency from the Partnership and each Restricted Subsidiary, (iii) that ETP and Regency have assets and liabilities that are separate from those of the Partnership and any Restricted Subsidiary, (iv) that the Note Obligations have not been guaranteed by ETP, Regency or any of their respective Subsidiaries, and (v) that, except as other Persons may expressly assume or guarantee any of the Note Documents or Note Obligations, the Holders of Notes shall look solely to the property and assets of the Partnership, and any property pledged as collateral with respect to the Note Documents, for the repayment of any amounts payable under any Note Document or the Notes and for satisfaction of the Note Obligations and that none of ETP, Regency or any of their respective Subsidiaries shall be personally liable to the Holders of Notes for any amounts payable, or any other Note Obligation, under the Note Documents.”

**ARTICLE III  
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Section 3.1. *Ratification of Indenture.*

The Indenture, as supplemented by this Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and this Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided.

Section 3.2. *Trustee Not Responsible for Recitals.*

The recitals contained herein shall be taken as the statements of the Partnership, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness of the same. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture.

Section 3.3. *Table of Contents, Headings, etc.*

The table of contents and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Supplemental Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

Section 3.4. *Counterpart Originals.*

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

Section 3.5. *Governing Law.*

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

(Signature Pages Follow)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

**ISSUER:**

ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

Name: John W. McReynolds

Title: President and Chief Financial Officer

*Signature Page of Second Supplemental Indenture*

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**TRUSTEE:**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Steven A. Finklea

Name: Steven A. Finklea

Title: Vice President

*Signature Page of Second Supplemental Indenture*

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November 14, 2013

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.  
3738 Oak Lawn Avenue  
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Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "**Partnership**"), in connection with the filing on the date hereof with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") of a registration statement on Form S-3 (the "**Registration Statement**") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Act**"). You have provided us with a draft of the Registration Statement in the form in which it will be filed, which includes a base prospectus.

The Registration Statement registers the offering and sale of one or more series of the Partnership's debt securities (the "**Debt Securities**") to be issued pursuant to an Indenture dated September 20, 2010, between the Partnership and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, which is attached as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement, and one or more supplemental indentures thereto (collectively, the "**Indenture**").

This opinion is being furnished in connection with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or related prospectus, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the issue of the Debt Securities.

As such counsel, we have examined such matters of fact and questions of law as we have considered appropriate for purposes of this letter. With your consent, we have relied upon certificates and other assurances of officers of the Partnership and others as to factual matters without having independently verified such factual matters. We are opining herein as to the internal laws of the State of New York, and we express no opinion with respect to the applicability thereto, or the effect thereon, of the laws of any other jurisdiction, or as to any matters of municipal laws or the laws of any local agencies within any state.



Subject to the foregoing and the other matters set forth herein, it is our opinion that, as of the date hereof, when the Indenture has been duly authorized by all necessary limited partnership action of the Partnership and duly executed and delivered, and when the specific terms of a particular Debt Security have been duly established in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and authorized by all necessary limited partnership action of the Partnership, and such Debt Security has been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered against payment therefor in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement and/or the applicable prospectus and by such limited partnership action such Debt Security will be a legally valid and binding obligation of the Partnership, enforceable against the Partnership in accordance with its terms.

Our opinions are subject to: (i) the effect of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, preference, fraudulent transfer, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors; (ii) the effect of general principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law (including the possible unavailability of specific performance or injunctive relief), concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing, and the discretion of the court before which a proceeding is brought; and (iii) the invalidity under certain circumstances under law or court decisions of provisions providing for the indemnification of or contribution to a party with respect to a liability where such indemnification or contribution is contrary to public policy. We express no opinion as to (a) any provision for liquidated damages, default interest, late charges, monetary penalties, make-whole premiums or other economic remedies to the extent such provisions are deemed to constitute a penalty, (b) consents to, or restrictions upon, governing law, jurisdiction, venue, arbitration, remedies or judicial relief, (c) waivers of rights or defenses, (d) any provision requiring the payment of attorneys' fees, where such payment is contrary to law or public policy, (e) any provision permitting, upon acceleration of any Debt Security, collection of that portion of the stated principal amount thereof which might be determined to constitute unearned interest thereon, (f) the creation, validity, attachment, perfection, or priority of any lien or security interest, (g) advance waivers of claims, defenses, rights granted by law, or notice, opportunity for hearing, evidentiary requirements, statutes of limitation, trial by jury or at law, or other procedural rights, (h) waivers of broadly or vaguely stated rights, (i) provisions for exclusivity, election or cumulation of rights or remedies, (j) provisions authorizing or validating conclusive or discretionary determinations, (k) grants of setoff rights, (l) proxies, powers and trusts, (m) provisions prohibiting, restricting, or requiring consent to assignment or transfer of any right or property, (n) provisions purporting to make a guarantor primarily liable rather than as a surety, (o) provisions purporting to waive modifications of any guaranteed obligation to the extent such modification constitutes a novation, (p) any provision to the extent it requires that a claim with respect to a security denominated in other than U.S. dollars (or a judgment in respect of such a claim) be converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of exchange at a particular date, to the extent applicable law otherwise provides, and (q) the severability, if invalid, of provisions to the foregoing effect.

With your consent, we have assumed (i) that the Indenture and the Debt Securities (collectively, the "**Documents**") will be governed by the internal laws of the State of New York, (ii) that each of the Documents will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by the parties thereto, (iii) that each of the Documents will constitute legally valid and binding obligations of

the parties thereto other than the Partnership, enforceable against each of them in accordance with their respective terms, and (iv) that the status of each of the Documents as legally valid and binding obligations of the parties will not be affected by any (a) breaches of, or defaults under, agreements or instruments, (b) violations of statutes, rules, regulations or court or governmental orders, or (c) failures to obtain required consents, approvals or authorizations from, or to make required registrations, declarations or filings with, governmental authorities.

This opinion is for your benefit in connection with the Registration Statement and may be relied upon by you and by persons entitled to rely upon it pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. We consent to your filing this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm contained in the base prospectus under the heading "Legal Matters." In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Latham & Watkins LLP

**ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.**  
**Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges**  
(in millions, except for ratio amounts)  
**(Unaudited)**

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013	Years Ended December 31,				
		2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>Fixed charges:</b>						
Interest expense	\$ 914	\$1,018	\$ 740	\$ 625	\$ 468	\$ 358
Capitalized interest	32	101	14	29	16	22
Interest expense included in rental expense	10	6	3	3	3	1
Distribution to the Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Units	5	8	8	4	—	—
Accretion of the Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Units	—	1	—	—	—	—
<b>Total fixed charges</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>381</b>
<b>Earnings:</b>						
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	1,108	1,437	548	358	701	679
Less: equity in earnings (losses) of affiliates	182	212	117	65	20	—
<b>Total earnings</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>679</b>
<b>Add:</b>						
Fixed charges	961	1,134	765	661	487	381
Amortization of capitalized interest	5	5	4	3	1	1
Distributed income of equity investees	182	208	117	65	—	—
<b>Less:</b>						
Interest capitalized	(32)	(101)	(14)	(29)	(16)	(22)
<b>Income available for fixed charges</b>	<b>\$ 2,042</b>	<b>\$2,471</b>	<b>\$1,303</b>	<b>\$ 993</b>	<b>\$1,153</b>	<b>\$1,039</b>
<b>Ratio of earnings to fixed charges</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>2.18</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>2.37</b>	<b>2.73</b>

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We have issued our report dated March 1, 2013, except for Note 15 as to which the date is November 13, 2013, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., included in the Current Report of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. on Form 8-K dated November 14, 2013. We have also issued our report dated March 1, 2013, with respect to internal control over financial reporting, included in the Annual Report of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. Such reports are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement. We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of the aforementioned reports, and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts."

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Dallas, Texas  
November 13, 2013

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We have issued our reports dated March 1, 2013 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., which are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of the aforementioned reports, and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts."

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Dallas, Texas

November 13, 2013

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We have issued our report dated November 13, 2013, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P. included in this Registration Statement of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. We consent to the use of the aforementioned report in the Registration Statement, and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts."

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Dallas, Texas  
November 13, 2013

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We have issued our report dated August 9, 2013 with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Regency Energy Partners LP included in the Current Report on Form 8-K of Regency Energy Partners LP filed on August 9, 2013. We have also issued our report dated March 1, 2013, with respect to internal control over financial reporting of Regency Energy Partners LP included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 of Regency Energy Partners LP. Such reports are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of the aforementioned reports, and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts."

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Dallas, Texas

November 13, 2013

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

We have issued our report dated March 1, 2013, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the years then ended, included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 of Regency Energy Partners LP, which is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of the aforementioned report, and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts."

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Dallas, Texas  
November 13, 2013



**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

We have issued our report dated March 1, 2013, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Lone Star NGL LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from March 21, 2011 (Inception) to December 31, 2011, included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 of Regency Energy Partners LP, which is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of the aforementioned report, and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts."

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Dallas, Texas

November 13, 2013

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the inclusion of our report dated March 1, 2013 with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. in the Registration Statement (Form S-3 to be filed on or about November 14, 2013) of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
November 13, 2013

## Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-3 to be filed on or about November 14, 2013) of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. of our reports dated March 1, 2013, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. included in Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.'s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2012 and Current Report (Form 8-K dated on or about November 14, 2013), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
November 13, 2013

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. of our reports dated February 19, 2013 and February 17, 2012 relating to the financial statements of Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC, which appear in Exhibits 99.4 and 99.5, respectively, of Regency Energy Partners LP's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Houston, Texas

November 13, 2013

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Partners  
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statement on Form S-3 of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. of our reports dated February 18, 2011, with respect to the consolidated statements of income, cash flows, and partners' capital for the year ended December 31, 2010 of RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Dallas, Texas  
November 13, 2013

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Partners  
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statement on Form S-3 of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. of our reports dated February 18, 2011, with respect to the consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), cash flows, and partners' capital and noncontrolling interest for the period from May 26, 2010 to December 31, 2010 and the period from January 1, 2010 to May 25, 2010, of Regency Energy Partners LP and to the reference to our firm under the heading 'Experts' in the prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Dallas, Texas  
November 13, 2013

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

We have issued our report dated March 15, 2013, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Southern Union Gathering Company, LLC as of December 31, 2012 and for the period from March 26, 2012 to December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 1, 2012 to March 25, 2012, included in the Current Report on Form 8-K of Regency Energy Partners LP, filed on April 12, 2013, which is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of the aforementioned report, and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts."

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Dallas, Texas  
November 13, 2013

**Consent of Independent Auditors**

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption “Experts” and to the use of our report dated February 28, 2011, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of LDH Energy Asset Holdings LLC as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2010, included in Exhibit 99.7 of Regency Energy Partners LP’s Annual Report on Form 10-K dated March 1, 2013, and incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 and related Prospectus of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. for the registration of debt securities.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Hartford, Connecticut  
November 13, 2013



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## Definitions

The following is a list of certain acronyms and terms generally used in the energy industry and throughout this document:

/d	per day
AmeriGas	AmeriGas Partners, L.P.
AOCI	accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)
AROs	asset retirement obligations
Bbls	barrels
Bcf	billion cubic feet
Btu	British thermal unit, an energy measurement used by gas companies to convert the volume of gas used to its heat equivalent, and thus calculate the actual energy used Capacity capacity of a pipeline, processing plant or storage facility refers to the maximum capacity under normal operating conditions and, with respect to pipeline transportation capacity, is subject to multiple factors (including natural gas injections and withdrawals at various delivery points along the pipeline and the utilization of compression) which may reduce the throughput capacity from specified capacity levels
Canyon	ETC Canyon Pipeline, LLC
Citrus	Citrus Corp.
CrossCountry	CrossCountry Energy, LLC
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
Enterprise	Enterprise Products Partners L.P., together with its subsidiaries
ETC Compression	ETC Compression, LLC
ETC FEP ETC	Fayetteville Express Pipeline, LLC
ETC OLP	La Grange Acquisition, L.P., which conducts business under the assumed name of Energy Transfer Company
ETC Tiger	ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC
ETE	Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a publicly traded partnership and the owner of ETP LLC
ET Interstate	Energy Transfer Interstate Holdings, LLC
ETP Credit Facility	ETP's \$2.5 billion revolving credit facility
ETP LLC	Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C., the general partner of ETP GP
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Exchange Act	Securities Exchange Act of 1934
FEP	Fayetteville Express Pipeline LLC
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FGT	Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC
GAAP	accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
Holdco	ETP Holdco Corporation
HOLP	Heritage Operating, L.P.
IDRs	incentive distribution rights
Laclede Entities	The Laclede Group, Inc. subsidiaries
Laclede Massachusetts	purchaser of New England Gas Company
Laclede Missouri	purchaser of Missouri Gas Energy
LDH	LDH Energy Asset Holdings LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Louis Dreyfus Highbridge Energy LLC (subsequently renamed Castleton Commodities International, LLC)
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
LNG	Liquefied natural gas
Lone Star	Lone Star NGL LLC
LPG	liquefied petroleum gas
MGE	Missouri Gas Energy
MMBtu	million British thermal units
MMcf	million cubic feet
NEG	New England Gas Company
NGL	natural gas liquid, such as propane, butane and natural gasoline
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange
OTC	over-the-counter
OSHA	federal Occupational Safety and Health Act
Panhandle	Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP
PCBs	polychlorinated biphenyls
PHMSA	Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Regency	Regency Energy Partners LP, a subsidiary of ETE

Reservoir	a porous and permeable underground formation containing a natural accumulation of producible natural gas and/or oil that is confined by impermeable rock or water barriers and is separate from other reservoirs
Sea Robin	Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
Southern Union	Southern Union Company
Southwest Gas	Pan Gas Storage, LLC (d.b.a. Southwest Gas)
SUGS	Southern Union Gas Services
Sunoco	Sunoco, Inc.
Sunoco Logistics	Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.
Tcf	trillion cubic feet
Titan	Titan Energy Partners, L.P.
Transwestern	Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC
Trunkline	Trunkline Gas Company, LLC

Adjusted EBITDA is a term used throughout this document, which we define as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and other non-cash items, such as non-cash compensation expense, gains and losses on disposals of assets, the allowance for equity funds used during construction, unrealized gains and losses on commodity risk management activities, noncash impairment charges, loss on extinguishment of debt, gain on deconsolidation and other non-operating income or expense items. Unrealized gains and losses on commodity risk management activities includes unrealized gains and losses on commodity derivatives and inventory fair value adjustments (excluding lower of cost or market adjustments). Adjusted EBITDA reflects amounts for less than wholly owned subsidiaries based on 100% of the subsidiaries' results of operations and for unconsolidated affiliates based on the Partnership's proportionate ownership.

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Partners

Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P. (a Delaware limited partnership) and subsidiaries (the "Partnership") as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We did not audit the consolidated financial statements of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P., a consolidated subsidiary, as of December 31, 2012 and for the period from October 5, 2012 to December 31, 2012, which statements reflect total assets constituting 24 percent of consolidated total assets as of December 31, 2012, and total revenues of 20 percent of consolidated total revenues for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors, whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P., is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits and the report of the other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audits and the report of the other auditors, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Dallas, Texas

November 13, 2013

**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Dollars in millions)

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 311	\$ 107
Accounts receivable, net	2,910	569
Accounts receivable from related companies	94	82
Inventories	1,495	307
Exchanges receivable	55	19
Price risk management assets	21	11
Current assets held for sale	184	—
Other current assets	334	180
Total current assets	5,404	1,275
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	27,412	13,984
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(1,639)	(1,678)
	25,773	12,306
NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE	985	—
ADVANCES TO AND INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATES	3,502	201
NON-CURRENT PRICE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSETS	42	26
GOODWILL	5,635	1,249
INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net	1,561	331
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS, net	357	160
Total assets	\$43,259	\$15,548

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

**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Dollars in millions)

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,002	\$ 401
Accounts payable to related companies	24	33
Exchanges payable	156	18
Price risk management liabilities	110	80
Accrued and other current liabilities	1,562	630
Current maturities of long-term debt	609	424
Current liabilities held for sale	85	—
Total current liabilities	5,548	1,586
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES HELD FOR SALE</b>	142	—
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities</b>	15,442	7,388
<b>LONG-TERM NOTES PAYABLE – RELATED PARTY</b>	166	—
<b>NON-CURRENT PRICE RISK MANAGEMENT LIABILITIES</b>	129	42
<b>DEFERRED INCOME TAXES</b>	3,476	126
<b>OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	995	27
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 9)</b>		
<b>EQUITY:</b>		
General Partner	—	—
Limited Partners:		
Class A Limited Partner interest	86	84
Class B Limited Partner interest	131	127
Total partners' capital	217	211
Noncontrolling interest	17,144	6,168
Total equity	17,361	6,379
Total liabilities and equity	\$43,259	\$15,548

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

**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(Dollars in millions)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Natural gas sales	\$ 2,387	\$2,534	\$2,440
NGL sales	1,718	1,113	587
Crude sales	2,872	—	—
Gathering, transportation and other fees	2,007	1,488	1,192
Refined product sales	5,299	—	—
Other	1,419	1,664	1,624
Total revenues	<u>15,702</u>	<u>6,799</u>	<u>5,843</u>
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES:</b>			
Cost of products sold	12,266	4,175	3,591
Operating expenses	900	760	694
Depreciation and amortization	656	405	317
Selling, general and administrative	486	212	176
Total costs and expenses	<u>14,308</u>	<u>5,552</u>	<u>4,778</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<u>1,394</u>	<u>1,247</u>	<u>1,065</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):</b>			
Interest expense, net of interest capitalized	(665)	(474)	(413)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	142	26	12
Gain on deconsolidation of Propane Business	1,057	—	—
Loss on extinguishment of debt	(115)	—	—
Gains (losses) on non-hedged interest rate derivatives	(4)	(77)	5
Impairments of investments in affiliates	—	(5)	(53)
Other, net	11	2	23
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE</b>	<u>1,820</u>	<u>719</u>	<u>639</u>
Income tax expense from continuing operations	63	19	16
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	<u>1,757</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>623</u>
Loss from discontinued operations	(109)	(3)	(6)
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>1,648</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>617</u>
<b>LESS: NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTEREST</b>	<u>1,187</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>229</u>
<b>NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO PARTNERS</b>	461	433	388
<b>GENERAL PARTNER'S INTEREST IN NET INCOME</b>	—	—	—
<b>LIMITED PARTNERS' INTEREST IN NET INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 461</u>	<u>\$ 433</u>	<u>\$ 388</u>

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**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

(Dollars in millions)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net income	\$1,648	\$697	\$ 617
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Reclassification to earnings of gains and losses on derivative instruments accounted for as cash flow hedges	(14)	(38)	(36)
Change in value of derivative instruments accounted for as cash flow hedges	8	19	59
Change in value of available-for-sale securities	—	(1)	(4)
Actuarial loss relating to pension and other postretirement benefits	(10)	—	—
Change in other comprehensive income (loss) from equity investments	(9)	—	—
	(25)	(20)	19
Comprehensive income	1,623	677	636
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	1,162	244	248
Comprehensive income attributable to partners	\$ 461	\$433	\$ 388

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**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY**

(Dollars in millions)

	General Partner	Limited Partners	Noncontrolling Interest	Total
<b>Balance, December 31, 2009</b>	\$ —	\$ 204	\$ 4,425	\$ 4,629
Redemption of units in connection with MEP Transaction	—	(4)	(600)	(604)
Distributions to partners	—	(384)	—	(384)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	—	—	(677)	(677)
Units issued for cash	—	—	1,152	1,152
Non-cash compensation expense, net of units tendered by employees for tax withholdings	—	—	24	24
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	—	—	19	19
Other, net	—	—	(4)	(4)
Net income	—	388	229	617
<b>Balance, December 31, 2010</b>	—	204	4,568	4,772
Distributions to partners	—	(426)	—	(426)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	—	—	(785)	(785)
Units issued for cash	—	—	1,467	1,467
Capital contributions from noncontrolling interest	—	—	645	645
Issuance of units in acquisitions	—	—	3	3
Non-cash compensation expense, net of units tendered by employees for tax withholdings	—	—	30	30
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	(20)	(20)
Other, net	—	—	(4)	(4)
Net income	—	433	264	697
<b>Balance, December 31, 2011</b>	—	211	6,168	6,379
Distributions to partners	—	(454)	—	(454)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	—	—	(1,130)	(1,130)
Units issued for cash	—	—	791	791
Capital contributions from noncontrolling interest	—	—	343	343
Sunoco Merger (See Note 3)	—	—	5,868	5,868
Holdco Transaction (See Note 3)	—	—	3,913	3,913
Issuance of units in other acquisitions (excluding Sunoco)	—	—	7	7
Non-cash compensation expense, net of units tendered by employees for tax withholdings	—	—	27	27
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	(25)	(25)
Other, net	—	(1)	(15)	(15)
Net income	—	461	1,187	1,648
<b>Balance, December 31, 2012</b>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 217</u>	<u>\$ 17,144</u>	<u>\$17,361</u>

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**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Dollars in millions)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net income	\$ 1,648	\$ 697	\$ 617
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Impairments of investments in affiliates	—	5	53
Proceeds from termination of interest rate derivatives	—	—	26
Depreciation and amortization	656	405	317
Deferred income taxes	62	4	6
Amortization of finance costs charged to interest	(35)	10	10
Loss on extinguishment of debt	115	—	—
LIFO valuation reserve	75	—	—
Non-cash compensation expense	42	38	28
Gain on deconsolidation of Propane Business	(1,057)	—	—
Write-down of assets included in loss from discontinued operations (See Note 3)	132	—	—
Losses on disposal of assets	1	3	5
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(142)	(26)	(12)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates	132	29	33
Other non-cash	52	21	(2)
Net change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions, dispositions and deconsolidation (see Note 2)	(475)	166	125
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,206</u>	<u>1,352</u>	<u>1,206</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Cash paid for Citrus Acquisition	(1,895)	—	—
Cash proceeds from the contribution and sale of propane operations	1,443	—	—
Cash received from (paid for) all other acquisitions	531	(1,972)	(178)
Capital expenditures (excluding allowance for equity funds used during construction)	(2,840)	(1,416)	(1,351)
Contributions in aid of construction costs	35	25	14
Contributions to unconsolidated affiliates	(30)	(222)	(7)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates in excess of cumulative earnings	130	22	—
Sale of investment in MEP	—	1	—
Proceeds from sale of disposal group	207	—	—
Proceeds from the sale of assets	18	9	28
Other	116	—	—
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(2,285)</u>	<u>(3,553)</u>	<u>(1,494)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings	8,208	6,594	1,538
Repayments of long-term debt	(6,598)	(5,217)	(1,345)
Proceeds from borrowings from affiliates	221	—	—
Repayments of borrowings from affiliates	(55)	—	—
Net proceeds from issuance of ETP Limited Partner units	791	1,467	1,152
Capital contributions received from noncontrolling interest	320	645	—
Distributions to partners	(454)	(426)	(384)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	(1,130)	(785)	(677)
Redemption of units	—	—	(15)
Debt issuance costs	(20)	(20)	—
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>1,283</u>	<u>2,258</u>	<u>269</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<u>204</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>(19)</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	107	50	69
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	<u>\$ 311</u>	<u>\$ 107</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>

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**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
(Tabular dollar amounts are in millions)

**1. OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATION:**

Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P. (“ETP GP” or “the Partnership”) was formed in August 2000 as a Delaware limited partnership. ETP GP is the General Partner and the owner of the general partner interest of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., a publicly traded master limited partnership (“ETP”). ETP GP is owned 99.99% by its limited partners, and 0.01% by its general partner, Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C. (“ETP LLC”).

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (“ETE”) is the 100% owner of ETP LLC and also owns 100% of our Class A and Class B Limited Partner interests. For more information on our Class A and Class B Limited Partner interests, see Note 6.

**Financial Statement Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of ETP GP and its subsidiaries presented herein for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. We consolidate all majority-owned subsidiaries and subsidiaries we control, even if we do not have a majority ownership. All significant intercompany transactions and accounts are eliminated in consolidation. Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued.

We also own varying undivided interests in certain pipelines. Ownership of these pipelines has been structured as an ownership of an undivided interest in assets, not as an ownership interest in a partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or other forms of entities. Each owner controls marketing and invoices separately, and each owner is responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to their own customers. As a result, we apply proportionate consolidation for our interests in these assets.

In October 2012, we sold Canyon for approximately \$207 million. The results of continuing operations of Canyon have been reclassified to loss from discontinued operations. In December 2012, Southern Union entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the Laclede Entities, pursuant to which Laclede Missouri has agreed to acquire the assets of Missouri Gas Energy division and Laclede Massachusetts has agreed to acquire the assets of the New England Gas Company division. For the period from March 26, 2012 to December 31, 2012 the results of operations of the distribution operations have been reclassified to income from discontinued operations. The assets and liabilities of the disposal group have been reclassified and reported as assets and liabilities held for sale as of December 31, 2012.

In accordance with GAAP, we have accounted for the Holdco Transaction (described in Note 3), whereby ETP obtained control of Southern Union, as a reorganization of entities under common control. Accordingly, ETP’s consolidated financial statements have been retrospectively adjusted to reflect consolidation of Southern Union into ETP beginning March 26, 2012 (the date ETE acquired Southern Union).

**Business Operations**

Our activities are primarily conducted through our operating subsidiaries (collectively, the “Operating Companies”) as follows:

- ETC OLP, a Texas limited partnership engaged in midstream and intrastate transportation and storage natural gas operations. ETC OLP owns and operates, through its wholly and majority-owned subsidiaries, natural gas gathering systems, intrastate natural gas pipeline systems and gas processing plants and is engaged in the business of purchasing, gathering, transporting, processing, and marketing natural gas and NGLs in the states of Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and West Virginia. Our intrastate transportation and storage operations primarily focus on transporting natural gas in Texas through our Oasis pipeline, ET Fuel System, East Texas pipeline and HPL System. Our midstream operations focus on the gathering, compression, treating, conditioning and processing of natural gas, primarily on or through our Southeast Texas System, Eagle Ford System, North Texas System and Northern Louisiana assets. ETC OLP also owns a 70% interest in Lone Star.
- ET Interstate, a Delaware limited liability company with revenues consisting primarily of fees earned from natural gas transportation services and operational gas sales. ET Interstate is the parent company of:
  - Transwestern, a Delaware limited liability company engaged in interstate transportation of natural gas. Transwestern’s revenues consist primarily of fees earned from natural gas transportation services and operational gas sales.
  - ETC FEP, a Delaware limited liability company that directly owns a 50% interest in FEP, which owns 100% of the Fayetteville Express interstate natural gas pipeline.

- ETC Tiger, a Delaware limited liability company engaged in interstate transportation of natural gas.
- CrossCountry, a Delaware limited liability company that indirectly owns a 50% interest in Citrus Corp., which owns 100% of the FGT interstate natural gas pipeline.
- ETC Compression, a Delaware limited liability company engaged in natural gas compression services and related equipment sales.
- Sunoco Logistics is a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership that owns and operates a logistics business, consisting of refined products and crude oil pipelines, terminalling and storage assets, and refined products and crude oil acquisition and marketing assets.
- Holdco is a Delaware limited liability company that indirectly owns Southern Union and Sunoco. As discussed in Note 3, ETP acquired ETE's 60% interest in Holdco on April 30, 2013. Sunoco and Southern Union operations are described as follows:
  - Southern Union owns and operates assets in the regulated and unregulated natural gas industry and is primarily engaged in the transportation, storage and distribution of natural gas in the United States.
  - Sunoco owns and operates retail marketing assets, that sell gasoline and middle distillates and operate convenience stores primarily on the east coast and in the midwest region of the United States.

On January 12, 2012, we contributed HOLP and Titan, our subsidiaries that formerly operated our propane operations, to AmeriGas. See Note 4.

On October 5, 2012, we completed the Sunoco Merger and Holdco Transaction, as described below in Note 3.

The Partnership, ETP, the Operating Companies and their subsidiaries are collectively described in this report as "we," "us," "our," "ETP," "Energy Transfer" or the "Partnership."

## 2. **ESTIMATES, SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND BALANCE SHEET DETAIL:**

Certain of our significant accounting policies have been impacted by current year transactions. See Note 3 for a discussion of these transactions.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the accrual for and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

The natural gas industry conducts its business by processing actual transactions at the end of the month following the month of delivery. Consequently, the most current month's financial results for the midstream, NGL and intrastate transportation and storage operations are estimated using volume estimates and market prices. Any differences between estimated results and actual results are recognized in the following month's financial statements. Management believes that the estimated operating results represent the actual results in all material respects.

Some of the other significant estimates made by management include, but are not limited to, the timing of certain forecasted transactions that are hedged, the fair value of derivative instruments, useful lives for depreciation and amortization, purchase accounting allocations and subsequent realizability of intangible assets, fair value measurements used in the goodwill impairment test, market value of inventory, assets and liabilities resulting from the regulated ratemaking process, contingency reserves and environmental reserves. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Revenue Recognition**

Revenues for sales of natural gas and NGLs are recognized at the later of the time of delivery of the product to the customer or the time of sale or installation. Revenues from service labor, transportation, treating, compression and gas processing are recognized upon completion of the service. Transportation capacity payments are recognized when earned in the period the capacity is made available.

Our intrastate transportation and storage and interstate transportation and storage operations' results are determined primarily by the amount of capacity our customers reserve as well as the actual volume of natural gas that flows through the transportation pipelines. Under transportation contracts, our customers are charged (i) a demand fee, which is a fixed fee for the reservation of an agreed amount of capacity on the transportation pipeline for a specified period of time and which obligates the customer to pay even if the customer does not transport natural gas on the respective pipeline, (ii) a transportation fee, which is based on the actual throughput of natural gas by the customer, (iii) fuel retention based on a percentage of gas transported on the pipeline, or (iv) a combination of the three, generally payable monthly. Fuel retained for a fee is typically valued at market prices.

Our intrastate transportation and storage operations also generates revenues and margin from the sale of natural gas to electric utilities, independent power plants, local distribution companies, industrial end-users and other marketing companies on the HPL System. Generally, we purchase natural gas from the market, including purchases from the midstream operations' marketing operations, and from producers at the wellhead.

In addition, our intrastate transportation and storage operations generates revenues and margin from fees charged for storing customers' working natural gas in our storage facilities. We also engage in natural gas storage transactions in which we seek to find and profit from pricing differences that occur over time utilizing the Bammel storage reservoir. We purchase physical natural gas and then sell financial contracts at a price sufficient to cover our carrying costs and provide for a gross profit margin. We expect margins from natural gas storage transactions to be higher during the periods from November to March of each year and lower during the period from April through October of each year due to the increased demand for natural gas during colder weather. However, we cannot assure that management's expectations will be fully realized in the future and in what time period, due to various factors including weather, availability of natural gas in regions in which we operate, competitive factors in the energy industry, and other issues.

Results from the midstream operations are determined primarily by the volumes of natural gas gathered, compressed, treated, processed, purchased and sold through our pipeline and gathering systems and the level of natural gas and NGL prices. We generate midstream revenues and gross margins principally under fee-based or other arrangements in which we receive a fee for natural gas gathering, compressing, treating or processing services. The revenue earned from these arrangements is directly related to the volume of natural gas that flows through our systems and is not directly dependent on commodity prices.

We also utilize other types of arrangements in our midstream operations, including (i) discount-to-index price arrangements, which involve purchases of natural gas at either (1) a percentage discount to a specified index price, (2) a specified index price less a fixed amount or (3) a percentage discount to a specified index price less an additional fixed amount, (ii) percentage-of-proceeds arrangements under which we gather and process natural gas on behalf of producers, sell the resulting residue gas and NGL volumes at market prices and remit to producers an agreed upon percentage of the proceeds based on an index price, (iii) keep-whole arrangements where we gather natural gas from the producer, process the natural gas and sell the resulting NGLs to third parties at market prices, (iv) purchasing all or a specified percentage of natural gas and/or NGL delivered from producers and treating or processing our plant facilities, and (v) making other direct purchases of natural gas and/or NGL at specified delivery points to meet operational or marketing obligations. In many cases, we provide services under contracts that contain a combination of more than one of the arrangements described above. The terms of our contracts vary based on gas quality conditions, the competitive environment at the time the contracts are signed and customer requirements. Our contract mix may change as a result of changes in producer preferences, expansion in regions where some types of contracts are more common and other market factors.

NGL storage and pipeline transportation revenues are recognized when services are performed or products are delivered, respectively. Fractionation and processing revenues are recognized when product is either loaded into a truck or injected into a third party pipeline, which is when title and risk of loss pass to the customer.

We conduct marketing activities in which we market the natural gas that flows through our assets, referred to as on-system gas. We also attract other customers by marketing volumes of natural gas that do not move through our assets, referred to as off-system gas. For both on-system and off-system gas, we purchase natural gas from natural gas producers and other supply points and sell that natural gas to utilities, industrial consumers, other marketers and pipeline companies, thereby generating gross margins based upon the difference between the purchase and resale prices.

Terminalling and storage revenues are recognized at the time the services are provided. Pipeline revenues are recognized upon delivery of the barrels to the location designated by the shipper. Crude oil acquisition and marketing revenues, as well as refined product marketing revenues, are recognized when title to the product is transferred to the customer. Revenues are not recognized for crude oil exchange transactions, which are entered into primarily to acquire crude oil of a desired quality or to reduce transportation costs by taking delivery closer to end markets. Any net differential for exchange transactions is recorded as an adjustment of inventory costs in the purchases component of cost of products sold and operating expenses in the statements of operations.

Our retail marketing operations sells gasoline and diesel in addition to a broad mix of merchandise such as groceries, fast foods and beverages at its convenience stores. In addition some of Sunoco's retail outlets provide a variety of car care services. Revenues related to the sale of products are recognized when title passes, while service revenues are recognized when services are provided. Title passage generally occurs when products are shipped or delivered in accordance with the terms of the respective sales agreements. In addition, revenues are not recognized until sales prices are fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured.

## **Regulatory Accounting—Regulatory Assets and Liabilities**

Our interstate transportation and storage operations are subject to regulation by certain state and federal authorities and has accounting policies that conform to the accounting requirements and ratemaking practices of the regulatory authorities. The application of these accounting policies allows certain of our regulated entities to defer expenses and revenues on the balance sheet as regulatory assets and liabilities when it is probable that those expenses and revenues will be allowed in the ratemaking process in a period different from the period in which they would have been reflected in the consolidated statement of operations by an unregulated company. These deferred assets and liabilities will be reported in results of operations in the period in which the same amounts are included in rates and recovered from or refunded to customers. Management's assessment of the probability of recovery or pass through of regulatory assets and liabilities will require judgment and interpretation of laws and regulatory commission orders. If, for any reason, we cease to meet the criteria for application of regulatory accounting treatment for these entities, the regulatory assets and liabilities related to those portions ceasing to meet such criteria would be eliminated from the consolidated balance sheet for the period in which the discontinuance of regulatory accounting treatment occurs.

Southern Union records regulatory assets with respect to its distribution operations. We recorded regulatory assets with respect to Southern Union's distribution operations, which have been classified as discontinued operations as of December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2012, we had \$123 million of regulatory assets included in the consolidated balance sheet as non-current assets held for sale. Although Panhandle's natural gas transmission systems and storage operations are subject to the jurisdiction of FERC in accordance with the Natural Gas Act of 1938 and Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, it does not currently apply regulatory accounting policies in accounting for its operations. In 1999, prior to its acquisition by Southern Union, Panhandle discontinued the application of regulatory accounting policies primarily due to the level of discounting from tariff rates and its inability to recover specific costs.

## **Cash, Cash Equivalents and Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash on hand, demand deposits, and investments with original maturities of three months or less. We consider cash equivalents to include short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

We place our cash deposits and temporary cash investments with high credit quality financial institutions. At times, our cash and cash equivalents may be uninsured or in deposit accounts that exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance limit.

The net change in operating assets and liabilities (net of acquisitions) included in cash flows from operating activities is comprised as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Accounts receivable	\$ 300	\$ 3	\$ 63
Accounts receivable from related companies	(50)	(28)	3
Inventories	(253)	68	15
Exchanges receivable	11	3	1
Other current assets	571	(62)	33
Other non-current assets, net	(53)	7	5
Accounts payable	(979)	31	(48)
Accounts payable to related companies	100	6	(11)
Exchanges payable	—	3	(4)
Accrued and other current liabilities	(151)	60	42
Other non-current liabilities	25	—	—
Price risk management assets and liabilities, net	4	75	26
Net change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions, dispositions and deconsolidation	<u>\$ (475)</u>	<u>\$ 166</u>	<u>\$ 125</u>

Non-cash investing and financing activities and supplemental cash flow information are as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
<b>NON-CASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Accrued capital expenditures	\$ 359	\$202	\$ 88
AmeriGas limited partner interest received in exchange for Propane Contribution	<u>\$1,123</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>
Transfer of MEP joint venture interest in exchange for redemption of ETP common units	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$589</u>
<b>NON-CASH FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Long-term debt assumed and non-compete agreement notes payable issued in acquisitions	<u>\$6,658</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>
Issuance of ETP common units in connection with certain acquisitions	<u>\$2,295</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Contributions receivable related to noncontrolling interest	<u>\$ 23</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>			
Cash paid for interest, net of interest capitalized	<u>\$ 678</u>	<u>\$476</u>	<u>\$431</u>
Cash paid for income taxes	<u>\$ 22</u>	<u>\$ 24</u>	<u>\$ 9</u>

### Accounts Receivable

Our midstream, NGL and intrastate transportation and storage operations deal with counterparties that are typically either investment grade or are otherwise secured with a letter of credit or other form of security (corporate guaranty prepayment or master setoff agreement). Management reviews midstream and intrastate transportation and storage accounts receivable balances bi-weekly. Credit limits are assigned and monitored for all counterparties of the midstream and intrastate transportation and storage operations. Bad debt expense related to these receivables is recognized at the time an account is deemed uncollectible.

Sunoco extends credit terms to certain customers after review of various credit indicators, including the customer's credit rating. Outstanding customer receivable balances are regularly reviewed for possible non-payment indicators and reserves are recorded for doubtful accounts based upon management's estimate of collectability at the time of review. Actual balances are charged against the reserve when all collection efforts have been exhausted.

Our interstate transportation and storage operations have a concentration of customers in the electric and gas utility industries as well as natural gas producers. This concentration of customers may impact our overall exposure to credit risk, either positively or negatively, in that the customers may be similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions. From time to time, specifically identified customers having perceived high credit risk are required to provide prepayments or other forms of collateral. Management believes that the portfolio of receivables, which includes regulated electric utilities, regulated local distribution companies and municipalities, is subject to minimal credit risk. Our interstate transportation and storage operations establish an allowance for doubtful accounts on trade receivables based on the expected ultimate recovery of these receivables and consider many factors including historical customer collection experience, general and specific economic trends and known specific issues related to individual customers, sectors and transactions that might impact collectability.

We enter into netting arrangements with counterparties of derivative contracts to mitigate credit risk. Transactions are confirmed with the counterparty and the net amount is settled when due. Amounts outstanding under these netting arrangements are presented on a net basis in the consolidated balance sheets.

### Inventories

Inventories consist principally of natural gas held in storage, crude oil, petroleum and chemical products. Natural gas held in storage is valued at the lower of cost or market utilizing the weighted-average cost method. The cost of crude oil and petroleum and chemical products is determined using the last-in, first out method. The cost of appliances, parts and fittings is determined by the first-in, first-out method.

Inventories consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Natural gas and NGLs, excluding propane	\$ 334	\$144
Propane	—	87
Crude Oil	418	—
Refined Products	572	—
Appliances, parts and fittings and other	171	76
Total inventories	<u>\$1,495</u>	<u>\$307</u>

We utilize commodity derivatives to manage price volatility associated with our natural gas inventory. Changes in fair value of designated hedged inventory is recorded in inventory on our consolidated balance sheets and cost of products sold in our consolidated statements of operations.

### Exchanges

Exchanges consist of natural gas and NGL delivery imbalances (over and under deliveries) with others. These amounts, which are valued at market prices or weighted average market prices pursuant to contractual imbalance agreements, turn over monthly and are recorded as exchanges receivable or exchanges payable on our consolidated balance sheets. These imbalances are generally settled by deliveries of natural gas or NGLs, but may be settled in cash, depending on contractual terms.



## Other Current Assets

Other current assets consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Deposits paid to vendors	\$ 41	\$ 66
Prepaid and other	293	114
Total other current assets	<u>\$334</u>	<u>\$180</u>

## Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful or Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) mandated lives of the assets, if applicable. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs that do not add capacity or extend the useful life are expensed as incurred. Expenditures to refurbish assets that either extend the useful lives of the asset or prevent environmental contamination are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful life of the asset. Additionally, we capitalize certain costs directly related to the construction of assets including internal labor costs, interest and engineering costs. Upon disposition or retirement of pipeline components or natural gas plant components, any gain or loss is recorded to accumulated depreciation. When entire pipeline systems, gas plants or other property and equipment are retired or sold, any gain or loss is included in our consolidated statements of operations.

We review property, plant and equipment for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. If such a review should indicate that the carrying amount of long-lived assets is not recoverable, we reduce the carrying amount of such assets to fair value. A write down of the carrying amounts of the Canyon assets to their fair values was recorded for approximately \$128 million during the year ended December 31, 2012.

Capitalized interest is included for pipeline construction projects, except for certain interstate projects for which an allowance for funds used during construction (“AFUDC”) is accrued. Interest is capitalized based on the current borrowing rate of our revolving credit facility when the related costs are incurred. AFUDC is calculated under guidelines prescribed by the FERC and capitalized as part of the cost of utility plant for interstate projects. It represents the cost of servicing the capital invested in construction work-in-process. AFUDC is segregated into two component parts – borrowed funds and equity funds.

Components and useful lives of property, plant and equipment were as follows:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Land and improvements	\$ 551	\$ 136
Buildings and improvements (5 to 40 years)	568	268
Pipelines and equipment (5 to 83 years)	17,031	9,174
Natural gas and NGL storage facilities (5 to 46 years)	1,057	790
Bulk storage, equipment and facilities (3 to 83 years)	1,745	977
Tanks and other equipment (10 to 40 years)	1,187	643
Retail equipment (3 to 99 years)	258	—
Vehicles (3 to 25 years)	77	214
Right of way (20 to 83 years)	2,042	734
Furniture and fixtures (3 to 12 years)	48	47
Linepack	116	57
Pad gas	58	58
Other (2 to 19 years)	986	154
Construction work-in-process	1,688	732
	<u>27,412</u>	<u>13,984</u>
Less – Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,639)</u>	<u>(1,678)</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$25,773</u>	<u>\$12,306</u>

We recognized the following amounts of depreciation expense for the periods presented:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Depreciation expense (1)	\$615	\$380	\$297
Capitalized interest, excluding AFUDC	\$99	\$11	\$3

- (1) Depreciation expense amounts have been restated by \$26 million and \$25 million for years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, to present Canyon's operations as discontinued operations.

#### Advances to and Investments in Affiliates

We own interests in a number of related businesses that are accounted for by the equity method. In general, we use the equity method of accounting for an investment in which we have a 20% to 50% ownership and exercise significant influence over, but do not control, the investee's operating and financial policies.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if circumstances indicate that goodwill might be impaired. Our annual impairment test is performed as of August 31 for subsidiaries in our intrastate transportation and storage and midstream operations and as of December 31 for subsidiaries in our interstate transportation and storage and NGL transportation and services operations and all others. No goodwill impairments were recorded for the periods presented in these consolidated financial statements.

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill were as follows:

	Intrastate Transportation and Storage	Interstate Transportation and Storage	Midstream	NGL Transportation and Services	Investment in Sunoco Logistics	Retail Marketing	All Other	Total
Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 10	\$ 99	\$ 50	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 652	\$ 811
Goodwill acquired	—	—	—	432	—	—	6	438
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Balance, December 31, 2011	10	99	50	432	—	—	658	1,249
Goodwill acquired	—	1,785	338	—	1,368	1,272	375	5,138
Goodwill contributed in deconsolidation of Propane Business	—	—	—	—	—	—	(619)	(619)
Goodwill allocated to the disposal group	—	—	—	—	—	—	(133)	(133)
Balance, December 31, 2012	\$ 10	\$ 1,884	\$ 388	\$ 432	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,272	\$ 281	\$5,635

Goodwill is recorded at the acquisition date based on a preliminary purchase price allocation and generally may be adjusted when the purchase price allocation is finalized. A net increase in goodwill of \$4.39 billion was recorded during the year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to \$2.64 billion from the Sunoco Merger and \$2.50 billion related to Southern Union, offset by \$619 million in goodwill that was contributed as part of the deconsolidation of our Propane Business (see Note 3), and \$133 million classified as assets held for sale (see Note 3). We acquired control of Southern Union through the Holdco Transaction. Because that transaction was a combination of entities under common control, we retrospectively consolidated Southern Union into the Partnership's consolidated financial statements beginning on March 26, 2012 and also recorded Southern Union's assets (including goodwill) and liabilities at ETE's basis. The Sunoco Merger and Holdco Transaction are described in Note 3. This additional goodwill is not expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

### Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost, net of amortization computed on the straight-line method. We eliminate from our balance sheet the gross carrying amount and the related accumulated amortization for any fully amortized intangibles in the year they are fully amortized.

Components and useful lives of intangible assets were as follows:

	December 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
<b>Amortizable intangible assets:</b>				
Customer relationships, contracts and agreements (3 to 46 years)	\$ 1,290	\$ (80)	\$ 338	\$ (95)
Noncompete agreements (3 to 15 years)	—	—	15	(8)
Patents (9 years)	48	(1)	1	—
Other (10 to 15 years)	4	(1)	2	(1)
Total amortizable intangible assets	\$ 1,342	\$ (82)	\$ 356	\$ (104)
<b>Non-amortizable intangible assets –</b>				
Trademarks	301	—	79	—
Total intangible assets	\$ 1,643	\$ (82)	\$ 435	\$ (104)

Related to the Sunoco Merger and Holdco Transaction discussed in Note 3, we recorded customer contracts of \$1.07 billion with useful lives ranging from 5 to 20 years, patents of \$48 million with useful lives of 10 years and non-amortizable trademarks of \$301 million during the year ended December 31, 2012.

Aggregate amortization expense of intangible assets was as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Reported in depreciation and amortization	\$ 36	\$ 24	\$ 20

Estimated aggregate amortization expense for the next five years is as follows:

Years Ending December 31:	
2013	\$87
2014	86
2015	86
2016	86
2017	86

We review amortizable intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. If such a review should indicate that the carrying amount of amortizable intangible assets is not recoverable, we reduce the carrying amount of such assets to fair value. We review non-amortizable intangible assets for impairment annually, or more frequently if circumstances dictate.

#### Other Non-Current Assets, net

Other non-current assets, net are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Other non-current assets, net consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Unamortized financing costs (3 to 30 years)	\$ 54	\$ 47
Regulatory assets	87	89
Deferred charges	140	—
Other	76	24
Total other non-current assets, net	\$357	\$160

#### Asset Retirement Obligation

We have determined that we are obligated by contractual or regulatory requirements to remove facilities or perform other remediation upon retirement of certain assets. The fair value of any ARO is determined based on estimates and assumptions related to retirement costs, which the Partnership bases on historical retirement costs, future inflation rates and credit-adjusted risk-free interest rates. These fair value assessments are considered to be level 3 measurements, as they are based on both observable and unobservable inputs. Changes in the liability are recorded for the passage of time (accretion) or for revisions to cash flows originally estimated to settle the ARO.

An ARO is required to be recorded when a legal obligation to retire an asset exists and such obligation can be reasonably estimated. We will record an asset retirement obligation in the periods in which management can reasonably determine the settlement dates.

Except for the AROs of Southern Union, Sunoco Logistics and Sunoco discussed below, management was not able to reasonably measure the fair value of asset retirement obligations as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 because the settlement dates were indeterminable. Although a number of other onshore assets in Southern Union's system are subject to agreements or regulations that give rise to an ARO upon Southern Union's discontinued use of these assets, AROs were not recorded because these assets have an indeterminate removal or abandonment date given the expected continued use of the assets with proper maintenance or replacement. Sunoco has legal asset retirement obligations for several other assets at its refineries, pipelines and terminals, for which it is not possible to estimate when the obligations will be settled. Consequently, the retirement obligations for these assets cannot be measured at this time. At the end of the useful life of these underlying assets, Sunoco is legally or contractually required to abandon in place or remove the asset. Sunoco Logistics believes it may have additional asset retirement obligations related to its pipeline assets and storage tanks, for which it is not possible to estimate whether or when the retirement obligations will be settled. Consequently, these retirement obligations cannot be measured at this time.

Below is a schedule of AROs by entity recorded as other non-current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet:

	December 31, 2012
Southern Union	\$ 46
Sunoco	53
Sunoco Logistics	41
	<u>\$ 140</u>

Individual component assets have been and will continue to be replaced, but the pipeline and the natural gas gathering and processing systems will continue in operation as long as supply and demand for natural gas exists. Based on the widespread use of natural gas in industrial and power generation activities, management expects supply and demand to exist for the foreseeable future. We have in place a rigorous repair and maintenance program that keeps the pipelines and the natural gas gathering and processing systems in good working order. Therefore, although some of the individual assets may be replaced, the pipelines and the natural gas gathering and processing systems themselves will remain intact indefinitely.

As of December 31, 2012, there were no legally restricted funds for the purpose of settling AROs.

#### Accrued and Other Current Liabilities

Accrued and other current liabilities consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Interest payable	\$ 256	\$143
Customer advances and deposits	44	84
Accrued capital expenditures	356	197
Accrued wages and benefits	236	67
Taxes payable other than income taxes	203	77
Income taxes payable	40	14
Deferred income taxes	130	—
Other	297	48
Total accrued and other current liabilities	<u>\$1,562</u>	<u>\$630</u>

Deposits or advances are received from our customers as prepayments for natural gas deliveries in the following month. Prepayments and security deposits may also be required when customers exceed their credit limits or do not qualify for open credit.

#### Environmental Remediation

We accrue environmental remediation costs for work at identified sites where an assessment has indicated that cleanup costs are probable and reasonably estimable. Such accruals are undiscounted and are based on currently available information, estimated timing of remedial actions and related inflation assumptions, existing technology and presently enacted laws and regulations. If a range of probable environmental cleanup costs exists for an identified site, the minimum of the range is accrued unless some other point in the range is more likely in which case the most likely amount in the range is accrued.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate their fair value. Price risk management assets and liabilities are recorded at fair value.

Based on the estimated borrowing rates currently available to us and our subsidiaries for loans with similar terms and average maturities, the aggregate fair value and carrying amount of our debt obligations as of December 31, 2012 was \$17.84 billion and \$16.22 billion, respectively. As of December 31, 2011, the aggregate fair value and carrying amount of our debt obligations was \$8.39 billion and \$7.81 billion, respectively. The fair value of our consolidated debt obligations is a Level 2 valuation based on the observable inputs used for similar liabilities.

We have commodity derivatives and interest rate derivatives that are accounted for as assets and liabilities at fair value in our consolidated balance sheets. We determine the fair value of our assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurement by using the highest possible "level" of inputs. Level 1 inputs are observable quotes in an active market for identical assets and liabilities. We consider the valuation of marketable securities and commodity derivatives transacted through a clearing broker with a published price from the appropriate exchange as a Level 1 valuation. Level 2 inputs are inputs observable for similar assets and liabilities. We consider over-the-counter ("OTC") commodity derivatives entered into directly with third parties as a Level 2 valuation since the values of these derivatives are quoted on an exchange for similar transactions. Additionally, we consider our options transacted through our clearing broker as having Level 2 inputs due to the level of activity of these contracts on the exchange in which they trade. We consider the valuation of our interest rate derivatives as Level 2 as the primary input, the LIBOR curve, is based on quotes from an active exchange of Eurodollar futures for the same period as the future interest swap settlements. Level 3 inputs are unobservable. We currently do not have any recurring fair value financial instrument measurements that are considered Level 3 valuations. During the period ended December 31, 2012, no transfers were made between any levels within the fair value hierarchy.

The following tables summarize the fair value of our financial assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 based on inputs used to derive their fair values:

	Fair Value Total	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2012	
		Level 1	Level 2
<b>Assets:</b>			
Interest rate derivatives	\$ 55	\$ —	\$ 55
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>			
Natural Gas:			
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	11	11	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	3	—	3
Fixed Swaps/Futures	96	94	2
Options – Puts	1	—	1
Options – Calls	3	—	3
Forward Physical Swaps	1	—	1
Power:			
Forwards	27	—	27
Futures	1	1	—
Options – Calls	2	—	2
Natural Gas Liquids – Swaps	1	1	—
Refined Products	5	1	4
Total commodity derivatives	151	108	43
Total Assets	\$ 206	\$ 108	\$ 98
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Interest rate derivatives	\$ (223)	\$ —	\$ (223)
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>			
Natural Gas:			
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	(18)	(18)	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	(2)	—	(2)
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(103)	(94)	(9)
Options – Puts	(1)	—	(1)
Options – Calls	(3)	—	(3)
Forward Physical Swaps	—	—	—
Power:			
Forwards	(27)	—	(27)
Futures	(2)	(2)	—
Natural Gas Liquids – Swaps	(3)	(3)	—
Refined Products	(8)	(1)	(7)
Total commodity derivatives	(167)	(118)	(49)
Total Liabilities	\$ (390)	\$ (118)	\$ (272)

	Fair Value Total	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2011	
		Level 1	Level 2
<b>Assets:</b>			
Marketable securities	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ —
Interest rate derivatives	36	—	36
Commodity derivatives:			
Natural Gas:			
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	63	63	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	15	2	13
Fixed Swaps/Futures	215	215	—
Options – Puts	6	—	6
Forward Physical Swaps	1	—	1
Total commodity derivatives	300	280	20
Total Assets	<u>\$ 337</u>	<u>\$ 281</u>	<u>\$ 56</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Interest rate derivatives	\$ (117)	\$ —	\$ (117)
Commodity derivatives:			
Natural Gas:			
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	(82)	(82)	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	(16)	(3)	(13)
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(148)	(148)	—
Forward Physical Swaps	(1)	—	(1)
Propane – Forwards/Swaps	(4)	—	(4)
Total commodity derivatives	(251)	(233)	(18)
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ (368)</u>	<u>\$ (233)</u>	<u>\$ (135)</u>

### Contributions in Aid of Construction Costs

On certain of our capital projects, third parties are obligated to reimburse us for all or a portion of project expenditures. The majority of such arrangements are associated with pipeline construction and production well tie-ins. Contributions in aid of construction costs (“CIAC”) are netted against our project costs as they are received, and any CIAC which exceeds our total project costs, is recognized as other income in the period in which it is realized.

### Shipping and Handling Costs

Shipping and handling costs related to fuel sold are included in cost of products sold. Shipping and handling costs related to fuel consumed for compression and treating are included in operating expenses and are as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Shipping and handling costs – recorded in operating expenses	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 40</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>

### Costs and Expenses

Costs of products sold include actual cost of fuel sold, adjusted for the effects of our hedging and other commodity derivative activities, and the cost of appliances, parts and fittings. Operating expenses include all costs incurred to provide products to customers, including compensation for operations personnel, insurance costs, vehicle maintenance, advertising costs, purchasing costs and plant operations. Selling, general and administrative expenses include all partnership related expenses and compensation for executive, partnership, and administrative personnel.

We record the collection of taxes to be remitted to government authorities on a net basis except for our retail marketing operation in which consumer excise taxes on sales of refined products and merchandise are included in both revenues and costs and expenses in the consolidated statements of operations, with no effect on net income (loss).



## Income Taxes

ETP GP is a limited partnership and is not taxable for federal and most state income tax purposes. As a result, our earnings or losses, to the extent not included in a taxable subsidiary, for federal and most state purposes are included in the tax returns of the individual partners. Net earnings for financial statement purposes may differ significantly from taxable income reportable to Unitholders as a result of differences between the tax basis and financial basis of assets and liabilities, differences between the tax accounting and financial accounting treatment of certain items, and due to allocation requirements related to taxable income under the Partnership Agreement.

As a limited partnership, ETP is subject to a statutory requirement that its “qualifying income” (as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, related Treasury Regulations, and Internal Revenue Service pronouncements) exceed 90% of its total gross income, determined on a calendar year basis. If ETP’s qualifying income does not meet this statutory requirement, ETP would be taxed as a corporation for federal and state income tax purposes. For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, ETP’s qualifying income met the statutory requirement.

The Partnership conducts certain activities through corporate subsidiaries which are subject to federal, state and local income taxes. Holdco, formed via the Holdco Transaction (see Note 3), which includes Sunoco and Southern Union, is included amongst these corporate subsidiaries. The Partnership and its corporate subsidiaries account for income taxes under the asset and liability method.

Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rate is recognized in earnings in the period that includes the enactment date. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amounts more likely than not to be realized.

The determination of the provision for income taxes requires significant judgment, use of estimates, and the interpretation and application of complex tax laws. Significant judgment is required in assessing the timing and amounts of deductible and taxable items and the probability of sustaining uncertain tax positions. The benefits of uncertain tax positions are recorded in our financial statements only after determining a more-likely-than-not probability that the uncertain tax positions will withstand challenge, if any, from taxing authorities. When facts and circumstances change, we reassess these probabilities and record any changes through the provision for income taxes.

See Note 8 for income tax disclosures.

## Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

For qualifying hedges, we formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting treatment and the gains and losses offset related results on the hedged item in the statement of operations. The market prices used to value our financial derivatives and related transactions have been determined using independent third party prices, readily available market information, broker quotes and appropriate valuation techniques.

At inception of a hedge, we formally document the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item, the risk management objectives, and the methods used for assessing and testing effectiveness and how any ineffectiveness will be measured and recorded. We also assess, both at the inception of the hedge and on a quarterly basis, whether the derivatives that are used in our hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows. If we determine that a derivative is no longer highly effective as a hedge, we discontinue hedge accounting prospectively by including changes in the fair value of the derivative in net income for the period.

If we designate a commodity hedging relationship as a fair value hedge, we record the changes in fair value of the hedged asset or liability in cost of products sold in our consolidated statement of operations. This amount is offset by the changes in fair value of the related hedging instrument. Any ineffective portion or amount excluded from the assessment of hedge ineffectiveness is also included in the cost of products sold in the consolidated statement of operations.

Cash flows from derivatives accounted for as cash flow hedges are reported as cash flows from operating activities, in the same category as the cash flows from the items being hedged.

If we designate a derivative financial instrument as a cash flow hedge and it qualifies for hedge accounting, the change in the fair value is deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income (“AOCI”) until the underlying hedged transaction occurs. Any ineffective portion of a cash flow hedge’s change in fair value is recognized each period in earnings. Gains and losses deferred in AOCI related to cash flow hedges remain in AOCI until the underlying physical transaction occurs, unless it is probable that the forecasted transaction will not occur by the end of the originally specified time period or within an additional two-month period of time thereafter. For financial derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting, the change in fair value is recorded in cost of products sold in the consolidated statements of operations.

We manage a portion of our interest rate exposures by utilizing interest rate swaps and similar instruments. Certain of our interest rate derivatives are accounted for as either cash flow hedges or fair value hedges. For interest rate derivatives accounted for as either cash flow or fair value hedges, we report realized gains and losses and ineffectiveness portions of those hedges in interest expense. For interest rate derivatives not designated as hedges for accounting purposes, we report realized and unrealized gains and losses on those derivatives in “Gains (losses) on non-hedged interest rate derivatives” in the consolidated statements of operations. See Note 10 for additional information related to interest rate derivatives.

### **Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans**

Employers are required to recognize in their balance sheets the overfunded or underfunded status of defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans, measured as the difference between the fair value of the plan assets and the benefit obligation (the projected benefit obligation for pension plans and the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation for other postretirement plans). Each overfunded plan is recognized as an asset and each underfunded plan is recognized as a liability. Employers must recognize the change in the funded status of the plan in the year in which the change occurs through AOCI in equity.

See Note 11 for additional related information.

### **Allocation of Income**

For purposes of maintaining partner capital accounts, the Partnership Agreement specifies that items of income and loss shall generally be allocated among the partners in accordance with their percentage interests (see Note 6). Our net income for partners’ capital and statement of operations presentation purposes is allocated to the General Partner and Limited Partners in accordance with their respective partnership percentages, after giving effect to priority income allocations for incentive distributions, if any, to our General Partner, the holder of the incentive distribution rights (“IDRs”) pursuant to our Partnership Agreement, which are declared and paid following the close of each quarter. Earnings in excess of distributions are allocated to the General Partner and Limited Partners based on their respective ownership interests.

## **3. ACQUISITIONS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS:**

### ***2013 Transactions***

#### **SUGS Contribution**

On April 30, 2013, Southern Union completed its contribution to Regency of all of the issued and outstanding membership interest in Southern Union Gathering Company, LLC, and its subsidiaries, including SUGS (the “SUGS Contribution”). The general partner and IDRs of Regency are owned by ETE. The consideration paid by Regency in connection with this transaction consisted of (i) the issuance of approximately 31.4 million Regency common units to Southern Union, (ii) the issuance of approximately 6.3 million Regency Class F units to Southern Union, (iii) the distribution of \$463 million in cash to Southern Union, net of closing adjustments, and (iv) the payment of \$30 million in cash to a subsidiary of ETP. This transaction was between commonly controlled entities; therefore, the amounts recorded in the consolidated balance sheet for the investment in Regency and the related deferred tax liabilities were based on the historical book value of SUGS. In addition, PEPL Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southern Union, provided a guarantee of collection with respect to the payment of the principal amounts of Regency’s debt related to the SUGS Contribution. The Regency Class F units have the same rights, terms and conditions as the Regency common units, except that Southern Union will not receive distributions on the Regency Class F units for the first eight consecutive quarters following the closing, and the Regency Class F units will thereafter automatically convert into Regency common units on a one-for-one basis. The Partnership has not presented SUGS as discontinued operations due to the expected continuing involvement with SUGS through affiliate relationships, as well as the direct investment in Regency common and Class F units received, which has been accounted for using the equity method.

#### **Acquisition of ETE’s Holdco Interest**

On April 30, 2013, ETP acquired ETE’s 60% interest in Holdco for approximately 49.5 million of newly issued ETP Common Units and \$1.40 billion in cash, less \$68 million of closing adjustments (the “Holdco Acquisition”). As a result, ETP now owns 100% of Holdco. ETE, which owns the general partner and IDRs of ETP, agreed to forego incentive distributions on the newly issued ETP units for each of the first eight consecutive quarters beginning with the quarter in which the closing of the transaction occurred and 50% of incentive distributions on the newly issued ETP units for the following eight consecutive quarters. ETP controlled Holdco prior to this acquisition; therefore, the transaction did not constitute a change of control.

#### **Sale of Distribution Operations**

Effective September 1, 2013, Southern Union completed its sale of the assets of MGE division to Laclede Gas Company for an aggregate purchase price of \$975 million, subject to customary post-closing adjustments. The sale of Southern Union’s NEG division is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2013 for cash proceeds of \$40 million, subject to customary post-closing adjustments and the assumption of \$20 million of debt.

## **2012 Transactions**

### **Southern Union Merger**

On March 26, 2012, ETE completed its acquisition of Southern Union. Southern Union is the surviving entity in the merger and operates as a wholly-owned subsidiary of ETE. See below for discussion of Holdco Transaction and ETE's contribution of Southern Union to Holdco.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, Southern Union stockholders received a total of 56,982,160 ETE Common Units and a total of approximately \$3.01 billion in cash. Effective with the closing of the transaction, Southern Union's common stock was no longer publicly traded.

### **Citrus Acquisition**

In connection with the Southern Union Merger on March 26, 2012, we completed our acquisition of CrossCountry, a subsidiary of Southern Union which owned an indirect 50% interest in Citrus, the owner of FGT. The total merger consideration was approximately \$2.0 billion, consisting of approximately \$1.9 billion in cash and approximately 2.25 million ETP Common Units. See Note 4 for more information regarding our equity method investment in Citrus.

### **Sunoco Merger**

On October 5, 2012, ETP completed its merger with Sunoco. Under the terms of the merger agreement, Sunoco shareholders received 55 million ETP Common Units and a total of approximately \$2.6 billion in cash.

Sunoco generates cash flow from a portfolio of retail outlets for the sale of gasoline and middle distillates in the east coast, midwest and southeast areas of the United States. Prior to October 5, 2012, Sunoco also owned a 2% general partner interest, 100% of the IDRs, and 32% of the outstanding common units of Sunoco Logistics. As discussed below, on October 5, 2012, Sunoco's interests in Sunoco Logistics were transferred to the Partnership.

Sunoco Logistics is a publicly traded limited partnership that owns and operates a logistics business consisting of a geographically diverse portfolio of complementary pipeline, terminalling and crude oil acquisition and marketing assets. The refined products pipelines business consists of refined products pipelines located in the northeast, midwest and southwest United States, and equity interests in refined products pipelines. The crude oil pipeline business consists of crude oil pipelines located principally in Oklahoma and Texas. The terminal facilities business consists of refined products and crude oil terminal capacity at the Nederland Terminal on the Gulf Coast of Texas and capacity at the Eagle Point terminal on the banks of the Delaware River in New Jersey. The crude oil acquisition and marketing business, principally conducted in Oklahoma and Texas, involves the acquisition and marketing of crude oil and consists of crude oil transport trucks and crude oil truck unloading facilities.

Prior to the Sunoco Merger, on September 8, 2012, Sunoco completed the exit from its Northeast refining operations by contributing the refining assets at its Philadelphia refinery and various commercial contracts to PES, a joint venture with The Carlyle Group. Sunoco also permanently idled the main refining processing units at its Marcus Hook refinery in June 2012. The Marcus Hook facility continued to support operations at the Philadelphia refinery prior to commencement of the PES joint venture. Under the terms of the joint venture agreement, The Carlyle Group contributed cash in exchange for a 67% controlling interest in PES. In exchange for contributing its Philadelphia refinery assets and various commercial contracts to the joint venture, Sunoco retained an approximate 30% non-operating noncontrolling interest. The fair value of Sunoco's retained interest in PES, which was \$75 million on the date on which the joint venture was formed, was determined based on the equity contributions of The Carlyle Group. Sunoco has indemnified PES for environmental liabilities related to the Philadelphia refinery that arose from the operation of such assets prior the formation of the joint venture. The Carlyle Group will oversee day-to-day operations of PES and the refinery. JPMorgan Chase will provide working capital financing to PES in the form of an asset-backed loan, supply crude oil and other feedstocks to the refinery at the time of processing and purchase certain blendstocks and all finished refined products as they are processed. Sunoco entered into a ten-year supply contract for gasoline and diesel produced at the refinery for its retail marketing business.

ETP incurred merger related costs related to the Sunoco Merger of \$28 million during the year ended December 31, 2012. Sunoco's revenue included in our consolidated statement of operations was approximately \$5.93 billion during October through December 2012. Sunoco's net loss included in our consolidated statement of operations was approximately \$14 million during October through December 2012. Sunoco Logistics' revenue included in our consolidated statement of operations was approximately \$3.11 billion during October through December 2012. Sunoco Logistics' net income included in our consolidated statement of operations was approximately \$145 million during October through December 2012.

## Holdco Transaction

Immediately following the closing of the Sunoco Merger, ETE contributed its interest in Southern Union into Holdco, an ETP-controlled entity, in exchange for a 60% equity interest in Holdco. In conjunction with ETE's contribution, ETP contributed its interest in Sunoco to Holdco and retained a 40% equity interest in Holdco. Prior to the contribution of Sunoco to Holdco, Sunoco contributed \$2.0 billion of cash and its interests in Sunoco Logistics to ETP in exchange for 90,706,000 Class F Units representing limited partner interests in ETP ("Class F Units"). The Class F Units are entitled to 35% of the quarterly cash distribution generated by ETP and its subsidiaries other than Holdco, subject to a maximum cash distribution of \$3.75 per Class F Unit per year, which is the current distribution level. Pursuant to a stockholders agreement between ETE and ETP, ETP controls Holdco. Consequently, ETP consolidated Holdco (including Sunoco and Southern Union) in its financial statements subsequent to consummation of the Holdco Transaction.

Under the terms of the Holdco transaction agreement, ETE agreed to relinquish its right to \$210 million of incentive distributions from ETP that ETE would otherwise be entitled to receive over 12 consecutive quarters beginning with the distribution paid on November 14, 2012.

In accordance with GAAP, we have accounted for the Holdco Transaction, whereby ETP obtained control of Southern Union, as a reorganization of entities under common control. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements have been retrospectively adjusted to reflect consolidation of Southern Union into ETP beginning March 26, 2012 (the date ETE acquired Southern Union).

### *Summary of Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed*

We accounted for the Sunoco Merger using the acquisition method of accounting, which requires, among other things, that assets acquired and liabilities assumed be recognized on the balance sheet at their fair values as of the acquisition date. Upon consummation of the Holdco Transaction, we applied the accounting guidance for transactions between entities under common control. Accordingly, we retrospectively consolidated Southern Union beginning on March 26, 2012, the date of the Southern Union Merger. In doing so, we recorded the values of assets and liabilities that had been recorded by ETE as reflected below.

The following table summarizes the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the respective acquisition dates:

	Sunoco (1)	Southern Union (2)
Total current assets	\$ 7,312	\$ 556
Property, plant and equipment	6,686	6,242
Goodwill	2,641	2,497
Intangible assets	1,361	55
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates	240	2,023
Note receivable	821	—
Other assets	128	163
	<u>19,189</u>	<u>11,536</u>
Current liabilities	4,424	1,348
Long-term debt obligations, less current maturities	2,879	3,120
Deferred income taxes	1,762	1,419
Other non-current liabilities	769	284
Noncontrolling interest	3,580	—
	<u>13,414</u>	<u>6,171</u>
Total consideration	5,775	5,365
Cash received	2,714	37
Total consideration, net of cash received	<u>\$ 3,061</u>	<u>\$ 5,328</u>

(1) Includes amounts recorded with respect to Sunoco Logistics.

(2) Includes ETP's acquisition of Citrus.

As a result of the Holdco Transaction, we recognized \$38 million of merger-related costs during the year ended December 31, 2012 related to Southern Union. Southern Union's revenue included in our consolidated statement of operations was approximately \$1.26 billion since the acquisition date to December 31, 2012. Southern Union's net income included in our consolidated statement of operations was approximately \$39 million since the acquisition date to December 31, 2012.

### Propane Operations

On January 12, 2012, we contributed our propane operations, consisting of HOLP and Titan (collectively, the "Propane Business") to AmeriGas. We received approximately \$1.46 billion in cash and approximately 30 million AmeriGas common units. AmeriGas assumed approximately \$71 million of existing HOLP debt. In connection with the closing of this transaction, we entered into a support agreement with AmeriGas pursuant to which we are obligated to provide contingent, residual support of \$1.5 billion of intercompany indebtedness owed by AmeriGas to a finance subsidiary that in turn supports the repayment of \$1.5 billion of senior notes issued by this AmeriGas finance subsidiary to finance the cash portion of the purchase price.

We have not reflected our Propane operations as discontinued operations as we will have a continuing involvement in this business as a result of the investment in AmeriGas that was transferred as consideration for the transaction.

### Discontinued Operations

In October 2012, we sold Canyon for approximately \$207 million. The results of continuing operations of Canyon have been reclassified to loss from discontinued operations. A write down of the carrying amounts of the Canyon assets to their fair values was recorded for approximately \$132 million during the year ended December 31, 2012.

In December 2012, Southern Union entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the Laclede Entities, pursuant to which Laclede Missouri has agreed to acquire the assets of MGE division and Laclede Massachusetts has agreed to acquire the assets of the NEG division. Total consideration is expected to be \$1.04 billion, subject to customary closing adjustments, less the assumption of approximately \$19 million of debt. For the period from March 26, 2012 to December 31, 2012 the results of continuing operations of distribution operations have been reclassified to income from discontinued operations. The assets and liabilities of the disposal group have been reclassified and reported as assets and liabilities held for sale as of December 31, 2012.

In February 2013, The Laclede Group, Inc. entered into an agreement with Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp ("APUC") that will allow a subsidiary of APUC to assume the rights of The Laclede Group, Inc. to purchase the assets of Southern Union's NEG division, subject to certain approvals.

Below is selected financial information related to Southern Union's distribution operations for the period from March 26, 2012 to December 31, 2012:

Revenue from discontinued operations	\$324
Net income of discontinued operations, excluding effect of taxes and overhead allocations	43

The goodwill allocated to the disposal group was \$133 million at December 31, 2012.

### 2011 Transactions

#### LDH Acquisition

On May 2, 2011, ETP-Regency Midstream Holdings, LLC ("ETP-Regency LLC"), a joint venture owned 70% by the Partnership and 30% by Regency Energy Partners LP ("Regency"), acquired all of the membership interest in LDH Energy Asset Holdings LLC ("LDH"), from Louis Dreyfus Highbridge Energy LLC ("Louis Dreyfus") for approximately \$1.98 billion in cash (the "LDH Acquisition"), including working capital adjustments. The Partnership contributed approximately \$1.38 billion to ETP-Regency LLC to fund its 70% share of the purchase price. Subsequent to closing, ETP-Regency LLC was renamed Lone Star.

Lone Star owns and operates a natural gas liquids storage, fractionation and transportation business. Lone Star's storage assets are primarily located in Mont Belvieu, Texas, and its West Texas Pipeline transports NGLs through an intrastate pipeline system that originates in the Permian Basin in west Texas, passes through the Barnett Shale production area in north Texas and terminates at the Mont Belvieu storage and fractionation complex. Lone Star also owns and operates fractionation and processing assets located in Louisiana. The acquisition of LDH by Lone Star expands the Partnership's asset portfolio by adding an NGL platform with storage, transportation and fractionation capabilities.

We accounted for the LDH Acquisition using the acquisition method of accounting. Lone Star's results of operations are included in our NGL transportation and services operations. Regency's 30% interest in Lone Star is reflected as noncontrolling interest.

### **2010 Transactions**

In March 2010, we purchased a natural gas gathering company, which provides dehydration, treating, redelivery and compression services on a 120-mile pipeline system in the Haynesville Shale for approximately \$150 million in cash, excluding certain adjustments as defined in the purchase agreement. In connection with this transaction, we recorded customer contracts of \$68 million and goodwill of \$27 million.

## **4. ADVANCES TO AND INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATES:**

### **Citrus Corp.**

On March 26, 2012, ETE consummated the acquisition of Southern Union and, concurrently with the closing of the Southern Union acquisition, CrossCountry Energy, LLC ("CrossCountry"), a subsidiary of Southern Union that indirectly owned a 50% interest in Citrus Corp. ("Citrus"), merged with a subsidiary of ETP and, in connection therewith, ETP paid approximately \$1.9 billion in cash and issued \$105 million of ETP Common Units (the "Citrus Acquisition") to a subsidiary of ETE. As a result of the consummation of the Citrus Acquisition, ETP owns CrossCountry, which in turn owns a 50% interest in Citrus. The other 50% interest in Citrus is owned by a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, Inc.

Citrus owns 100% of FGT, a natural gas pipeline system that originates in Texas and delivers natural gas to the Florida peninsula.

We recorded our investment in Citrus at \$2.0 billion, which exceeded our proportionate share of Citrus' equity by \$1.03 billion, all of which is treated as equity method goodwill due to the application of regulatory accounting. Our investment in Citrus was \$1.98 billion as of December 31, 2012.

### **AmeriGas Partners, L.P.**

On January 12, 2012, we contributed our propane operations, consisting of HOLP and Titan (collectively, the "Propane Business") to AmeriGas. We received approximately \$1.46 billion in cash and approximately 30 million AmeriGas Common Units valued at \$1.12 billion at the time of the contribution. In addition, AmeriGas assumed approximately \$71 million of existing HOLP debt. We recognized a gain on deconsolidation of \$1.06 billion as a result of this transaction. The cash proceeds were used to complete our tender offer of existing debt (see Note 6) in January 2012 and to repay borrowings on our revolving credit facility.

Our investment in AmeriGas reflected \$630 million in excess of our proportionate share of AmeriGas' limited partners' capital. Of this excess fair value, \$289 million is being amortized over a weighted average period of 14 years, and \$341 million is being treated as equity method goodwill and non-amortizable intangible assets.

In connection with the closing of this transaction, we entered into a support agreement with AmeriGas (See Note 10).

We have not reflected our Propane Business as discontinued operations as a result of our investment in AmeriGas.

In June 2012, we sold the remainder of our retail propane operations, consisting of our cylinder exchange business, to a third party. In connection with the contribution agreement with AmeriGas, certain excess sales proceeds from the sale of the cylinder exchange business were remitted to AmeriGas, and we received net proceeds of approximately \$43 million.

Our investment in AmeriGas was \$1.02 billion as of December 31, 2012.

### **FEP**

We have a 50% interest in FEP, a 50/50 joint venture with Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. ("KMP"). FEP owns the Fayetteville Express pipeline, an approximately 185-mile natural gas pipeline that originate in Conway County, Arkansas, continues eastward through White County, Arkansas and terminates at an interconnect with Trunkline Gas Company in Panola County, Mississippi.

## Summarized Financial Information

The following tables present aggregated selected balance sheet and income statement data for our unconsolidated affiliates, FEP, AmeriGas and Citrus (on a 100% basis) for all periods presented:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Current assets	\$ 878	\$ 833
Property, plant and equipment, net	8,063	7,350
Other assets	2,529	810
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,470</u>	<u>\$ 8,993</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 1,605	\$ 1,491
Non-current liabilities	6,143	4,900
Equity	3,722	2,602
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 11,470</u>	<u>\$ 8,993</u>

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Revenue	\$4,057	\$3,337	\$2,889
Operating income	635	681	502
Net income	338	341	339

5. **DEBT OBLIGATIONS:**

Our debt obligations consist of the following:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
<b>ETP Debt</b>		
5.65% Senior Notes due August 1, 2012	\$ —	\$ 400
6.0% Senior Notes due July 1, 2013	350	350
8.5% Senior Notes due April 15, 2014	292	350
5.95% Senior Notes due February 1, 2015	750	750
6.125% Senior Notes due February 15, 2017	400	400
6.7% Senior Notes due July 1, 2018	600	600
9.7% Senior Notes due March 15, 2019	400	600
9.0% Senior Notes due April 15, 2019	450	650
4.65% Senior Notes due June 1, 2021	800	800
5.20% Senior Notes due February 1, 2022	1,000	—
6.625% Senior Notes due October 15, 2036	400	400
7.5% Senior Notes due July 1, 2038	550	550
6.05% Senior Notes due June 1, 2041	700	700
6.50% Senior Notes due February 1, 2042	1,000	—
ETP \$2.5 billion Revolving Credit Facility due October 27, 2016	1,395	314
Other	—	81
Unamortized premiums, discounts and fair value adjustments, net	(14)	(2)
	<u>9,073</u>	<u>6,943</u>
<b>Transwestern Debt</b>		
5.39% Senior Notes due November 17, 2014	88	88
5.54% Senior Notes due November 17, 2016	125	125
5.64% Senior Notes due May 24, 2017	82	82
5.36% Senior Notes due December 9, 2020	175	175
5.89% Senior Notes due May 24, 2022	150	150
5.66% Senior Notes due December 9, 2024	175	175
6.16% Senior Notes due May 24, 2037	75	75
Unamortized premiums, discounts and fair value adjustments, net	(1)	(1)
	<u>869</u>	<u>869</u>
<b>Southern Union Debt</b>		
7.60% Senior Notes due February 1, 2024	360	—
8.25% Senior Notes due November 14, 2029	300	—
7.20% Junior Subordinated Notes due November 1, 2066	600	—
Southern Union \$700 million Revolving Credit Facility due May 20, 2016	210	—
Other	7	—
Unamortized premiums, discounts and fair value adjustments, net	49	—
	<u>1,526</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Panhandle Debt</b>		
6.05% Senior Notes due August 15, 2013	250	—
6.20% Senior Notes due November 1, 2017	300	—
7.00% Senior Notes due June 15, 2018	400	—
8.125% Senior Notes due June 1, 2019	150	—
7.00% Senior Notes due July 15, 2029	66	—
Term Loan due February 23, 2015 (1.84% interest rate at December 31, 2012)	455	—
Unamortized premiums, discounts and fair value adjustments, net	136	—
	<u>1,757</u>	<u>—</u>



<b>Sunoco Debt</b>		
4.875% Senior Notes due October 15, 2014	250	—
9.625% Senior Notes due April 15, 2015	250	—
5.75% Senior Notes due January 15, 2017	400	—
9.00% Debentures due November 1, 2024	65	—
Other	25	—
Unamortized premiums, discounts and fair value adjustments, net	104	—
	<u>1,094</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Sunoco Logistics Debt</b>		
8.75% Senior Notes due February 15, 2014	175	—
6.125% Senior Notes due May 15, 2016	175	—
5.50% Senior Notes due February 15, 2020	250	—
4.65% Senior Notes due February 15, 2022	300	—
6.85% Senior Notes due February 15, 2040	250	—
6.10% Senior Notes due February 15, 2042	300	—
Sunoco Logistics \$200 million Revolving Credit Facility due August 21, 2013	26	—
Sunoco Logistics \$35 million Revolving Credit Facility due April 30, 2015	20	—
Sunoco Logistics \$350 million Revolving Credit Facility due August 22, 2016	93	—
Unamortized premiums, net of discounts and fair value adjustments	143	—
	<u>1,732</u>	<u>—</u>
Note Payable to ETE	166	—
	<u>16,217</u>	<u>7,812</u>
Current maturities	(609)	(424)
	<u>\$15,608</u>	<u>\$7,388</u>

The following table reflects future maturities of long-term debt for each of the next five years and thereafter. These amounts exclude \$418 million in unamortized net premiums and fair value adjustments:

2013	\$ 609
2014	973
2015	1,475
2016	1,999
2017	1,183
Thereafter	9,561
Total	<u>\$15,800</u>

#### ***ETP as Co-Obligor of Sunoco Debt***

In connection with the Sunoco Merger and Holdco Transaction, ETP became a co-obligor on approximately \$965 million of aggregate principal amount of Sunoco's existing senior notes and debentures.

#### ***ETP Senior Notes***

The ETP Senior Notes were registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (as amended). The Partnership may redeem some or all of the ETP Senior Notes at any time, or from time to time, pursuant to the terms of the indenture and related indenture supplements related to the ETP Senior Notes. The balance is payable upon maturity. Interest on the ETP Senior Notes is paid semi-annually.

The ETP Senior Notes are unsecured obligations of the Partnership and the obligation of the Partnership to repay the ETP Senior Notes is not guaranteed by any of the Partnership's subsidiaries. As a result, the ETP Senior Notes effectively rank junior to any future indebtedness of ours or our subsidiaries that is both secured and unsubordinated to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, and the ETP Senior Notes effectively rank junior to all indebtedness and other liabilities of our existing and future subsidiaries.

#### ***Transwestern Senior Notes***

The Transwestern notes are payable at any time in whole or pro rata in part, subject to a premium or upon a change of control event or an event of default, as defined. The balance is payable upon maturity. Interest is paid semi-annually.

#### ***Southern Union Junior Subordinated Notes***

Southern Union has interest rate swap agreements that effectively fix the interest rate applicable to the floating rate on \$525 million of the \$600 million Junior Subordinated Notes due 2066. The interest rate on the remaining notes is a variable rate based upon the three-month LIBOR rate plus 3.0175%. The balance of the variable rate portion of the Junior Subordinated Notes was \$75 million at an effective interest rate of 3.32% at December 31, 2012.

#### ***Panhandle Term Loans***

In February 2012, Southern Union refinanced LNG Holdings' \$455 million term loan due March 2012 with an unsecured three-year term loan facility due February 23, 2015, with LNG Holdings as borrower and PEPL and Trunkline LNG as guarantors and a floating interest rate tied to LIBOR plus a margin based on the rating of PEPL's senior unsecured debt. The effective interest rate of PEPL's term loan was 1.84% at December 31, 2012.

#### ***Senior Notes Offering***

In January 2013, ETP completed a public offering of \$800 million aggregate principal amount of our 3.6% Senior Notes due February 1, 2023 and \$450 million aggregate principal amount of our 5.15% Senior Notes due February 1, 2043. We used the net proceeds of approximately \$1.24 billion from this offering to repay borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility and for general partnership purposes.

In addition, in January 2013, Sunoco Logistics issued \$350 million of 3.45% Senior Notes and \$350 million of 4.95% Senior Notes (the "2023 and 2043 Senior Notes"), due January 2023 and January 2043, respectively. The terms and conditions of the 2023 and 2043 Senior Notes are comparable to those under Sunoco Logistics' existing Senior Notes. The net proceeds of \$691 million from the 2023 and 2043 Senior Notes were used to pay outstanding borrowings under the \$350 million and \$200 million Credit Facilities and for general partnership purposes.

In September 2013, ETP issued \$700 million aggregate principal of 4.15% Senior Notes due October 2020, \$350 million aggregate principal of 4.90% Senior Notes due February 2024 and \$450 million aggregate principal of 5.95% Senior Notes due October 2043. ETP used the net proceeds of \$1.47 billion from the offering to repay \$455 million in borrowings outstanding under the term loan of Panhandle's wholly owned subsidiary, Trunkline LNG Holdings, LLC, to repay borrowings outstanding under the ETP Credit Facility and for general partnership purposes.

#### **Note Exchange**

On June 24, 2013, ETP completed the exchange of approximately \$1.09 billion total principal amount of Southern Union's outstanding senior notes, comprising 77% of the principal amount of the 7.6% Senior Notes due 2024, 89% of the principal amount of the 8.25% Senior Notes due 2029 and 91% of the principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes due 2066. These notes were exchanged for new notes issued by ETP with the same coupon rates and maturity dates. In conjunction with this transaction, Southern Union entered into intercompany notes payable to ETP, which provide for the reimbursement by Southern Union of ETP's payments under the newly issued notes.

#### **Credit Facilities**

##### ***ETP Credit Facility***

The indebtedness under ETP's revolving credit facility is unsecured and not guaranteed by any of the ETP's subsidiaries and has equal rights to holders of our current and future unsecured debt. The indebtedness under the ETP Credit Facility has the same priority of payment as our other current and future unsecured debt.

As of December 31, 2012, ETP had \$1.40 billion outstanding under the ETP Credit Facility, and the amount available for future borrowings was \$1.03 billion taking into account letters of credit of \$72 million. The weighted average interest rate on the total amount outstanding as of December 31, 2012 was 1.71%.

ETP used approximately \$2.0 billion of Sunoco's cash on hand to partially fund the cash portion of the Sunoco Merger consideration. The remainder of the cash portion of the merger consideration, approximately \$620 million, was funded with borrowings under the ETP Credit Facility.

On October 27, 2011, ETP amended and restated the ETP Credit Facility to, among other things, (i) allow for borrowings of up to \$2.5 billion; (ii) extend the maturity date from July 20, 2012 to October 27, 2016 (which may be extended by one year with lender approval); (iii) allow for an increase in the size of the credit facility to \$3.75 billion (subject to obtaining lender commitments for the additional borrowing capacity); and (iv) to adjust the interest rates and commitment fees to current market terms. Following this amendment and based on our current ratings, the interest margin for LIBOR rate loans is 1.50% and the commitment fee for unused borrowing capacity is 0.25%.

### ***Southern Union Credit Facility***

The Southern Union Credit Facility provides for a \$700 million revolving credit facility which matures on May 20, 2016. Borrowings under the Southern Union Credit Facility are available for working capital, other general company purposes and letter of credit requirements. The interest rate and commitment fee under the Southern Union Credit Facility are calculated using a pricing grid, which is based on the credit ratings for Southern Union's senior unsecured notes. The weighted average interest rate on the total amount outstanding as of December 31, 2012 was 1.84%.

On August 10, 2012, Southern Union entered into a First Amendment of the Southern Union Credit Facility. The amendment provides for, among other things, (i) a revision to the change of control definition to permit equity ownership of Southern Union by ETP or any direct subsidiaries of ETP in addition to ETE or any direct or indirect subsidiary of ETE; and (ii) a waiver of any potential default that may result from the Holdco Transaction.

Proceeds from the SUGS Contribution (see Note 3) were used to repay \$240 million of borrowings under the Southern Union Credit Facility and the facility was terminated.

### ***Sunoco Logistics Credit Facilities***

Sunoco Logistics maintains two credit facilities to fund the Partnership's working capital requirements, finance acquisitions and capital projects and for general partnership purposes. The credit facilities consist of a \$350 million unsecured credit facility which expires in August 2016 (the "\$350 million Credit Facility") and a \$200 million unsecured credit facility which expires in August 2013 (the "\$200 million Credit Facility"). Outstanding borrowings under \$350 million Credit Facility and \$200 million Credit Facility were \$93 million and \$26 million, respectively, at December 31, 2012.

In May 2012, Sunoco Logistics' West Texas Gulf entered into a \$35 million revolving credit facility (the "\$35 million Credit Facility") which expires in April 2015. The facility is available to fund West Texas Gulf's general corporate purposes including working capital and capital expenditures. Outstanding borrowings under this credit facility were \$20 million at December 31, 2012.

## **Covenants Related to Our Credit Agreements**

### ***Covenants Related to ETP***

The agreements relating to the ETP Senior Notes contain restrictive covenants customary for an issuer with an investment-grade rating from the rating agencies, which covenants include limitations on liens and a restriction on sale-leaseback transactions.

The credit agreement relating to the ETP Credit Facility contains covenants that limit (subject to certain exceptions) the Partnership's and certain of the Partnership's subsidiaries' ability to, among other things:

- incur indebtedness;
- grant liens;
- enter into mergers;
- dispose of assets;
- make certain investments;

- make Distributions (as defined in such credit agreement) during certain Defaults (as defined in such credit agreement) and during any Event of Default (as defined in such credit agreement);
- engage in business substantially different in nature than the business currently conducted by the Partnership and its subsidiaries;
- engage in transactions with affiliates; and
- enter into restrictive agreements.

The credit agreement relating to the ETP Credit Facility also contains a financial covenant that provides that the Leverage Ratio, as defined in the ETP Credit Facility, shall not exceed 5.0 to 1 as of the end of each quarter, with a permitted increase to 5.5 to 1 during a Specified Acquisition Period, as defined in the ETP Credit Facility.

The agreements relating to the Transwestern senior notes contain certain restrictions that, among other things, limit the incurrence of additional debt, the sale of assets and the payment of dividends and specify a maximum debt to capitalization ratio.

Failure to comply with the various restrictive and affirmative covenants of our revolving credit facilities could require us to pay debt balances prior to scheduled maturity and could negatively impact the Operating Companies' ability to incur additional debt and/or our ability to pay distributions.

We were in compliance with all requirements, tests, limitations, and covenants related to our debt agreements as of December 31, 2012.

#### ***Covenants Related to Southern Union***

Southern Union is not party to any lending agreement that would accelerate the maturity date of any obligation due to a failure to maintain any specific credit rating, nor would a reduction in any credit rating, by itself, cause an event of default under any of Southern Union's lending agreements.

Financial covenants exist in certain of Southern Union's debt agreements that require Southern Union to maintain a certain level of net worth, to meet certain debt to total capitalization ratios and to meet certain ratios of earnings before depreciation, interest and taxes to cash interest expense. A failure by Southern Union to satisfy any such covenant would give rise to an event of default under the associated debt, which could become immediately due and payable if Southern Union did not cure such default within any permitted cure period or if Southern Union did not obtain amendments, consents or waivers from its lenders with respect to such covenants.

Southern Union's restrictive covenants include restrictions on debt levels, restrictions on liens securing debt and guarantees, restrictions on mergers and on the sales of assets, capitalization requirements, dividend restrictions, cross default and cross-acceleration and prepayment of debt provisions. A breach of any of these covenants could result in acceleration of Southern Union's debt and other financial obligations and that of its subsidiaries. Under the current credit agreements, the significant debt covenants and cross defaults are as follows:

- Under the Southern Union Credit Facility, the ratio of consolidated funded debt to consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, as defined therein, cannot exceed 5.25 times through December 31, 2012 and 5.00 times thereafter;
- Under the Southern Union Credit Facility, in the event Southern Union's credit rating falls below investment grade, the ratio of consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization to consolidated interest expense, as defined therein, cannot be less than 2.00 times; and
- Under LNG Holding's \$455 million term loan, the ratio of consolidated funded debt to consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, as defined therein, for Panhandle cannot exceed 5.00 times.

In addition to the above financial covenants, Southern Union and/or its subsidiaries are subject to certain additional restrictions and covenants. These restrictions and covenants include limitations on additional debt at some of its subsidiaries; limitations on the use of proceeds from borrowing at some of its subsidiaries; limitations, in some cases, on transactions with its affiliates; limitations on the incurrence of liens; potential limitations on the abilities of some of its subsidiaries to declare and pay dividends and potential limitations on some of its subsidiaries to participate in Southern Union's cash management program; and limitations on Southern Union's ability to prepay debt.

#### ***Covenants Related to Sunoco Logistics***

The \$350 and \$200 million Credit Facilities contain various covenants limiting the Partnership's ability to incur indebtedness; grant certain liens; make certain loans, acquisitions and investments; make any material change to the nature of its business; or enter into a merger or sale of assets, including the sale or transfer of interests in the Operating Partnership's subsidiaries. The credit facilities also limit the Partnership, on a rolling four-quarter basis, to a maximum total consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA ratio, as defined in the underlying credit agreements, of 5.0 to 1, which can generally be increased to 5.5 to 1 during an acquisition period. The Partnership's ratio of total debt to EBITDA was 2.0 to 1 at December 31, 2012, as calculated in accordance with the credit agreements.

The \$35 million Credit Facility limits West Texas Gulf, on a rolling four-quarter basis, to a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, as defined in the underlying credit agreement. The ratio for the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2012 shall not be less than 1.00 to 1. The minimum ratio fluctuates between 0.80 to 1 and 1.00 to 1 throughout the term of the revolver as specified in the credit agreement. In addition, the credit facility limits West Texas Gulf to a maximum leverage ratio of 2.00 to 1. West Texas Gulf's fixed charge coverage ratio and leverage ratio were 1.29 to 1 and 0.62 to 1, respectively, at December 31, 2012.

## 6. EQUITY:

Limited Partner interests are represented by Class A Units and Class B Units that entitle the holders thereof to the rights and privileges specified in the Partnership Agreement. The Class B Units constitute a profits interest in ETP GP and will only receive allocations of income, gain, loss deduction and credit and their pro rata share of cash distributions from ETP GP attributable to the ownership of ETP's IDRs. Under our Partnership Agreement, after giving effect to the special allocation of net income to our Class B Units for their profits interest, net income is allocated among the Partners as follows:

- First, 100% to our General Partner, until the aggregate net income allocated to our General Partner for the current year and all previous years is equal to the aggregate net losses allocated to our General Partner for all previous years;
- Second, 99.99% to our Class A Limited Partners, in proportion to their relative allocation of net losses, and 0.01% to our General Partner until the aggregate net income allocated to our Class A Limited Partners and our General Partner for the current and all previous years is equal to the aggregate net losses allocated to our Class A Limited Partners and our General Partner for all previous years; and
- Third, 99.99% to our Class A Limited Partners, pro rata, and 0.01% to our General Partner.

### Common Unit Activity by ETP

The change in ETP Common Units was as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Number of Common Units, beginning of period	225.5	193.2	179.3
Common Units issued in connection with public offerings	15.5	29.4	20.7
Common Units issued in connection with certain acquisitions	57.4	0.1	—
Common Units issued in connection with the Distribution Reinvestment Plan	1.0	0.4	—
Common Units issued in connection with the equity distribution program	1.6	2.0	5.2
Issuance of Common Units under equity incentive plans	0.5	0.4	0.3
Redemption of Common Units in connection with MEP Transaction	—	—	(12.3)
Number of Common Units, end of period	<u>301.5</u>	<u>225.5</u>	<u>193.2</u>

ETP's Common Units are registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended) and are listed for trading on the NYSE. Each holder of an ETP Common Unit is entitled to one vote per unit on all matters presented to the ETP Limited Partners for a vote. In addition, if at any time any person or group (other than ETP's General Partner and its affiliates) owns beneficially 20% or more of all ETP Common Units, any ETP Common Units owned by that person or group may not be voted on any matter and are not considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of ETP Unitholders (unless otherwise required by law), calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes under the Partnership Agreement. The ETP Common Units are entitled to distributions of Available Cash as described below under "Quarterly Distributions of Available Cash."

### ETP Class G Units

In April 2013, all of the outstanding ETP Class F Units, which were issued in connection with the Sunoco Merger, were exchanged for ETP Class G Units on a one-for-one basis. The Class G Units have terms that are substantially the same as the Class F Units, with the principal difference between the Class G Units and the Class F Units being that allocations of depreciation and amortization to the Class G Units for tax purposes are based on a predetermined percentage and are not contingent on whether ETP has net income or loss.

## ETP Class H Units

Pursuant to an Exchange and Redemption Agreement previously entered into between ETP, ETE and ETE Common Holdings, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of ETE (“ETE Holdings”), ETP redeemed and cancelled 50.2 million of its common units representing limited partner interests (the “Redeemed Units”) owned by ETE Holdings on October 31, 2013 in exchange for the issuance by ETP to ETE Holdings of a new class of limited partner interest in ETP (the “Class H Units”), which are generally entitled to (i) allocations of profits, losses and other items from ETP corresponding to 50.05% of the profits, losses, and other items allocated to ETP by Sunoco Partners LLC (“Sunoco Partners”), the general partner of Sunoco Logistics, with respect to the IDRs and general partner interest in Sunoco Logistics held by Sunoco Partners, (ii) distributions from available cash at ETP for each quarter equal to 50.05% of the cash distributed to ETP by Sunoco Partners with respect to the IDRs and general partner interest in Sunoco Logistics held by Sunoco Partners for such quarter and, to the extent not previously distributed to holders of the Class H Units, for any previous quarters and (iii) incremental additional cash distributions in the aggregate amount of \$329 million, to be payable by ETP to ETE Holdings over 15 quarters, commencing with the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and ending with the quarter ending March 31, 2017. The incremental cash distributions referred to in clause (iii) of the previous sentence are intended to offset a portion of the IDR subsidies previously granted by ETE to ETP in connection with the Citrus Merger, the Holdco Transaction and the Holdco Acquisition. In connection with the issuance of the Class H Units, ETE and ETP also agreed to certain adjustments to the prior IDR subsidies in order to ensure that the IDR subsidies are fixed amounts for each quarter to which the IDR subsidies are in effect. For a summary of the net IDR subsidy amounts resulting from this transaction, see “ETP’s Quarterly Distributions of Available Cash” below.

## Sale of Common Units by ETP

The following table summarizes ETP’s public offerings of Common Units, all of which have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (as amended):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Common Units<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Price per Unit</u>	<u>Net Proceeds</u>	<u>Use of Proceeds</u>
January 2010	9.8	\$ 44.72	\$ 424	(2)(3)
August 2010	10.9	46.22	489	(2)(3)
April 2011	14.2	50.52	695	(3)
November 2011	15.2	44.67	660	(2)(3)
July 2012	15.5	44.57	671	(2)(3)
April 2013	13.8	48.08	657	(2)(3)

- (1) Number of ETP Common Units includes the exercise of the overallotment options by the underwriters.
- (2) Proceeds were used to repay amounts outstanding under the ETP Credit Facility.
- (3) Proceeds were used to fund capital expenditures and capital contributions to joint ventures, and for general partnership purposes.

## ETP’s Equity Distribution Program

From time to time, ETP has sold ETP Common Units through an equity distribution agreement. Such sales of ETP Common Units are made by means of ordinary brokers’ transactions on the NYSE at market prices, in block transactions or as otherwise agreed between ETP and the sales agent which is the counterparty to the equity distribution agreement. In January 2013 and May 2013, ETP entered into equity distribution agreements pursuant to which we may sell from time to time Common Units having aggregate offering prices of up to \$200 million and \$800 million, respectively. Under the terms of the agreements, ETP may also sell ETP Common Units to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (“BofA Merrill Lynch”). BofA Merrill Lynch as principal for its own account at a price agreed upon at the time of sale. Any sale of ETP Common Units to BofA Merrill Lynch as principal would be pursuant to the terms of a separate agreement between ETP and BofA Merrill Lynch.

### Quarterly Distribution of Available Cash

Our distributions policy is consistent with the terms of the Partnership Agreement, which require that we distribute all of our available cash quarterly. Our only cash-generating assets consist of partnership interests, including IDRs, from which we receive quarterly distributions from ETP. We have no independent operations outside of our interests in ETP. Under the Partnership Agreement, our distributions are characterized as the GP Distribution Amount and the IDR Distribution Amount. The GP Distribution Amount is all distributions we receive from ETP with respect to our General Partner Interest and the IDR Distribution Amount is all distributions received from ETP with respect to the IDR. Within 45 days following the end of each quarter, we will distribute all of our GP Available Cash and IDR Available Cash, as defined in the Partnership Agreement. GP Available Cash shall be distributed 99.99% to the Class A Limited Partners, pro rata and 0.01% to the General partner. IDR Available Cash shall be distributed 99.99% to the Class B Limited Partners, pro rata and 0.01% to the General Partner.

ETP GP has the right, in connection with the issuance of any equity security by ETP, to purchase equity securities on the same terms as these equity securities are issued to third parties sufficient to enable ETP GP and its affiliates to maintain the aggregate percentage equity interest in ETP as ETP GP and its affiliates owned immediately prior to such issuance.

### Contributions to Subsidiary

In order to maintain our general partner interest in ETP, ETP GP has previously been required to make contributions to ETP each time ETP issues limited partner interests for cash or in connection with acquisitions. These contributions are generally paid by offsetting the required contributions against the funds ETP GP receives from ETP distributions on the general partner and limited partner interests owned by ETP GP.

In July 2009, ETP amended and restated its partnership agreement, and as a result, ETP GP is no longer required to make corresponding contributions to maintain its general partner interest in ETP.

### ETP's Quarterly Distributions of Available Cash

ETP's Partnership Agreement requires that ETP distribute all of its Available Cash to its Unitholders and its General Partner within forty-five days following the end of each fiscal quarter, subject to the payment of incentive distributions to the holders of IDRs to the extent that certain target levels of cash distributions are achieved. The term Available Cash generally means, with respect to any of ETP's fiscal quarters, all cash on hand at the end of such quarter, plus working capital borrowings after the end of the quarter, less reserves established by the ETP General Partner (ETP GP) in its sole discretion to provide for the proper conduct of ETP's business, to comply with applicable laws or any debt instrument or other agreement, or to provide funds for future distributions to partners with respect to any one or more of the next four quarters. Available Cash is more fully defined in the ETP Partnership Agreement.

ETP's distributions of Available Cash from operating surplus, excluding incentive distributions, to our General Partner and Limited Partner interests are based on their respective interests as of the distribution record date. Incentive distributions allocated to the General Partner are determined based on the amount by which quarterly distribution to ETP common Unitholders exceed certain specified target levels, as set forth in the ETP Partnership Agreement.

ETP distributions declared during the periods presented below are summarized as follows:

<u>Quarter Ended</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>
September 30, 2012	November 6, 2012	November 14, 2012	\$ 0.89375
June 30, 2012	August 6, 2012	August 14, 2012	0.89375
March 31, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 15, 2012	0.89375
December 31, 2011	February 7, 2012	February 14, 2012	0.89375
September 30, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 14, 2011	\$ 0.89375
June 30, 2011	August 5, 2011	August 15, 2011	0.89375
March 31, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 16, 2011	0.89375
December 31, 2010	February 7, 2011	February 14, 2011	0.89375
September 30, 2010	November 8, 2010	November 15, 2010	\$ 0.89375
June 30, 2010	August 9, 2010	August 16, 2010	0.89375
March 31, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 17, 2010	0.89375
December 31, 2009	February 8, 2010	February 15, 2010	0.89375

On January 28, 2013, ETP declared a cash distribution for the three months ended December 31, 2012 of \$0.89375 per ETP Common Unit. ETP paid this distribution on February 14, 2013 to Unitholders of record at the close of business on February 7, 2013.

On April 24, 2013, ETP declared a cash distribution for the three months ended March 31, 2013 of \$0.89375 per ETP Common Unit. ETP paid this distribution on May 15, 2013 to Unitholders of record at the close of business on May 6, 2013.

On July 25, 2013, ETP declared a cash distribution for the three months ended June 30, 2013 of \$0.89375 per ETP Common Unit. ETP paid this distribution on August 14, 2013 to Unitholders of record at the close of business on August 5, 2013.

On October 23, 2013, ETP declared a cash distribution for the three months ended September 30, 2013 of \$0.90500 per ETP Common Unit, payable on November 14, 2013 to Unitholders of record at the close of business on November 4, 2013.

Following are incentive distributions ETE has agreed to relinquish:

- In conjunction with the Partnership's Citrus Merger, ETE agreed to relinquish its rights to \$220 million of incentive distributions from ETP that ETE would otherwise be entitled to receive over 16 consecutive quarters beginning with the distribution paid on May 15, 2012.
- In conjunction with the Holdco Transaction in October 2012, ETE agreed to relinquish its right to \$210 million of incentive distributions from ETP that ETE would otherwise be entitled to receive over 12 consecutive quarters beginning with the distribution paid on November 14, 2012.
- As discussed in Note 3, in connection with the Holdco Acquisition on April 30, 2013, ETE also agreed to relinquish incentive distributions on the newly issued Common Units for the first eight consecutive quarters beginning with the distribution paid on August 14, 2013, and 50% of the incentive distributions for the following eight consecutive quarters.
- As discussed under "Class H Units" above, ETP has agreed to make incremental cash distributions in the aggregate amount of \$329 million to ETE Holdings over 15 quarters, commencing with the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and ending with the quarter ending March 31, 2017, in respect of the Class H units as a means to offset prior IDR subsidies that ETE agreed to in connection with the Citrus Merger, the Holdco Transaction and the Holdco Acquisition.



As a result, the net IDR subsidies from ETE, taking into account the incremental cash distributions related to the Class H units as an offset thereto, will be the amounts set forth in the table below:

	Quarters Ending				Total Year
	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	
2013	N/A	N/A	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 42.00
2014	\$ 27.25	\$27.25	27.25	27.25	109.00
2015	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	53.00
2016	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	22.00

#### Sunoco Logistics Quarterly Distributions of Available Cash

Following are distributions declared and/or paid by Sunoco Logistics subsequent to December 31, 2012:

Quarter Ended	Record Date	Payment Date	Rate
December 31, 2012	February 8, 2013	February 14, 2013	\$ 0.54500
March 31, 2013	May 9, 2013	May 15, 2013	0.57250
June 30, 2013	August 8, 2013	August 14, 2013	0.60000
September 30, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 14, 2013	0.63000

#### Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table presents the components of AOCI, net of tax:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Net gains on commodity related hedges	\$—	\$ 6
Actuarial loss related to pensions and other postretirement benefits	(10)	—
Equity investments, net	(9)	—
Subtotal	(19)	6
Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interest	19	(6)
Total AOCI, net of tax	\$—	\$—

#### 7. UNIT-BASED COMPENSATION PLANS:

##### *ETP Unit-Based Compensation Plan*

ETP has issued equity incentive plans for employees, officers and directors, which provide for various types of awards, including options to purchase ETP Common Units, restricted units, phantom units, distribution equivalent rights (“DERs”), Common Unit appreciation rights, and other unit-based awards. As of December 31, 2012, an aggregate total of 2,815,982 ETP Common Units remain available to be awarded under its equity incentive plans.

##### **ETP Unit Grants**

ETP has granted restricted unit awards to employees that vest over a specified time period, typically a 5-year period at 20% per year, with vesting contingent on continued employment as of each applicable vesting date. Upon vesting, ETP Common Units are issued. These unit awards entitle the recipients of the unit awards to receive, with respect to each Common Unit subject to such award that has not either vested or been forfeited, a cash payment equal to each cash distribution per Common Unit made by ETP on the Common Units promptly following each such distribution to the Unitholders. These rights are called “distribution equivalent rights.”

Under the equity incentive plans, ETP non-employee directors each receive grants that vest ratably over three years and do not entitle the holders to receive distributions during the vesting period.

## Award Activity

The following table shows the activity of the awards granted to employees and non-employee directors:

	Number of Units	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value Per Unit
Unvested awards as of December 31, 2011	2.5	\$ 46.37
Awards granted	0.3	43.93
Awards vested	(0.6)	44.58
Awards forfeited	(0.3)	44.58
Unvested awards as of December 31, 2012	<u>1.9</u>	<u>46.95</u>

During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, the weighted average grant-date fair value per unit award granted was \$43.93, \$48.35 and \$49.82, respectively. The total fair value of awards vested was \$29 million, \$27 million and \$17 million, respectively based on the market price of ETP Common Units as of the vesting date. As of December 31, 2012, a total of 1,859,159 unit awards remain unvested, for which ETP expects to recognize a total of \$51 million in compensation expense over a weighted average period of 1.76 years.

### *Sunoco Logistics' Unit-Based Compensation Plan*

Sunoco Logistics' general partner has a long-term incentive plan for employees and directors, which permits the grant of restricted units and unit options of Sunoco Logistics covering an additional 0.9 million Sunoco common units. As of December 31, 2012, a total of 427,610 Sunoco Logistics restricted units were outstanding for which Sunoco Logistics expects to recognize \$10 million of expense over a weighted-average period of 2.5 years.

### *Related Party Awards*

McReynolds Energy Partners, L.P., the general partner of which is owned and controlled by the President of the entity that indirectly owns our general partner, awarded to certain officers of ETP certain rights related to units of ETE previously issued by ETE to such ETE officer. These rights include the economic benefits of ownership of these ETE units based on a 5 year vesting schedule whereby the officer will vest in the ETE units at a rate of 20% per year. As these ETE units are conveyed to the recipients of these awards upon vesting from a partnership that is not owned or managed by ETE or ETP, none of the costs related to such awards are paid by ETP or ETE unless this partnership defaults under its obligations pursuant to these unit awards. As these units were outstanding prior to these awards, these awards do not represent an increase in the number of outstanding units of either ETP or ETE and are not dilutive to cash distributions per unit with respect to either ETP or ETE.

We recognize non-cash compensation expense over the vesting period based on the grant-date fair value of the ETE units awarded the ETP employees assuming no forfeitures. For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we recognized non-cash compensation expense, net of forfeitures, of \$1 million, \$2 million and \$4 million, respectively, as a result of these awards. As of December 31, 2012, rights related to 90,000 ETE common units remain outstanding, for which we expect to recognize a total of less than \$1 million in compensation expense over a weighted average period of 0.61 years.

**8. INCOME TAXES:**

As a partnership, we are not subject to U.S. federal income tax and most state income taxes. However, the partnership conducts certain activities through corporate subsidiaries which are subject to federal and state income taxes. The components of the federal and state income tax expense (benefit) are summarized as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
<b>Current expense (benefit):</b>			
Federal	\$ (3)	\$ (1)	\$ 1
State	4	16	9
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>
<b>Deferred expense:</b>			
Federal	45	4	6
State	17	—	—
Total	<u>62</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total income tax expense from continuing operations</b>	<u>\$ 63</u>	<u>\$ 19</u>	<u>\$ 16</u>

Historically, our effective rate differed from the statutory rate primarily due to Partnership earnings that are not subject to U.S. federal and most state income taxes at the Partnership level. The completion of the Southern Union, Sunoco and Holdco transactions (see Note 3) significantly increased the activities conducted through corporate subsidiaries. A reconciliation of income tax expense (benefit) at the U.S. statutory rate to the income tax expense (benefit) attributable to continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2012 is as follows:

	Holdco(1)	Other Corporate Subsidiaries(2)	Partnership(3)	Consolidated
Income tax expense (benefit) at U.S. statutory rate of 35 percent	\$ (1)	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ 1
Increase (reduction) in income taxes resulting from:				
Nondeductible executive compensation	28	—	—	28
State income taxes (net of federal income tax effects)	9	—	7	16
Other	17	1	—	18
Income tax income from continuing operations	<u>\$ 53</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 7</u>	<u>\$ 63</u>

- (1) Holdco, which was formed via the Sunoco Merger and the Holdco transactions (see Note 3), includes Sunoco and Southern Union and their subsidiaries.
- (2) Includes Oasis Pipeline Company, Inland Corporation, Mid-Valley Pipeline Company and West Texas Gulf Pipeline Company. The latter three entities were acquired in the Sunoco transaction.
- (3) Includes ETP and its subsidiaries that are classified as pass-through entities for federal income tax purposes.

Deferred taxes result from the temporary differences between financial reporting carrying amounts and the tax basis of existing assets and liabilities. The table below summarizes the principal components of the deferred tax assets (liabilities) as follows:

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b>Deferred income tax assets:</b>		
Net operating losses and alternative minimum tax credit	\$ 268	\$ 3
Pension and other postretirement benefits	127	—
Long term debt	117	—
Other	288	2
Total deferred income tax assets	800	5
Valuation allowance	(90)	—
Net deferred income tax assets	710	5
<b>Deferred income tax liabilities:</b>		
Properties, plants and equipment	(1,938)	(55)
Inventory	(516)	—
Investment in unconsolidated affiliates	(1,542)	(72)
Trademarks	(192)	—
Other	(128)	(1)
Total deferred income tax liabilities	(4,316)	(128)
Net deferred income tax liability	(3,606)	(123)
Less: current portion of deferred income tax assets (liabilities)	(130)	3
Accumulated deferred income taxes	<u>\$ (3,476)</u>	<u>\$ (126)</u>

The completion of the Southern Union, Sunoco and Holdco transactions (see Note 3) significantly increased the deferred tax assets (liabilities). The table below provides a rollforward of the net deferred income tax liability as follows:

	<u>December 31,</u>
	<u>2012</u>
Net deferred income tax liability, beginning of year	\$ (123)
Southern Union acquisition	(1,420)
Sunoco acquisition	(1,989)
Tax provision (including discontinued operations)	(73)
Other	(1)
Net deferred income tax liability	<u>\$ (3,606)</u>

Holdco and other corporate subsidiaries have gross federal net operating loss carryforwards of \$362 million, of which \$18 million, \$40 million and \$304 million will expire in 2030, 2031 and 2032, respectively. Holdco has \$37 million of federal alternative minimum tax credits which do not expire. Holdco and other corporate subsidiaries have state net operating loss carryforward benefits of \$104 million, net of federal tax, which expire between 2013 and 2032. The valuation allowance of \$90 million is applicable to the state net operating loss carryforward benefits applicable to Sunoco pre-acquisition periods.

The following table sets forth the changes in unrecognized tax benefits:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 1
Additions attributable to acquisitions	28	—	—
Additions attributable to tax positions taken in the current year	—	1	—
Additions attributable to tax positions taken in prior years	—	—	1
Settlements	—	(1)	—
Lapse of statute	(3)	—	—
Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 27</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>

As of December 31, 2012, we have \$24 million (\$16 million after federal income tax benefits) related to tax positions which, if recognized, would impact our effective tax rate. We believe it is reasonably possible that its unrecognized tax benefits may be reduced by \$5 million (\$3 million, net of federal tax) within the next twelve months due to settlement of certain positions.

Our policy is to accrue interest expense and penalties on income tax underpayments (overpayments) as a component of income tax expense. During 2012, we recognized interest and penalties of less than \$1 million. At December 31, 2012, we have interest and penalties accrued of \$5 million, net of tax.

In general, ETP and its subsidiaries are no longer subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for tax years prior to 2009, except Sunoco and Southern Union which are no longer subject to examination by the IRS for tax years prior to 2007 and 2004, respectively.

Sunoco has been examined by the IRS for the 2007 and 2008 tax years, however, the statutes remain open for both of these tax years due to carryback of net operating losses. Southern Union is under examination for the tax years 2004 through 2009. As of December 31, 2012, the IRS has proposed only one adjustment for the years under examination. For the 2006 tax year, the IRS is challenging \$545 million of the \$690 million of deferred gain associated with a like kind exchange involving certain assets of its distribution operations and its gathering and processing operations. We will vigorously defend and believe Southern Union's tax position will prevail against this challenge by the IRS. Accordingly, no unrecognized tax benefit has been recorded with respect to this tax position.

ETP and its subsidiaries also have various state and local income tax returns in the process of examination or administrative appeal in various jurisdictions. We believe the appropriate accruals or unrecognized tax benefits have been recorded for any potential assessment with respect to these examinations.

Sunoco has historically included certain government incentive payments as taxable income on its federal and state income tax returns. In connection with Sunoco's 2004 through 2011 open statute years, Sunoco has proposed to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") that these government incentive payments be excluded from federal taxable income. A successful claim could result in significant tax refunds for multiple years. However, a thorough evaluation of the ultimate financial impact to Sunoco is complex and requires significant analysis, including the ramifications of tax indemnification agreements with certain former Sunoco affiliates which were members of Sunoco's consolidated federal return group during these years. At this time, a benefit for the claim is not estimable and has not been recorded in the financial statements.

## 9. **REGULATORY MATTERS, COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES:**

### ***Southern Union and its Subsidiaries***

The FERC is currently conducting an audit of PEPL, a subsidiary of Southern Union, to evaluate its compliance with the Uniform System of Accounts as prescribed by the FERC, annual and quarterly financial reporting to the FERC, reservation charge crediting policy and record retention. The audit is related to the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 and is pending the issuance of a draft audit report.

### **Contingent Matters Potentially Impacting the Partnership from Our Investment in Citrus**

*Florida Gas Pipeline Relocation Costs.* The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise ("FDOT/FTE") has various turnpike/State Road 91 widening projects that have impacted or may, over time, impact one or more of FGTs' mainline pipelines located in FDOT/FTE rights-of-way. Several FDOT/FTE projects are the subject of

litigation in Broward County, Florida. On January 27, 2011, a jury awarded FGT \$83 million and rejected all damage claims by the FDOT/FTE. On May 2, 2011, the judge issued an order entitling FGT to an easement of 15 feet on either side of its pipelines and 75 feet of temporary work space. The judge further ruled that FGT is entitled to approximately \$8 million in interest. In addition to ruling on other aspects of the easement, he ruled that pavement could not be placed directly over FGTs' pipeline without the consent of FGT, although FGT would be required to relocate the pipeline if it did not provide such consent. While FGT would seek reimbursement of any costs associated with relocation of its pipeline in connection with an FDOT project, FGT may not be successful in obtaining such reimbursement and, as such, could be required to bear the cost of such relocation. In any such instance, FGT would seek recovery of the reimbursement costs in rates. The judge also denied all other pending post-trial motions. The FDOT/FTE filed a notice of appeal on July 12, 2011. On June 6, 2012, Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal ("4th DCA") issued an opinion affirming the jury award of damages and also affirming or remanding for further consideration by the trial court certain other determinations with respect to FGT's easement rights and FDOT/FTE's obligations regarding future FDOT/FTE projects. In particular, the 4th DCA affirmed that FDOT/FTE could not pave directly over our pipeline without FGTs' consent and remanded and directed the trial court to make reference in the final judgment to FDOT/FTE's obligation to seek reasonable alternatives to relocation. In addition, the 4th DCA overturned the portion of the trial court judgment defining the width of Florida Gas's easements as 15 feet on either side of its pipelines and defining the temporary work space available to Florida Gas under its easements as 75 feet in width, stating that the width of such easements and temporary work space should be determined on a case by case basis dependent on the needs of each particular relocation and whether a road improvement is a material interference with the easement. Reimbursement for any future relocation expenses will also be determined on a case by case basis. As a result of the decision by the 4th DCA affirming the monetary award of the judgment and the trial court's November 7, 2012 issuance of a peremptory writ of mandamus, FDOT paid to FGT on November 16, 2012 the sum of \$100 million, representing the amount of judgment plus interest through that date. The amounts received reduced FGTs' property, plant and equipment costs. FGT previously filed a petition requesting the Supreme Court of Florida to exercise its discretionary jurisdiction and to reverse the portion of the 4th DCA decision overturning the trial court judgment specifically defining the width of FGTs' easements and temporary work space. By order dated December 28, 2012, the Supreme Court of Florida denied that petition.

### **Contingent Residual Support Agreement — AmeriGas**

In order to finance the cash portion of the purchase price of the Propane Transaction described in Note 3, AmeriGas Finance LLC ("Finance Company"), a wholly owned subsidiary of AmeriGas, issued \$550 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.75% senior notes due 2020 and \$1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of 7.00% senior notes due 2022. AmeriGas borrowed \$1.5 billion of the proceeds of the Senior Notes issuance from Finance Company through an intercompany borrowing having maturity dates and repayment terms that mirror those of the Senior Notes (the "Supported Debt").

In connection with the closing of the Propane Transaction, ETP entered into and delivered a Contingent Residual Support Agreement ("CRSA") with AmeriGas, Finance Company, AmeriGas Finance Corp. and UGI Corp., pursuant to which ETP will provide contingent, residual support of the Supported Debt as defined in the CRSA.

### **NGL Pipeline Regulation**

We have interests in NGL pipelines located in Texas. We believe that these pipelines do not provide interstate service and that they are thus not subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC under the Interstate Commerce Act ("ICA") and the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Under the ICA, tariffs must be just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or confer any undue preference. We cannot guarantee that the jurisdictional status of our NGL facilities will remain unchanged; however, should they be found jurisdictional, the FERC's rate-making methodologies may limit our ability to set rates based on our actual costs, may delay or limit the use of rates that reflect increased costs and may subject us to potentially burdensome and expensive operational, reporting and other requirements. Any of the foregoing could adversely affect our business, revenues and cash flow.

### **Commitments**

In the normal course of our business, we purchase, process and sell natural gas pursuant to long-term contracts and we enter into long-term transportation and storage agreements. Such contracts contain terms that are customary in the industry. We believe that the terms of these agreements are commercially reasonable and will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

We have certain non-cancelable leases for property and equipment, which require fixed monthly rental payments and expire at various dates through 2056. Rental expense under these operating leases has been included in operating expenses in the accompanying statements of operations and totaled approximately \$57 million, \$26 million and \$21 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which include contingent rentals totaling \$6 million in 2012. During the three months ended December 31, 2012, approximately \$4 million of rental expense was recovered through related sublease rental income.

Future minimum lease commitments for such leases are:

<u>Years Ending December 31:</u>	
2013	\$ 90
2014	80
2015	77
2016	63
2017	52
Thereafter	460
Future minimum lease commitments	<u>822</u>
Less: Sublease rental income	<u>(64)</u>
Net future minimum lease commitments	<u>\$758</u>

Amounts reflected above do not include future minimum lease commitments for the Southern Union distribution operations, which were reclassified and reported as assets and liabilities held for sale at December 31, 2012 as described in Note 3.

Our joint venture agreements require that we fund our proportionate share of capital contributions to our unconsolidated affiliates. Such contributions will depend upon our unconsolidated affiliates' capital requirements, such as for funding capital projects or repayment of long-term obligations.

### **Litigation and Contingencies**

We may, from time to time, be involved in litigation and claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business. Natural gas and crude are flammable and combustible. Serious personal injury and significant property damage can arise in connection with their transportation, storage or use. In the ordinary course of business, we are sometimes threatened with or named as a defendant in various lawsuits seeking actual and punitive damages for product liability, personal injury and property damage. We maintain liability insurance with insurers in amounts and with coverage and deductibles management believes are reasonable and prudent, and which are generally accepted in the industry. However, there can be no assurance that the levels of insurance protection currently in effect will continue to be available at reasonable prices or that such levels will remain adequate to protect us from material expenses related to product liability, personal injury or property damage in the future.

### ***Sunoco Litigation***

Following the announcement of the Sunoco Merger on April 30, 2012, eight putative class action and derivative complaints were filed in connection with the Sunoco Merger in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. Each complaint names as defendants the members of Sunoco's board of directors and alleges that they breached their fiduciary duties by negotiating and executing, through an unfair and conflicted process, a merger agreement that provides inadequate consideration and that contains impermissible terms designed to deter alternative bids. Each complaint also names as defendants Sunoco, ETP, ETP GP, ETP LLC, and Sam Acquisition Corporation, alleging that they aided and abetted the breach of fiduciary duties by Sunoco's directors; some of the complaints also name ETE as a defendant on those aiding and abetting claims. In September 2012, all of these lawsuits were settled with no payment obligation on the part of any of the defendants following the filing of Current Reports on Form 8-K that included additional disclosures that were incorporated by reference into the proxy statement related to the Sunoco Merger. Subsequent to the settlement of these cases, the plaintiffs' attorneys sought compensation from Sunoco for attorneys' fees related to their efforts in obtaining these additional disclosures. In January 2013, Sunoco entered into agreements to compensate the plaintiffs' attorneys in the state court actions in the aggregate amount of not more than \$950,000 and to compensate the plaintiffs' attorneys in the federal court action in the amount of not more than \$250,000. The payment of \$950,000 was made in July 2013.

### ***Litigation Relating to the Southern Union Merger***

In June 2011, several putative class action lawsuits were filed in the Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas naming as defendants the members of the Southern Union Board, as well as Southern Union and ETE. The lawsuits were styled *Jaroslawicz v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, Cause No. 2011-37091, in the 333rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas and *Magda v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, Cause No. 2011-37134, in the 11th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. The lawsuits were consolidated into an action styled *In re: Southern Union Company*; Cause No. 2011-37091, in the 333rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. Plaintiffs allege that the Southern Union directors breached their fiduciary duties to Southern Union's stockholders in connection with the Merger and that Southern Union and ETE aided and abetted the alleged breaches of fiduciary duty. The amended petitions allege that the Merger involves an unfair price and an inadequate sales process, that Southern Union's directors entered into the Merger to benefit themselves personally, including through consulting and noncompete agreements, and that defendants have failed to disclose all material information related to the Merger to Southern Union stockholders. The amended petitions seek injunctive relief, including an injunction of the Merger, and an award of attorneys' and other fees and costs, in addition to other relief. On October 21, 2011, the court denied ETE's October 13, 2011, motion to stay the Texas proceeding in favor of cases pending in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Also in June 2011, several putative class action lawsuits were filed in the Delaware Court of Chancery naming as defendants the members of the Southern Union Board, as well as Southern Union and ETE. Three of the lawsuits also named Merger Sub as a defendant. These lawsuits are styled: *Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, et al. v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, C.A. No. 6615-CS; *KBC Asset Management NV v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, C.A. No. 6622-CS; *LBBW Asset Management Investment GmbH v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, C.A. No. 6627-CS; and *Memo v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, C.A. No. 6639-CS. These cases were consolidated with the following style: *In re Southern Union Co. Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 6615-CS, in the Delaware Court of Chancery. The consolidated complaint asserts similar claims and allegations as the Texas state-court consolidated action. On July 25, 2012, the Delaware plaintiffs filed a notice of voluntary dismissal of all claims without prejudice. In the notice, plaintiffs stated their claims were being dismissed to avoid duplicative litigation and indicated their intent to join the Texas case.

On September 18, 2013, the plaintiff dismissed without prejudice its lawsuit against all defendants.

### ***MTBE Litigation***

Sunoco, along with other refiners, manufacturers and sellers of gasoline, is a defendant in lawsuits alleging MTBE contamination of groundwater. The plaintiffs typically include water purveyors and municipalities responsible for supplying drinking water and governmental authorities. The plaintiffs are asserting primarily product liability claims and additional claims including nuisance, trespass, negligence, violation of environmental laws and deceptive business practices. The plaintiffs in all of the cases are seeking to recover compensatory damages, and in some cases, injunctive relief, punitive damages and attorneys' fees.

As of September 30, 2013, Sunoco is a defendant in six cases, including one initiated by the State of New Jersey and another by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. These cases are venued in a multidistrict proceeding in a New York federal court. The two state cases assert natural resource damage claims. In addition, Sunoco has received notice from another state that it intends to file an MTBE lawsuit in the near future asserting natural resource damage claims.

Discovery is proceeding in these cases. There has been insufficient information developed about the plaintiffs' legal theories or the facts in the natural resource damage claims that would be relevant to an analysis of the ultimate liability of Sunoco in these matters; however, it is reasonably possible that a loss may be realized. Management believes that an adverse determination with respect to one or more of the MTBE cases could have a significant impact on results of operations the period in which any said adverse determination occurs, but does not believe that any such adverse determination would have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's consolidated financial position.

### ***Other Litigation and Contingencies***

In November 2011, a derivative lawsuit was filed in the Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas naming as defendants ETP, ETP GP, ETP LLC, the boards of directors of ETP LLC (collectively with ETP GP and ETP LLC, the "ETP Defendants"), certain members of management for ETP and ETE, ETE, and Southern Union. The lawsuit is styled *W. J. Garrett Trust v. Bill W. Byrne, et al.*, Cause No. 2011-71702, in the 157th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. Plaintiffs assert claims for breaches of fiduciary duty, breaches of contractual duties, and acts of bad faith against each of the ETP Defendants and the individual defendants. Plaintiffs also assert claims for aiding and abetting and tortious interference with contract against Southern Union. On October 5, 2012, certain defendants filed a motion for summary judgment with respect to the primary allegations in this action. On December 13, 2012, Plaintiffs filed their opposition to the motion for summary judgment. Defendants filed a reply on December 19, 2012. On December 20, 2012, the court conducted an oral hearing on the motion. Plaintiffs filed a post-hearing sur-reply on January 7, 2013. On January 16, 2013, the Court granted defendants' motion for summary judgment. The deadline for the remaining defendants to file an answer or otherwise respond is March 1, 2013. Trial in this action is not currently set.



We or our subsidiaries are a party to various legal proceedings and/or regulatory proceedings incidental to our businesses. For each of these matters, we evaluate the merits of the case, our exposure to the matter, possible legal or settlement strategies, the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome and the availability of insurance coverage. If we determine that an unfavorable outcome of a particular matter is probable and can be estimated, we accrue the contingent obligation, as well as any expected insurance recoverable amounts related to the contingency. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, accruals of approximately \$15 million and \$18 million, respectively, were reflected on our balance sheets related to these contingent obligations. As new information becomes available, our estimates may change. The impact of these changes may have a significant effect on our results of operations in a single period.

The outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty and there can be no assurance that the outcome of a particular matter will not result in the payment of amounts that have not been accrued for the matter. Furthermore, we may revise accrual amounts prior to resolution of a particular contingency based on changes in facts and circumstances or changes in the expected outcome.

No amounts have been recorded in our December 31, 2012 or 2011 consolidated balance sheets for contingencies and current litigation, other than amounts disclosed herein.

***Litigation Related to Incident at JJ's Restaurant.*** On February 19, 2013, there was a natural gas explosion at JJ's Restaurant located at 910 W. 48th Street in Kansas City, Missouri. Effective September 1, 2013, Laclede Gas Company, a subsidiary of The Laclede Group, Inc. ("Laclede"), assumed any and all liability arising from this incident in ETP's sale of the assets of MGE to Laclede.

***Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts v New England Gas Company.*** On July 7, 2011, the Massachusetts Attorney General (AG) filed a regulatory complaint with the MDPU against New England Gas Company with respect to certain environmental cost recoveries. The AG is seeking a refund to New England Gas Company customers for alleged "excessive and imprudently incurred costs" related to legal fees associated with Southern Union's environmental response activities. In the complaint, the AG requests that the MDPU initiate an investigation into the New England Gas Company's collection and reconciliation of recoverable environmental costs including: (i) the prudence of any and all legal fees, totaling \$19 million, that were charged by the Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman firm and passed through the recovery mechanism since 2005, the year when a partner in the firm, the Company's former Vice Chairman, President and Chief Operating Officer, joined Southern Union's management team; (ii) the prudence of any and all legal fees that were charged by the Bishop, London & Dodds firm and passed through the recovery mechanism since 2005, the period during which a member of the firm served as the Company's Chief Ethics Officer; and (iii) the propriety and allocation of certain legal fees charged that were passed through the recovery mechanism that the AG contends only qualify for a lesser, 50%, level of recovery. Southern Union has filed its answer denying the allegations and moved to dismiss the complaint, in part on a theory of collateral estoppel. The hearing officer has deferred consideration of Southern Union's motion to dismiss. The AG's motion to be reimbursed expert and consultant costs by the Company of up to \$150,000 was granted. The hearing officer has stayed discovery until resolution of a separate matter concerning the applicability of attorney-client privilege to legal billing invoices. Southern Union believes it has complied with all applicable requirements regarding its filings for cost recovery and has not recorded any accrued liability; however, Southern Union will continue to assess its potential exposure for such cost recoveries as the matter progresses. Additionally, New England Gas Company's assets and liabilities have been included in discontinued operations at December 31, 2012.

***Air Quality Control.*** SUGS is currently negotiating settlements to certain enforcement actions by the NMED and the TCEQ.

#### ***Compliance Orders from the New Mexico Environmental Department***

SUGS has been in discussions with the NMED concerning allegations of violations of New Mexico air regulations related to the Jal #3 and Jal #4 facilities. The NMED has issued amended compliance orders and proposed penalties for alleged violations at Jal #4 in the amount of \$1 million and at Jal #3 in the amount of \$7 million. Hearings on the compliance orders were delayed until May 2013 to allow the parties to pursue substantive settlement discussions. SUGS has meritorious defenses to the NMED claims and can offer significant mitigating factors to the claimed violations. Southern Union has recorded an accrued liability and will continue to assess its potential exposure to the allegations as the matter progresses.

#### **Environmental Matters**

Our operations are subject to extensive federal, state and local environmental and safety laws and regulations that require expenditures to ensure compliance, including related to air emissions and wastewater discharges, at operating facilities and for remediation at current and former facilities as well as waste disposal sites. Although we believe our operations are in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations, risks of additional costs and liabilities are inherent in the business of transporting, storing, gathering, treating, compressing, blending and processing natural gas, natural gas liquids and other products. As a result, there can be no assurance that significant costs and liabilities will not be

incurred. Costs of planning, designing, constructing and operating pipelines, plants and other facilities must incorporate compliance with environmental laws and regulations and safety standards. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the assessment of administrative, civil and criminal penalties, the imposition of remedial obligations, the issuance of injunctions and the filing of federally authorized citizen suits. Moreover, there can be no assurance that other developments, such as increasingly stringent environmental laws, regulations and enforcement policies thereunder, and claims for damages to property or persons resulting from the operations, will not result in substantial costs and liabilities. We are unable to estimate any losses or range of losses that could result from such developments. Furthermore, we may revise accrual amounts prior to resolution of a particular contingency based on changes in facts and circumstances or changes in the expected outcome.

Environmental exposures and liabilities are difficult to assess and estimate due to unknown factors such as the magnitude of possible contamination, the timing and extent of remediation, the determination of our liability in proportion to other parties, improvements in cleanup technologies and the extent to which environmental laws and regulations may change in the future. Although environmental costs may have a significant impact on the results of operations for any single period, we believe that such costs will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position.

Based on information available at this time and reviews undertaken to identify potential exposure, we believe the amount reserved for environmental matters is adequate to cover the potential exposure for cleanup costs.

### ***Environmental Remediation***

Our subsidiaries are responsible for environmental remediation at certain sites, including the following:

- Certain of our interstate pipelines conduct soil and groundwater remediation related to contamination from past uses of PCBs. PCB assessments are ongoing and, in some cases, our subsidiaries could potentially be held responsible for contamination caused by other parties.
- Certain gathering and processing systems are responsible for soil and groundwater remediation related to releases of hydrocarbons.
- Southern Union's distribution operations are responsible for soil and groundwater remediation at certain sites related to MGPs and may also be responsible for the removal of old MGP structures.
- Currently operating Sunoco retail sites.
- Legacy sites related to Sunoco, that are subject to environmental assessments include formerly owned terminals and other logistics assets, retail sites that Sunoco no longer operates, closed and/or sold refineries and other formerly owned sites.
- Sunoco is potentially subject to joint and several liability for the costs of remediation at sites at which it has been identified as a "potentially responsible party" ("PRP"). As of December 31, 2012, Sunoco had been named as a PRP at 35 identified or potentially identifiable as "Superfund" sites under federal and/or comparable state law. The Company is usually one of a number of companies identified as a PRP at a site. Sunoco has reviewed the nature and extent of its involvement at each site and other relevant circumstances and, based upon Sunoco's purported nexus to the sites, believes that its potential liability associated with such sites will not be significant.

To the extent estimable, expected remediation costs are included in the amounts recorded for environmental matters in our consolidated balance sheets. In some circumstances, future costs cannot be reasonably estimated because remediation activities are undertaken as claims are made by customers and former customers. To the extent that an environmental remediation obligation is recorded by a subsidiary that applies regulatory accounting policies, amounts that are expected to be recoverable through tariffs or rates are recorded as regulatory assets on our consolidated balance sheets.

The table below reflects the amounts of accrued liabilities recorded in our consolidated balance sheets related to environmental matters that are considered to be probable and reasonably estimable. Except for matters discussed above, we do not have any material environmental matters assessed as reasonably possible that would require disclosure in our consolidated financial statements.

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Current	\$ 46	\$ 1
Non-current	165	13
<b>Total environmental liabilities</b>	<b>\$211</b>	<b>\$14</b>

During the three months ended December 31, 2012, Sunoco had \$12 million of expenditures related to environmental cleanup programs.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (the "EPA") Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures program regulations were recently modified and impose additional requirements on many of our facilities. We expect to expend resources on tank integrity testing and any associated corrective actions as well as potential upgrades to containment structures to comply with the new rules. Costs associated with tank integrity testing and resulting corrective actions cannot be reasonably estimated at this time, but we believe such costs will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

On August 20, 2010, the EPA published new regulations under the federal Clean Air Act ("CAA") to control emissions of hazardous air pollutants from existing stationary reciprocal internal combustion engines. The rule will require us to undertake certain expenditures and activities, likely including purchasing and installing emissions control equipment. In response to an industry group legal challenge to portions of the rule in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and a Petition for Administrative Reconsideration to the EPA, on March 9, 2011, the EPA issued a new proposed rule and direct final rule effective on May 9, 2011 to clarify compliance requirements related to operation and maintenance procedures for continuous parametric monitoring systems. If no further changes to the standard are made as a result of comments to the proposed rule, we would not expect that the cost to comply with the rule's requirements will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations. Compliance with the final rule was required by October 2013, and the Partnership believes it is in compliance.

On June 29, 2011, the EPA finalized a rule under the CAA that revised the new source performance standards for manufacturers, owners and operators of new, modified and reconstructed stationary internal combustion engines. The rule became effective on August 29, 2011. The rule modifications may require us to undertake significant expenditures, including expenditures for purchasing, installing, monitoring and maintaining emissions control equipment, if we replace equipment or expand existing facilities in the future. At this point, we are not able to predict the cost to comply with the rule's requirements, because the rule applies only to changes we might make in the future.

Our pipeline operations are subject to regulation by the DOT under the PHMSA, pursuant to which the PHMSA has established requirements relating to the design, installation, testing, construction, operation, replacement and management of pipeline facilities. Moreover, the PHMSA, through the Office of Pipeline Safety, has promulgated a rule requiring pipeline operators to develop integrity management programs to comprehensively evaluate their pipelines, and take measures to protect pipeline segments located in what the rule refers to as "high consequence areas." Activities under these integrity management programs involve the performance of internal pipeline inspections, pressure testing or other effective means to assess the integrity of these regulated pipeline segments, and the regulations require prompt action to address integrity issues raised by the assessment and analysis. For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, \$7 million, \$18 million and \$13 million, respectively, of capital costs and \$17 million, \$15 million and \$15 million, respectively, of operating and maintenance costs have been incurred for pipeline integrity testing. Integrity testing and assessment of all of these assets will continue, and the potential exists that results of such testing and assessment could cause ETP to incur even greater capital and operating expenditures for repairs or upgrades deemed necessary to ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of its pipelines; however, no estimate can be made at this time of the likely range of such expenditures.

Our operations are also subject to the requirements of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act ("OSHA"), and comparable state laws that regulate the protection of the health and safety of employees. In addition, OSHA's hazardous communication standard requires that information be maintained about hazardous materials used or produced in our operations and that this information be provided to employees, state and local government authorities and citizens. We believe that our operations are in substantial compliance with the OSHA requirements, including general industry standards, record keeping requirements, and monitoring of occupational exposure to regulated substances.

## **10. PRICE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:**

### **Commodity Price Risk**

We are exposed to market risks related to the volatility of commodity prices. To manage the impact of volatility from these prices, we utilize various exchange-traded and OTC commodity financial instrument contracts. These contracts consist primarily of futures, swaps and options and are recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets.

We inject and hold natural gas in our Bammel storage facility to take advantage of contango markets (i.e., when the price of natural gas is higher in the future than the current spot price). We use financial derivatives to hedge the natural gas held in connection with these arbitrage opportunities. At the inception of the hedge, we lock in a margin by purchasing gas in the spot market or off peak season and entering into a financial contract to lock in the sale price. If we designate the related financial contract as a fair value hedge for accounting purposes, we value the hedged natural gas inventory at current spot market prices along with the financial derivative we use to hedge it. Changes in the spread between the forward natural gas prices designated as fair value hedges and the physical inventory spot price result in unrealized gains or losses until the underlying physical gas is withdrawn and the related designated derivatives are settled. Once the gas is withdrawn and the designated derivatives are settled, the previously unrealized gains or losses associated with these positions are realized. Unrealized margins represent the unrealized gains or losses from our derivative instruments using mark-to-market accounting, with changes in the fair value of our derivatives being recorded directly in earnings. These margins fluctuate based upon changes in the spreads between the physical spot price and forward natural gas prices. If the spread narrows between the physical and financial prices, we will record unrealized gains or lower unrealized losses. If the spread widens, we will record unrealized losses or lower unrealized gains. Typically, as we enter the winter months, the spread converges so that we recognize in earnings the original locked-in spread through either mark-to-market adjustments or the physical withdraw of natural gas.

We are also exposed to market risk on natural gas we retain for fees in our intrastate transportation and storage operations and operational gas sales on our interstate transportation and storage operations. We use financial derivatives to hedge the sales price of this gas, including futures, swaps and options. Certain contracts that qualify for hedge accounting are designated as cash flow hedges of the forecasted sale of natural gas. The change in value, to the extent the contracts are effective, remains in AOCI until the forecasted transaction occurs. When the forecasted transaction occurs, any gain or loss associated with the derivative is recorded in cost of products sold in the consolidated statement of operations.

We are also exposed to commodity price risk on NGLs and residue gas we retain for fees in our midstream operations whereby the Company generally gathers and processes natural gas on behalf of producers, sells the resulting residue gas and NGL volumes at market prices and remits to producers an agreed upon percentage of the proceeds based on an index price for the residue gas and NGLs. We use derivative swap contracts to hedge forecasted sales of NGL equity volumes. Certain contracts that qualify for hedge accounting are accounted for as cash flow hedges. The change in value, to the extent the contracts are effective, remains in AOCI until the forecasted transaction occurs. When the forecasted transaction occurs, any gain or loss associated with the derivative is recorded in cost of products sold in the consolidated statement of operations.

Our trading activities include the use of financial commodity derivatives to take advantage of market opportunities. These trading activities are a complement to our transportation and storage operations and are netted in cost of products sold in our consolidated statements of operations. Additionally, we also have trading activities related to power in our "All Other" operations which are also netted in cost of products sold. As a result of our trading activities and the use of derivative financial instruments in our transportation and storage operations, the degree of earnings volatility that can occur may be significant, favorably or unfavorably, from period to period. We attempt to manage this volatility through the use of daily position and profit and loss reports provided to our risk oversight committee, which includes members of senior management, and the limits and authorizations set forth in our commodity risk management policy.

Derivatives are utilized in our midstream operations in order to mitigate price volatility and manage fixed price exposure incurred from contractual obligations. We attempt to maintain balanced positions in our marketing activities to protect against volatility in the energy commodities markets; however, net unbalanced positions can exist. Long-term physical contracts are tied to index prices.

Prior to the deconsolidation of the Propane Business, we also used propane futures contracts to fix the purchase price related to certain fixed price sales contracts. Prior to the sale of our cylinder exchange business, we used propane futures contracts to secure the purchase price of our propane inventory for a percentage of the anticipated sales.

The following table details our outstanding commodity-related derivatives:

	December 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Notional Volume	Maturity	Notional Volume	Maturity
<b>Mark-to-Market Derivatives</b>				
<i>(Trading)</i>				
Natural Gas (MMBtu):				
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX <sup>(1)</sup>	(30,980,000)	2013-2014	(151,260,000)	2012-2013
Power (Megawatt):				
Forwards	19,650	2013	—	—
Futures	(1,509,300)	2013	—	—
Options – Calls	1,656,400	2013	—	—
<i>(Non-Trading)</i>				
Natural Gas (MMBtu):				
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	150,000	2013	(61,420,000)	2012-2013
Swing Swaps IFERC	(83,292,500)	2013	92,370,000	2012-2013
Fixed Swaps/Futures	27,077,500	2013	797,500	2012
Forward Physical Contracts	11,689,855	2013-2014	(10,672,028)	2012
Options – Puts	—	2013	—	—
Natural Gas Liquid (Bbls):				
Forwards/Swaps	(30,000)	2013	—	—
Refined Products (Bbls)	(666,000)	2013	—	—
Propane (Gallons):				
Forwards/Swaps	—	—	38,766,000	2012-2013
<b>Fair Value Hedging Derivatives</b>				
<i>(Non-Trading)</i>				
Natural Gas (MMBtu):				
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	(18,655,000)	2013	(28,752,500)	2012
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(44,272,500)	2013	(45,822,500)	2012
Hedged Item – Inventory	44,272,500	2013	45,822,500	2012
<b>Cash Flow Hedging Derivatives</b>				
<i>(Non-Trading)</i>				
Natural Gas (MMBtu):				
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(8,212,500)	2013	—	—
Options – Puts	—	—	3,600,000	2012
Options – Calls	—	—	(3,600,000)	2012
Natural Gas Liquid (Bbls):				
Forwards/Swaps	(930,000)	2013	—	—
Refined Products (Bbls)	(98,000)	2013	—	—

(1) Includes aggregate amounts for open positions related to Houston Ship Channel, Waha Hub, NGLP TexOk, West Louisiana Zone and Henry Hub locations.

We expect losses of \$6 million related to commodity derivatives to be reclassified into earnings over the next 12 months related to amounts currently reported in AOCI. The amount ultimately realized, however, will differ as commodity prices change and the underlying physical transaction occurs.

## Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to market risk for changes in interest rates. In order to maintain a cost effective capital structure, we borrow funds using a mix of fixed rate debt and variable rate debt. We manage our current interest rate exposures by utilizing interest rate swaps to achieve a desired mix of fixed and variable rate debt. We also utilize forward starting interest rate swaps to lock in the rate on a portion of our anticipated debt issuances.

We had the following interest rate swaps outstanding as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, none of which are designated as hedges for accounting purposes:

Entity	Term	Type (1)	Notional Amount Outstanding	
			December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
ETP	May 2012(2)	Forward starting to pay a fixed rate of 2.59% and receive a floating rate	\$ —	\$ 350
ETP	August 2012(2)	Forward starting to pay a fixed rate of 3.51% and receive a floating rate	—	500
ETP	July 2013(2)	Forward starting to pay a fixed rate of 4.02% and receive a floating rate	400	300
ETP	July 2014(2)	Forward starting to pay a fixed rate of 4.25% and receive a floating rate	400	—
ETP	July 2018	Pay a floating rate plus a spread of 4.17% and receive a fixed rate of 6.70%	600	500
Southern Union	November 2016	Pay a fixed rate of 2.91% and receive a floating rate	75	—
Southern Union	November 2021	Pay a fixed rate of 3.75% and receive a floating rate	450	—

(1) As of December 31, 2012, floating rates are based on 3-month LIBOR.

(2) Represents the effective date. These forward starting swaps have a term of 10 years with a mandatory termination date the same as the effective date.

As of December 31, 2012, Southern Union had no outstanding treasury rate locks; however, certain of its treasury rate locks that settled in prior periods are associated with interest payments on outstanding long-term debt. These treasury rate locks are accounted for as cash flow hedges, with the effective portion of their settled value recorded in AOCI and reclassified into interest expense in the same periods during which the related interest payments on long-term debt impact earnings.

## Credit Risk

We maintain credit policies with regard to our counterparties that we believe minimize our overall credit risk. These policies include an evaluation of potential counterparties' financial condition (including credit ratings), collateral requirements under certain circumstances and the use of standardized agreements, which allow for netting of positive and negative exposure associated with a single or multiple counterparties.

Our counterparties consist primarily of petrochemical companies and other industrials, small to major oil and gas producers, midstream and power generation companies. This concentration of counterparties may impact our overall exposure to credit risk, either positively or negatively in that the counterparties may be similarly affected by changes in economic, regulatory or other conditions. Currently, management does not anticipate a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations as a result of counterparty nonperformance.

We utilize master-netting agreements and have maintenance margin deposits with certain counterparties in the OTC market and with clearing brokers. Payments on margin deposits are required when the value of a derivative exceeds our pre-established credit limit with the counterparty. Margin deposits are returned to us on the settlement date for non-exchange traded derivatives, and we exchange margin calls on a daily basis for exchange traded transactions. Since the margin calls are made daily with the exchange brokers, the fair value of the financial derivative instruments are deemed current and netted in deposits paid to vendors within other current assets in the consolidated balance sheets. The Partnership had net deposits with counterparties of \$41 million and \$66 million as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Certain of Southern Union's derivative instruments contain provisions that require Southern Union's debt to be maintained at an investment grade credit rating from each of the major credit rating agencies. If Southern Union's debt were to fall below investment grade, Southern Union would be in violation of these provisions, and the counterparties to the derivative instruments could potentially require Southern Union to post collateral for certain of the derivative instruments. The aggregate fair value of Southern Union's derivative instruments with credit-risk-related contingent features that are in a net liability position at December 31, 2012 was \$4 million, all of which were included in the disposal group held for sale liabilities at December 31, 2012.

For financial instruments, failure of a counterparty to perform on a contract could result in our inability to realize amounts that have been recorded on our consolidated balance sheet and recognized in net income or other comprehensive income.

### Derivative Summary

The following table provides a balance sheet overview of the Partnership's derivative assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2012 and 2011:

	Fair Value of Derivative Instruments			
	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:				
Commodity derivatives (margin deposits)	\$ 8	\$ 77	\$ (10)	\$ (1)
	<u>8</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Commodity derivatives (margin deposits)	110	227	(116)	(251)
Commodity derivatives	35	1	(43)	(5)
Interest rate derivatives	55	36	(223)	(117)
	<u>200</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>(382)</u>	<u>(373)</u>
Total derivatives	<u>\$ 208</u>	<u>\$ 341</u>	<u>\$ (392)</u>	<u>\$ (374)</u>

The commodity derivatives (margin deposits) are recorded in "Other current assets" on our consolidated balance sheets. The remainder of the derivatives are recorded in "Price risk management assets/liabilities". As of December 31, 2012 commodity derivative assets of \$1 million and commodity derivatives liabilities of \$8 million were recorded in "Non-current assets held for sale" and "Current liabilities held for sale" on our consolidated balance sheet. In addition to the above derivatives, \$7 million in option premiums included in "Price risk management liabilities" as of December 31, 2012 will amortize in 2013.

We disclose the non-exchange traded financial derivative instruments as price risk management assets and liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets at fair value with amounts classified as either current or long-term depending on the anticipated settlement date.

The following tables summarize the amounts recognized with respect to our derivative financial instruments for the periods presented:

		Change in Value Recognized in OCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion)		
		Years Ended December 31,		
		2012	2011	2010
<b>Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships:</b>				
Commodity derivatives		\$ 8	\$ 19	\$ 61
Interest rate derivatives		—	—	(1)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 8</b>	<b>\$ 19</b>	<b>\$ 60</b>
	Location of Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Amount of Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion)		
		Years Ended December 31,		
		2012	2011	2010
<b>Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships:</b>				
Commodity derivatives	Cost of products sold	\$ 14	\$ 38	\$ 37
Interest rate derivatives	Interest expense	—	—	(1)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 14</b>	<b>\$ 38</b>	<b>\$ 36</b>
	Location of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income representing hedge ineffectiveness and amount excluded from the assessment of effectiveness		
		Years Ended December 31,		
		2012	2011	2010
<b>Derivatives in fair value hedging relationships (including hedged item):</b>				
Commodity derivatives	Cost of products sold	\$ 54	\$ 34	\$ 16
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 54</b>	<b>\$ 34</b>	<b>\$ 16</b>
	Location of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives		
		Years Ended December 31,		
		2012	2011	2010
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:</b>				
Commodity derivatives – Trading	Cost of products sold	\$ (7)	\$ (30)	\$ —
Commodity derivatives – Non-trading	Cost of products sold	(15)	9	12
Commodity contracts – Non-trading	Deferred gas purchases	(26)	—	—
Interest rate derivatives	Losses on non-hedged interest rate derivatives	(4)	(77)	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ (52)</b>	<b>\$ (98)</b>	<b>\$ 17</b>

## 11. RETIREMENT BENEFITS:

### *Savings and Profit Sharing Plans*

We and our subsidiaries sponsor defined contribution savings plans, which collectively cover virtually all employees. Employer matching contributions are calculated using a formula based on employee contributions. We made matching contributions of \$8 million, \$11 million and \$10 million to the 401(k) savings plan for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.



Southern Union sponsors a defined contribution savings plan (*Savings Plan*) that is available to all employees. Southern Union contributions to the Savings Plan during the period from Acquisition (March 26, 2012) to December 31, 2012 were \$6 million.

In addition, the Southern Union makes employer contributions to separate accounts, referred to as Retirement Power Accounts, within the defined contribution plan. The contribution amounts are determined as a percentage of compensation and range from 3.5% to 12%. Southern Union contributions are generally 100% vested after five years of continuous service. Southern Union contributions to Retirement Power Accounts during the period from Acquisition (March 26, 2012) to December 31, 2012 were \$2 million.

### ***Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans***

#### *Southern Union*

Southern Union has funded non-contributory defined benefit pension plans that cover substantially all employees of Southern Union's distribution operations. Normal retirement age is 65, but certain plan provisions allow for earlier retirement. Pension benefits are calculated under formulas principally based on average earnings and length of service for salaried and non-union employees and average earnings and length of service or negotiated non-wage based formulas for union employees.

The 2012 postretirement benefits expense for Southern Union reflects the impact of curtailment accounting as postretirement benefits for all active participants who did not meet certain criteria were eliminated. Southern Union previously had postretirement health care and life insurance plans that covered substantially all of Southern Union's distribution and transportation and storage operations employees as well as all corporate employees. The health care plans generally provide for cost sharing between Southern Union and its retirees in the form of retiree contributions, deductibles, coinsurance, and a fixed cost cap on the amount Southern Union pays annually to provide future retiree health care coverage under certain of these plans.

#### *Sunoco*

Sunoco has both funded and unfunded noncontributory defined benefit pension plans (see "defined benefit plans"). Sunoco also has plans which provide health care benefits for substantially all of its current retirees ("postretirement benefit plans"). The postretirement benefit plans are unfunded and the costs are shared by Sunoco and its retirees. Prior to the Sunoco Merger on October 5, 2012, pension benefits under Sunoco's defined benefit plans were frozen for most of the participants in these plans at which time Sunoco instituted a discretionary profit-sharing contribution on behalf of these employees in its defined contribution plan. Postretirement medical benefits were also phased down or eliminated for all employees retiring after July 1, 2010. Sunoco has established a trust for its postretirement benefit liabilities by making a tax-deductible contribution of approximately \$200 million and restructuring the retiree medical plan to eliminate Sunoco's liability beyond this funded amount. The retiree medical plan change eliminated substantially all of Sunoco's future exposure to variances between actual results and assumptions used to estimate retiree medical plan obligations.

## Obligations and Funded Status

Pension and other postretirement benefit liabilities are accrued on an actuarial basis during the years an employee provides services. The following table contains information at the dates indicated about the obligations and funded status of pension and other postretirement plans on a combined basis:

	December 31, 2012	
	Pension Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits
<b>Change in benefit obligation:</b>		
Benefit obligation at acquisition date	\$ 1,257	\$ 359
Service cost	3	1
Interest cost	15	3
Amendments	—	17
Benefits paid, net	(71)	(8)
Curtailments	—	(80)
Actuarial (gain)/loss and other	(9)	4
Benefit obligation at end of period	<u>\$ 1,195</u>	<u>\$ 296</u>
<b>Change in plan assets:</b>		
Fair value of plan assets at acquisition date	\$ 941	\$ 306
Return on plan assets and other	22	5
Employer contributions	14	9
Benefits paid, net	(71)	(8)
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	<u>\$ 906</u>	<u>\$ 312</u>
Amount underfunded (overfunded) at end of period	<u>\$ 289</u>	<u>\$ (16)</u>
<b>Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets consist of:</b>		
Noncurrent assets	\$ —	\$ 59
Current liabilities	(15)	(2)
Noncurrent liabilities	(274)	(41)
	<u>\$ (289)</u>	<u>\$ 16</u>
<b>Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss (pre-tax basis) consist of:</b>		
Net actuarial (gain) loss	\$ (1)	\$ (1)
Prior service cost	—	16
	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ 15</u>

The following table summarizes information at the dates indicated for plans with an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets:

	December 31, 2012	
	Pension Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits
Projected benefit obligation	\$ 1,195	N/A
Accumulated benefit obligation	1,179	\$ 225
Fair value of plan assets	906	185

#### Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost

	December 31, 2012	
	Pension Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits
<b>Net Periodic Benefit Cost:</b>		
Service cost	\$ 3	\$ 1
Interest cost	15	3
Expected return on plan assets	(21)	(5)
Special termination benefits charge	2	—
Curtailment recognition <sup>(1)</sup>	—	(15)
	(1)	(16)
Regulatory adjustment <sup>(2)</sup>	9	2
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>\$ (14)</u>

- (1) Subsequent to the Southern Union Merger, Southern Union amended certain of its other postretirement employee benefit plans, which prospectively restrict participation in the plans for the impacted active employees. The plan amendments resulted in the plans becoming currently over-funded and, accordingly, Southern Union recorded a pre-tax curtailment gain of \$75 million. Such gain was offset by establishment of a non-current refund liability in the amount of \$60 million. As such, the net curtailment gain recognition was \$15 million.
- (2) In its distribution operations, Southern Union recovers certain qualified pension benefit plan and other postretirement benefit plan costs through rates charged to utility customers. Certain utility commissions require that the recovery of these costs be based on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or other utility commission specific guidelines. The difference between these regulatory-based amounts and the periodic benefit cost calculated pursuant to GAAP is deferred as a regulatory asset or liability and amortized to expense over periods in which this difference will be recovered in rates, as promulgated by the applicable utility commission.

## Assumptions

The weighted-average assumptions used in determining benefit obligations at the dates indicated are shown in the table below:

	December 31, 2012	
	Pension Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits
Discount rate	3.41%	2.39%
Rate of compensation increase	3.17%	N/A

The weighted-average assumptions used in determining net periodic benefit cost for the periods presented are shown in the table below:

	December 31, 2012	
	Pension Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits
Discount rate	2.37%	2.43%
Expected return on assets:		
Tax exempt accounts	7.63%	7.00%
Taxable accounts	N/A	4.50%
Rate of compensation increase	3.02%	N/A

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets was estimated based on a variety of factors including the historical investment return achieved over a long-term period, the targeted allocation of plan assets and expectations concerning future returns in the marketplace for both equity and fixed income securities. Current market factors such as inflation and interest rates are evaluated before long-term market assumptions are determined. Peer data and historical returns are reviewed to ensure reasonableness and appropriateness.

The assumed health care cost trend rates used to measure the expected cost of benefits covered by Southern Union and Sunoco's other postretirement benefit plans are shown in the table below:

	December 31, 2012
Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year	7.78%
Rate to which the cost trend is assumed to decline (the ultimate trend rate)	5.32%
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate	2018

Changes in the health care cost trend rate assumptions are not expected to have a significant impact on postretirement benefits.

## Plan Assets

For the Southern Union plans, the overall investment strategy is to maintain an appropriate balance of actively managed investments with the objective of optimizing longer-term returns while maintaining a high standard of portfolio quality and achieving proper diversification. To achieve diversity within its pension plan asset portfolio, Southern Union has targeted the following asset allocations: equity of 25% to 70%, fixed income of 15% to 35%, alternative assets of 10% to 35% and cash of 0% to 10%. To achieve diversity within its other postretirement plan asset portfolio, Southern Union has targeted the following asset allocations: equity of 25% to 35%, fixed income of 65% to 75% and cash and cash equivalents of 0% to 10%.

The investment strategy of Sunoco funded defined benefit plans is to achieve consistent positive returns, after adjusting for inflation, and to maximize long-term total return within prudent levels of risk through a combination of income and capital appreciation. The objective of this strategy is to reduce the volatility of investment returns, maintain a sufficient funded status of the plans and limit required contributions. Sunoco has targeted the following asset allocations: equity of 35%, fixed income of 55%, and private equity investments of 10%. Sunoco anticipates future shifts in targeted asset allocation from equity securities to fixed income securities if funding levels improve due to asset performance or Sunoco contributions.

The fair value of the pension plan assets by asset category at the dates indicated is as follows:

Asset Category:	Fair Value as of December 31, 2012	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2012 Using Fair Value Hierarchy		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ —	\$ —
Mutual funds (1)	516	—	433	83
Fixed income securities	354	—	354	—
Multi-strategy hedge funds (2)	11	—	11	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 906</b>	<b>\$ 25</b>	<b>\$ 798</b>	<b>\$ 83</b>

- (1) Primarily comprised of approximately 36% equities, 54% fixed income securities, and 10% in other investments as of December 31, 2012.
- (2) Primarily includes hedge funds that invest in multiple strategies, including relative value, opportunistic/macro, long/short equities, merger arbitrage/event driven, credit, and short selling strategies, to generate long-term capital appreciation through a portfolio having a diversified risk profile with relatively low volatility and a low correlation with traditional equity and fixed-income markets. These investments can generally be redeemed effective as of the last day of a calendar quarter at the net asset value per share of the investment with approximately 65 days prior written notice.

The fair value of other postretirement plan assets by asset category at the dates indicated is as follows:

Asset Category:	Fair Value as of December 31, 2012	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2012 Using Fair Value Hierarchy		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ —	\$ —
Mutual funds (1)	147	126	21	—
Fixed income securities	158	—	158	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 312</b>	<b>\$ 133</b>	<b>\$ 179</b>	<b>\$ —</b>

- (1) Primarily comprised of approximately 19% equities, 74% fixed income securities, 4% cash, and 3% in other investments as of December 31, 2012.

The Level 1 plan assets are valued based on active market quotes. The Level 2 plan assets are valued based on the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the investments, which was not determinable through publicly published sources but was calculated consistent with authoritative accounting guidelines. See Note 2 for information related to the framework used to measure the fair value of its pension and other postretirement plan assets.

### Contributions

We expect to contribute approximately \$18 million to pension plans and approximately \$8 million to other postretirement plans in 2013. The costs of the plans are funded in accordance with federal regulations, not to exceed the amounts deductible for income tax purposes.

## Benefit Payments

Southern Union and Sunoco's estimate of expected benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, in each of the next five years and in the aggregate for the five years thereafter are shown in the table below:

Years	Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits (Gross, Before Medicare Part D)	Other Postretirement Benefits (Medicare Part D Subsidy Receipts)
2013	\$ 254	\$ 38	\$ 1
2014	105	34	1
2015	98	33	1
2016	87	32	1
2017	82	30	1
2018 - 2021	328	107	4

The Medicare Prescription Drug Act provides for a prescription drug benefit under Medicare (*Medicare Part D*) as well as a federal subsidy to sponsors of retiree health care benefit plans that provide a prescription drug benefit that is at least actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D.

## 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

ETE has agreements with subsidiaries to provide or receive various general and administrative services. ETE pays us to provide services on its behalf and the behalf of other subsidiaries of ETE, which includes the reimbursement of various general and administrative services for expenses incurred by us on behalf of Regency.

In the ordinary course of business, we provide Regency with certain natural gas and NGLs sales and transportation services and compression equipment, and Regency provides us with certain contract compression services. These related party transactions are generally based on transactions made at market-related rates.

Sunoco Logistics has an agreement with PES relating to the Fort Mifflin Terminal Complex. Under this agreement, PES will deliver an average of 300,000 Bbls/d of crude oil and refined products per contract year at the Fort Mifflin facility. PES does not have exclusive use of the Fort Mifflin Terminal Complex; however, Sunoco Logistics is obligated to provide the necessary tanks, marine docks and pipelines for PES to meet its minimum requirements under the agreement. Sunoco Logistics executed a 10-year agreement with PES in September 2012.

In September 2012, Sunoco assigned its lease for the use of Sunoco Logistics' inter-refinery pipelines between the Philadelphia and Marcus Hook refineries to PES. Under the 20-year lease agreement which expires in February 2022, PES leases the inter-refinery pipelines for an annual fee which escalates at 1.67% each January 1 for the term of the agreement. The lease agreement also requires PES to reimburse Sunoco Logistics for any non-routine maintenance expenditures, as defined, incurred during the term of the agreement. There were no material reimbursements under this agreement during 2010 through 2012.

The following table summarizes the affiliate revenue on our consolidated statements of operations:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Affiliated revenue	\$173	\$690	\$571

In January 2012, Enterprise sold a significant portion of its ownership in ETE's common units. Subsequent to that transaction Enterprise owns less than 5% of ETE's outstanding common units and is no longer considered a related party. Previously, transactions between us and Enterprise were considered to be related party transactions due to Enterprise's ownership of a portion of ETE's common units. During the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, ETP recorded sales to Enterprise of \$665 million and \$554 million, respectively, and purchases from Enterprise of \$498 million and \$439 million, respectively, all of which were related party transactions based on Enterprise's interests in ETE at the time of the transactions.

The following table summarizes the related company balances on our consolidated balance sheets:

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Accounts receivable from related companies:		
ETE	\$ 16	\$ 14
Regency	10	10
PES (1)	60	—
Enterprise (2)	—	55
Other	8	3
Total accounts receivable from related companies:	<u>\$ 94</u>	<u>\$ 82</u>
Accounts payable to related companies:		
ETE	\$ 7	\$ 2
Regency	2	—
PES (1)	13	—
Enterprise (2)	—	30
Other	2	1
Total accounts payable to related companies:	<u>\$ 24</u>	<u>\$ 33</u>

(1) PES became a related party in October 2012 as a result of the Sunoco Merger. See Note 3.

(2) In January 2012, Enterprise sold a significant portion of its ownership in ETE's common units. Subsequent to that transaction, Enterprise owns less than 5% of ETE's outstanding common units and is no longer considered a related party.

**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P.****BALANCE SHEETS**

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
INVESTMENT IN ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS	\$188	\$182
GOODWILL	29	29
Total assets	<u>\$217</u>	<u>\$211</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
EQUITY:		
General Partner	\$—	\$—
Limited Partners:		
Class A Limited Partner interest	86	84
Class B Limited Partner interest	131	127
Total partners' capital	<u>217</u>	<u>211</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$217</u>	<u>\$211</u>

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	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):			
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	\$461	\$433	\$388
NET INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	461	433	388
Income tax expense	—	—	—
NET INCOME	<u>\$461</u>	<u>\$433</u>	<u>\$388</u>

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 454	\$ 426	\$ 384
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Distributions to partners	(454)	(426)	(384)
Net cash used in financing activities	(454)	(426)	(384)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	—	—	—
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	—	—	—
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>



**Definitions**

The following is a list of certain acronyms and terms generally used throughout this document:

/d	per day
AmeriGas	AmeriGas Partners, L.P.
AOCI	accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)
Bbls	barrels
Bcf	billion cubic feet
Btu	British thermal unit, an energy measurement used by gas companies to convert the volume of gas used to its heat equivalent, and thus calculate the actual energy used
Citrus	Citrus Corp.
CrossCountry	CrossCountry Energy, LLC
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
ETC Compression	ETC Compression, LLC
ETC FEP	ETC Fayetteville Express Pipeline, LLC
ETC OLP	La Grange Acquisition, L.P., which conducts business under the assumed name of Energy Transfer Company
ETC Tiger	ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC
ETE	Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a publicly traded partnership and the owner of ETP LLC
ET Interstate	Energy Transfer Interstate Holdings, LLC
ETP Credit Facility	ETP's \$2.5 billion revolving credit facility
ETP LLC	Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C., the general partner of ETP GP
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Exchange Act	Securities Exchange Act of 1934
FEP	Fayetteville Express Pipeline LLC
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FGT	Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC
GAAP	accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
Holdco	ETP Holdco Corporation
IDRs	incentive distribution rights
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
LNG	liquefied natural gas
Lone Star	Lone Star NGL LLC
MGE	Missouri Gas Energy
MMBtu	million British thermal units
MTBE	methyl tertiary butyl ether
NEG	New England Gas Company

NGL	natural gas liquid, such as propane, butane and natural gasoline
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange
OSHA	federal Occupational Safety and Health Act
OTC	over-the-counter
Panhandle	Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP and its subsidiaries
PCBs	polychlorinated biphenyls
PEPL	Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP
PEPL Holdings	PEPL Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southern Union, which owns the general partner and 100% of the limited partner interests in Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP
PES	Philadelphia Energy Solutions
PHMSA	Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Regency	Regency Energy Partners LP, a subsidiary of ETE
Sea Robin	Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
Southern Union	Southern Union Company
SUGS	Southern Union Gas Services
Sunoco	Sunoco, Inc.
Sunoco Logistics	Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.
Transwestern	Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC
Trunkline	Trunkline Gas Company, LLC

Adjusted EBITDA is a term used throughout this document, which we define as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and other non-cash items, such as non-cash compensation expense, gains and losses on disposals of assets, the allowance for equity funds used during construction, unrealized gains and losses on commodity risk management activities, non-cash impairment charges, loss on extinguishment of debt, gain on deconsolidation and other non-operating income or expense items. Unrealized gains and losses on commodity risk management activities include unrealized gains and losses on commodity derivatives and inventory fair value adjustments (excluding lower of cost or market adjustments). Adjusted EBITDA reflects amounts for less than wholly owned subsidiaries based on 100% of the subsidiaries' results of operations and for unconsolidated affiliates based on the Partnership's proportionate ownership.

**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(Dollars in millions)  
(unaudited)

	<u>September 30,</u> 2013	<u>December 31,</u> 2012
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,064	\$ 311
Accounts receivable, net	3,288	2,910
Accounts receivable from related companies	177	94
Inventories	1,657	1,495
Exchanges receivable	32	55
Price risk management assets	30	21
Current assets held for sale	16	184
Other current assets	318	334
Total current assets	<u>6,582</u>	<u>5,404</u>
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	27,352	27,412
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	<u>(2,262)</u>	<u>(1,639)</u>
	25,090	25,773
NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE	145	985
ADVANCES TO AND INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATES	4,513	3,502
NON-CURRENT PRICE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSETS	19	42
GOODWILL	5,291	5,635
INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net	1,490	1,561
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS, net	455	357
Total assets	<u>\$ 43,585</u>	<u>\$ 43,259</u>

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

**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(Dollars in millions)  
(unaudited)

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,357	\$ 3,002
Accounts payable to related companies	53	24
Exchanges payable	190	156
Price risk management liabilities	64	110
Accrued and other current liabilities	1,617	1,562
Current maturities of long-term debt	294	609
Current liabilities held for sale	13	85
Total current liabilities	5,588	5,548
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES HELD FOR SALE</b>	70	142
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities</b>	16,352	15,442
<b>LONG-TERM NOTES PAYABLE – RELATED PARTY</b>	—	166
<b>NON-CURRENT PRICE RISK MANAGEMENT LIABILITIES</b>	54	129
<b>DEFERRED INCOME TAXES</b>	3,605	3,476
<b>OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	948	995
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 12)</b>		
<b>EQUITY:</b>		
General Partner	—	—
Limited Partners:		
Class A Unitholders	79	86
Class B Unitholders	157	131
Total partners' capital	236	217
Noncontrolling interest	16,732	17,144
Total equity	16,968	17,361
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 43,585	\$ 43,259

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

**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(Dollars in millions)  
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	2012	September 30,	2012
	2013		2013	
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Natural gas sales	\$ 721	\$ 655	\$ 2,286	\$1,572
NGL sales	708	460	1,885	1,300
Crude sales	4,215	—	11,408	—
Gathering, transportation and other fees	648	530	1,977	1,429
Refined product sales	4,633	—	13,945	—
Other	977	157	2,806	420
Total revenues	<u>11,902</u>	<u>1,802</u>	<u>34,307</u>	<u>4,721</u>
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES:</b>				
Cost of products sold	10,654	1,026	30,477	2,606
Operating expenses	331	167	950	493
Depreciation and amortization	253	162	764	419
Selling, general and administrative	138	82	424	272
Total costs and expenses	<u>11,376</u>	<u>1,437</u>	<u>32,615</u>	<u>3,790</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	526	365	1,692	931
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):</b>				
Interest expense, net of interest capitalized	(210)	(147)	(632)	(479)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	28	8	137	64
Gain on deconsolidation of Propane Business	—	—	—	1,057
Gain on sale of AmeriGas common units	87	—	87	—
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—	—	(115)
Gains (losses) on interest rate derivatives	—	—	46	(9)
Other, net	7	7	6	10
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE</b>	438	233	1,336	1,459
Income tax expense from continuing operations	47	27	139	36
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	391	206	1,197	1,423
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	13	(142)	44	(136)
<b>NET INCOME</b>	404	64	1,241	1,287
<b>LESS: NET INCOME (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTEREST</b>	258	(52)	812	945
<b>NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO PARTNERS</b>	146	116	429	342
<b>GENERAL PARTNER'S INTEREST IN NET INCOME</b>	—	—	—	—
<b>LIMITED PARTNERS' INTEREST IN NET INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 146</u>	<u>\$ 116</u>	<u>\$ 429</u>	<u>\$ 342</u>

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**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

(Dollars in millions)  
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Net income	\$ 404	\$ 64	\$1,241	\$1,287
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Reclassification to earnings of gains and losses on derivative instruments accounted for as cash flow hedges	(3)	(9)	(5)	(21)
Change in value of derivative instruments accounted for as cash flow hedges	(4)	(7)	4	14
Change in value of available-for-sale securities	1	—	1	—
Actuarial gain relating to pension and other postretirement benefits	8	—	9	—
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	(1)	—
Change in other comprehensive income from equity investments	9	8	13	(14)
	<u>11</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>(21)</u>
Comprehensive income	415	56	1,262	1,266
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	269	(60)	833	924
Comprehensive income attributable to partners	<u>\$ 146</u>	<u>\$ 116</u>	<u>\$ 429</u>	<u>\$ 342</u>

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**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY**  
**FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

(Dollars in millions)  
(unaudited)

	<u>General Partner</u>	<u>Limited Partners</u>	<u>Noncontrolling Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, December 31, 2012	\$ —	\$ 217	\$ 17,144	\$17,361
Distributions to partners		(410)	—	(410)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	—	—	(1,249)	(1,249)
Units issued for cash		—	1,301	1,301
Capital contributions from noncontrolling interest	—	—	100	100
Holdco Acquisition and SUGS Contribution (See Note 2)		—	(1,437)	(1,437)
Non-cash compensation expense, net of units tendered by employees for tax withholdings		—	37	37
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	—	—	21	21
Other, net	—	—	(3)	(3)
Net income	—	429	812	1,241
Balance, September 30, 2013	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 236</u>	<u>\$ 16,732</u>	<u>\$16,968</u>

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**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Dollars in millions)  
(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 1,241	\$ 1,287
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	764	419
Deferred income taxes	249	40
Gain on curtailment of other postretirement benefits	—	(15)
Amortization of finance costs charged to interest	(63)	(9)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	115
LIFO valuation adjustments	(22)	—
Non-cash compensation expense	36	31
Gain on deconsolidation of Propane Business	—	(1,057)
Gain on sale of AmeriGas common units	(87)	—
Write-down of assets included in loss from discontinued operations	—	145
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(137)	(64)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates	220	95
Other non-cash	11	64
Net change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and deconsolidations (see Note 3)	(461)	(133)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,751</u>	<u>918</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Cash paid for Citrus Merger	—	(1,895)
Cash proceeds from contribution and sale of propane operations	—	1,443
Cash proceeds from SUGS Contribution (See Note 2)	493	—
Cash paid for Holdco Acquisition (See Note 2)	(1,332)	—
Cash proceeds from the sale of the MGE assets (See Note 2)	973	—
Cash proceeds from the sale of AmeriGas common units	346	—
Cash (paid) received from all other acquisitions	(5)	471
Capital expenditures (excluding allowance for equity funds used during construction)	(1,840)	(1,938)
Contributions in aid of construction costs	11	28
Contributions to unconsolidated affiliates	(1)	(2)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates in excess of cumulative earnings	121	95
Proceeds from the sale of assets	37	13
Other	(29)	(2)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(1,226)</u>	<u>(1,787)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from borrowings	6,971	5,696
Repayments of long-term debt	(6,312)	(4,744)
Repayments of borrowings from affiliates	(166)	—
Net proceeds from issuance of ETP Limited Partner units	1,301	772
Capital contributions received from noncontrolling interest	123	240
Distributions to partners	(410)	(333)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	(1,249)	(732)
Debt issuance costs	(30)	(20)
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>228</u>	<u>879</u>
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	753	10
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	311	107
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	<u>\$ 1,064</u>	<u>\$ 117</u>

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



**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Tabular dollar and unit amounts are in millions)  
(unaudited)

**1. OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATION:**

Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P. (“ETP GP” or “the Partnership”) was formed in August 2000 as a Delaware limited partnership. ETP GP is the General Partner and the owner of the general partner interest of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., a publicly traded master limited partnership (“ETP”). ETP GP is owned 99.99% by its limited partners, and 0.01% by its general partner, Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C. (“ETP LLC”).

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (“ETE”) is the 100% owner of ETP LLC and also owns 100% of our Class A and Class B Limited Partner interests. For more information on our Class A and Class B Limited Partner interests, see Note 7.

**Business Operations**

Our activities are primarily conducted through our operating subsidiaries (collectively, the “Operating Companies”) as follows:

- ETC OLP, a Texas limited partnership engaged in midstream and intrastate transportation and storage natural gas operations. ETC OLP owns and operates, through its wholly and majority-owned subsidiaries, natural gas gathering systems, intrastate natural gas pipeline systems and gas processing plants and is engaged in the business of purchasing, gathering, transporting, processing, and marketing natural gas and NGLs in the states of Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and West Virginia. ETC OLP’s intrastate transportation and storage operations primarily focus on transporting natural gas in Texas through our Oasis pipeline, ET Fuel System, East Texas pipeline and HPL System. ETC OLP’s midstream operations focus on the gathering, compression, treating, conditioning and processing of natural gas, primarily on or through our Southeast Texas System, Eagle Ford System, North Texas System and Northern Louisiana assets. ETC OLP also owns a 70% interest in Lone Star.
- ET Interstate, a Delaware limited liability company with revenues consisting primarily of fees earned from natural gas transportation services and operational gas sales. ET Interstate is the parent company of:
  - Transwestern, a Delaware limited liability company engaged in interstate transportation of natural gas. Transwestern’s revenues consist primarily of fees earned from natural gas transportation services and operational gas sales.
  - ETC FEP, a Delaware limited liability company that directly owns a 50% interest in FEP, which owns 100% of the Fayetteville Express interstate natural gas pipeline.
  - ETC Tiger, a Delaware limited liability company engaged in interstate transportation of natural gas.
  - CrossCountry, a Delaware limited liability company that indirectly owns a 50% interest in Citrus, which owns 100% of the FGT interstate natural gas pipeline.
- ETC Compression, a Delaware limited liability company engaged in natural gas compression services and related equipment sales.
- Sunoco Logistics, a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership that owns and operates a logistics business, consisting of refined products and crude oil pipelines, terminalling and storage assets, and refined products and crude oil acquisition and marketing assets.
- Holdco, a Delaware limited liability company that indirectly owns Southern Union and Sunoco. As discussed in Note 2, ETP acquired ETE’s 60% interest in Holdco on April 30, 2013. Sunoco and Southern Union operations are described as follows:
  - Southern Union owns and operates assets in the regulated and unregulated natural gas industry and is primarily engaged in the transportation, storage and distribution of natural gas in the United States. As discussed in Note 2, on April 30, 2013, Southern Union completed its contribution to Regency of all of the issued and outstanding membership interests in Southern Union Gathering Company, LLC, and its subsidiaries, including SUGS. Additionally, as discussed in Note 2, on September 1, 2013, Southern Union completed its sale of the assets of MGE to Laclede Gas Company.
  - Sunoco owns and operates retail marketing assets, which sell gasoline and middle distillates at retail and operates convenience stores primarily on the east coast and in the midwest region of the United States.

## **Preparation of Interim Financial Statements**

The accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2012, which has been derived from audited financial statements, and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of the Partnership as of September 30, 2013 and for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, have been prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim consolidated financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete consolidated financial statements. However, management believes that the disclosures made are adequate to make the information not misleading. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for a full year due to the seasonal nature of the Partnership's operations, maintenance activities and the impact of forward natural gas prices and differentials on certain derivative financial instruments that are accounted for using mark-to-market accounting.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments (all of which are normal and recurring) have been made that are necessary to fairly state the consolidated financial position of the Partnership as of September 30, 2013, and the Partnership's results of operations and cash flows for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012. The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of ETP GP and subsidiaries presented as Exhibit 99.1 to the Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. Form 8-K as filed on November 14, 2013.

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2013 presentation. These reclassifications had no impact on net income or total equity.

In accordance with GAAP, we have accounted for the October 2012 transaction in which ETE contributed its interest in Southern Union to Holdco in exchange for a 60% interest in Holdco and ETP contributed its interest in Sunoco (exclusive of Sunoco Logistics) to Holdco in exchange for a 40% interest in Holdco (the "Holdco Transaction") as a reorganization of entities under common control. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements have been retrospectively adjusted to reflect the consolidation of Southern Union into ETP beginning March 26, 2012 (the date ETE acquired Southern Union).

## **2. ACQUISITIONS, DIVESTITURES AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS:**

### **Sale of Distribution Operations**

In December 2012, Southern Union entered into a purchase and sale agreement with The Laclede Group, Inc., pursuant to which Laclede Missouri agreed to acquire the assets of Southern Union's MGE division and Laclede Massachusetts agreed to acquire the assets of Southern Union's NEG division (together, the "LDC Disposal Group"). Laclede Gas Company, a subsidiary of The Laclede Group, Inc., subsequently assumed all of Laclede Missouri's rights and obligations under the purchase and sale agreement. In February 2013, The Laclede Group, Inc. entered into an agreement with Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp ("APUC") that allows a subsidiary of APUC to assume the rights of The Laclede Group, Inc. to purchase the assets of Southern Union's NEG division, subject to certain approvals.

Effective September 1, 2013, Southern Union completed its sale of the assets of MGE to Laclede Gas Company for an aggregate purchase price of \$975 million, subject to customary post-closing adjustments. The sale of Southern Union's NEG division is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2013 for cash proceeds of \$40 million, subject to customary post-closing adjustments and the assumption of \$20 million of debt.

The LDC Disposal Group's operations have been classified as discontinued operations for all periods in the consolidated statements of operations. The assets and liabilities of the LDC Disposal Group have been classified as assets and liabilities held for sale.

### **SUGS Contribution**

On April 30, 2013, Southern Union completed its contribution to Regency of all of the issued and outstanding membership interest in Southern Union Gathering Company, LLC, and its subsidiaries, including SUGS (the "SUGS Contribution"). The general partner and IDRs of Regency are owned by ETE. The consideration paid by Regency in connection with this transaction consisted of (i) the issuance of approximately 31.4 million Regency common units to Southern Union, (ii) the issuance of approximately 6.3 million Regency Class F units to Southern Union, (iii) the distribution of \$463 million in cash to Southern Union, net of closing adjustments, and (iv) the payment of \$30 million in cash to a subsidiary of ETP. This transaction was between commonly controlled entities; therefore, the amounts recorded in the consolidated balance sheet for the investment in Regency and the related deferred tax liabilities were based on the historical book value of SUGS. In addition, PEPL Holdings, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southern Union, provided a guarantee of collection with respect to the payment of the principal amounts of Regency's debt related to the SUGS Contribution. The Regency Class F units have the same rights, terms and conditions as the Regency common units, except that Southern Union will not receive distributions on the Regency Class F units for the first eight consecutive quarters following the closing, and the

Regency Class F units will thereafter automatically convert into Regency common units on a one-for-one basis. The Partnership has not presented SUGS as discontinued operations due to the expected continuing involvement with SUGS through affiliate relationships, as well as the direct investment in Regency common and Class F units received, which has been accounted for using the equity method.

#### **Acquisition of ETE's Holdco Interest**

On April 30, 2013, ETP acquired ETE's 60% interest in Holdco for approximately 49.5 million of newly issued ETP Common Units and \$1.40 billion in cash, less \$68 million of closing adjustments (the "Holdco Acquisition"). As a result, ETP now owns 100% of Holdco. ETE, which owns the general partner and IDRs of ETP, agreed to forego incentive distributions on the newly issued ETP units for each of the first eight consecutive quarters beginning with the quarter in which the closing of the transaction occurred and 50% of incentive distributions on the newly issued ETP units for the following eight consecutive quarters. ETP controlled Holdco prior to this acquisition; therefore, the transaction did not constitute a change of control.

#### **Sunoco Merger**

On October 5, 2012, Sam Acquisition Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of ETP, completed its merger with Sunoco (the "Sunoco Merger"). Under the terms of the merger agreement, Sunoco shareholders received a total of approximately 55 million ETP Common Units and \$2.6 billion in cash.

### **3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:**

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash on hand, demand deposits, and investments with original maturities of three months or less. We consider cash equivalents to include short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

The net change in operating assets and liabilities included in cash flows from operating activities is comprised as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
Accounts receivable	\$ (392)	\$ (67)
Accounts receivable from related companies	(50)	(44)
Inventories	(132)	(56)
Exchanges receivable	—	22
Other current assets	(186)	67
Other non-current assets, net	(29)	(32)
Accounts payable	398	43
Accounts payable to related companies	(67)	99
Exchanges payable	36	(24)
Accrued and other current liabilities	92	(154)
Other non-current liabilities	(15)	(3)
Price risk management assets and liabilities, net	(116)	16
Net change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and deconsolidations	\$ (461)	\$ (133)

Non-cash investing and financing activities are as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
<b>NON-CASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Accrued capital expenditures	\$ 190	\$ 391
AmeriGas limited partner interests received in exchange for contribution of Propane Business	\$ —	\$1,123
Regency common and Class F units received in exchange for contribution of SUGS	\$ 961	\$ —
<b>NON-CASH FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Contributions receivable related to noncontrolling interest	\$ —	\$ 13
Issuance of ETP common units in connection with acquisitions	\$ —	\$ 112
Issuance of ETP common units in connection with the Holdco Acquisition	\$2,464	\$ —

#### 4. **INVENTORIES:**

Inventories consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Natural gas and NGLs	\$ 509	\$ 334
Crude oil	464	418
Refined products	517	572
Appliances, parts and fittings and other	167	171
Total inventories	\$ 1,657	\$ 1,495

We utilize commodity derivatives to manage price volatility associated with our natural gas inventory and designate certain of these derivatives as fair value hedges for accounting purposes. Changes in fair value of the designated hedged inventory have been recorded in inventory on our consolidated balance sheets and in cost of products sold in our consolidated statements of operations.

5. **FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:**

We have commodity derivatives and interest rate derivatives that are accounted for as assets and liabilities at fair value in our consolidated balance sheets. We determine the fair value of our assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurement by using the highest possible “level” of inputs. Level 1 inputs are observable quotes in an active market for identical assets and liabilities. We consider the valuation of commodity derivatives transacted through a clearing broker with a published price from the appropriate exchange as a Level 1 valuation. Level 2 inputs are inputs observable for similar assets and liabilities. We consider OTC commodity derivatives entered into directly with third parties as a Level 2 valuation since the values of these derivatives are quoted on an exchange for similar transactions. Additionally, we consider our options transacted through our clearing broker as having Level 2 inputs due to the level of activity of these contracts on the exchange in which they trade. We consider the valuation of our interest rate derivatives as Level 2 as the primary input, the LIBOR curve, is based on quotes from an active exchange of Eurodollar futures for the same period as the future interest swap settlements, and we discount the future cash flows accordingly, including the effects of credit risk. Level 3 inputs are unobservable. We currently do not have any recurring fair value measurements that are considered Level 3 valuations. During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, no transfers were made between any levels within the fair value hierarchy.

Based on the estimated borrowing rates currently available to us and our subsidiaries for loans with similar terms and average maturities, the aggregate fair value of our consolidated debt obligations at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 was \$17.16 billion and \$17.84 billion, respectively. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the aggregate carrying amount of our consolidated debt obligations was \$16.65 billion and \$16.22 billion, respectively. The fair value of our consolidated debt obligations is a Level 2 valuation based on the observable inputs used for similar liabilities.

The following tables summarize the fair value of our financial assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 based on inputs used to derive their fair values:

	Fair Value Total	Fair Value Measurements at September 30, 2013	
		Level 1	Level 2
<b>Assets:</b>			
Interest rate derivatives	\$ 43	\$ —	\$ 43
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>			
Natural Gas:			
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	4	4	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	1	—	1
Fixed Swaps/Futures	84	84	—
Options – Calls	1	—	1
Forward Physical Swaps	1	—	1
Power – Forwards	2	—	2
Natural Gas Liquids – Forwards/Swaps	9	9	—
Refined Products – Futures	25	25	—
Total commodity derivatives	127	122	5
Total Assets	<u>\$ 170</u>	<u>\$ 122</u>	<u>\$ 48</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Interest rate derivatives	\$ (111)	\$ —	\$ (111)
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>			
Natural Gas:			
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	(8)	(8)	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	(2)	—	(2)
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(58)	(58)	—
Options – Calls	(1)	—	(1)
Power:			
Forwards	(1)	—	(1)
Options – Calls	(2)	—	(2)
Natural Gas Liquids – Forwards/Swaps	(8)	(8)	—
Refined Products – Futures	(16)	(16)	—
Crude – Futures	(2)	(2)	—
Total commodity derivatives	(98)	(92)	(6)
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ (209)</u>	<u>\$ (92)</u>	<u>\$ (117)</u>

	Fair Value Total	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2012	
		Level 1	Level 2
<b>Assets:</b>			
Interest rate derivatives	\$ 55	\$ —	\$ 55
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>			
Natural Gas:			
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	11	11	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	3	—	3
Fixed Swaps/Futures	96	94	2
Options – Puts	1	—	1
Options – Calls	3	—	3
Forward Physical Swaps	1	—	1
Power:			
Forwards	27	—	27
Futures	1	1	—
Options – Calls	2	—	2
Natural Gas Liquids – Swaps	1	1	—
Refined Products – Futures	5	1	4
Total commodity derivatives	151	108	43
Total Assets	\$ 206	\$ 108	\$ 98
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Interest rate derivatives	\$ (223)	\$ —	\$ (223)
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>			
Natural Gas:			
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	(18)	(18)	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	(2)	—	(2)
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(103)	(94)	(9)
Options – Puts	(1)	—	(1)
Options – Calls	(3)	—	(3)
Power:			
Forwards	(27)	—	(27)
Futures	(2)	(2)	—
Natural Gas Liquids – Swaps	(3)	(3)	—
Refined Products – Futures	(8)	(1)	(7)
Total commodity derivatives	(167)	(118)	(49)
Total Liabilities	\$ (390)	\$ (118)	\$ (272)

## 6. **DEBT OBLIGATIONS:**

### **Senior Notes**

In January 2013, ETP issued \$800 million aggregate principal amount of 3.6% Senior Notes due February 2023 and \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 5.15% Senior Notes due February 2043. ETP used the net proceeds of \$1.24 billion from the offering to repay borrowings outstanding under the ETP Credit Facility and for general partnership purposes.

In January 2013, Sunoco Logistics issued \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 3.45% Senior Notes due January 2023 and \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 4.95% Senior Notes due January 2043. The net proceeds of \$691 million from the offering were used to pay outstanding borrowings under the Sunoco Logistics' Credit Facilities and for general partnership purposes.

In September 2013, ETP issued \$700 million aggregate principal amount of 4.15% Senior Notes due October 2020, \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 4.90% Senior Notes due February 2024 and \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 5.95% Senior Notes due October 2043. ETP used the net proceeds of \$1.47 billion from the offering to repay \$455 million in borrowings outstanding under the term loan of Panhandle's wholly-owned subsidiary, Trunkline LNG Holdings, LLC, to repay borrowings outstanding under the ETP Credit Facility and for general partnership purposes.

### **Note Exchange**

On June 24, 2013, ETP completed the exchange of approximately \$1.09 billion aggregate principal amount of Southern Union's outstanding senior notes, comprising 77% of the principal amount of the 7.6% Senior Notes due 2024, 89% of the principal amount of the 8.25% Senior Notes due 2029 and 91% of the principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes due 2066. These notes were exchanged for new notes issued by ETP with the same coupon rates and maturity dates. In conjunction with this transaction, Southern Union entered into intercompany notes payable to ETP, which provide for the reimbursement by Southern Union of ETP's payments under the newly issued notes.

## **Credit Facilities**

### ***ETP Credit Facility***

ETP has a \$2.5 billion revolving credit facility which expires in October 2016. Indebtedness under the ETP Credit Facility is unsecured and not guaranteed by any of the Partnership's subsidiaries and has equal rights to holders of our current and future unsecured debt. The ETP Credit Facility had no outstanding borrowings as of September 30, 2013.

### ***Southern Union Credit Facility***

Proceeds from the SUGS Contribution were used to repay \$240 million of borrowings under the Eighth Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement (the "Southern Union Credit Facility") and the facility was terminated.

### ***Sunoco Logistics Credit Facilities***

Sunoco Logistics maintains two credit facilities to fund its working capital requirements, finance acquisitions and capital projects and for general partnership purposes. The credit facilities consist of a \$350 million unsecured credit facility which expires in August 2016 and a \$200 million unsecured credit facility which expires in August 2014. There were no outstanding borrowings under these credit facilities as of September 30, 2013.

West Texas Gulf Pipe Line Company, a subsidiary of Sunoco Logistics, has a \$35 million revolving credit facility which expires in April 2015. Outstanding borrowings under this credit facility were \$35 million as of September 30, 2013.

### ***Compliance with Our Covenants***

We were in compliance with all requirements, tests, limitations, and covenants related to our credit agreements as of September 30, 2013.

## **7. EQUITY:**

Limited Partner interests are represented by Class A Units and Class B Units that entitle the holders thereof to the rights and privileges specified in the Partnership Agreement. The Class B Units constitute a profits interest in ETP GP and will only receive allocations of income, gain, loss deduction and credit and their pro rata share of cash distributions from ETP GP attributable to the ownership of ETP's Incentive Distribution Rights ("IDRs"). Under our Partnership Agreement, after giving effect to the special allocation of net income to our Class B Units for their profits interest, net income is allocated among the Partners as follows:

- First, 100% to our General Partner, until the aggregate net income allocated to our General Partner for the current year and all previous years is equal to the aggregate net losses allocated to our General Partner for all previous years;
- Second, 99.99% to our Class A Limited Partners, in proportion to their relative allocation of net losses, and 0.01% to our General Partner until the aggregate net income allocated to our Class A Limited Partners and our General Partner for the current and all previous years is equal to the aggregate net losses allocated to our Class A Limited Partners and our General Partner for all previous years; and
- Third, 99.99% to our Class A Limited Partners, pro rata, and 0.01% to our General Partner.

### **ETP Class G Units**

In April 2013, all of the outstanding ETP Class F Units, which were issued in connection with the Sunoco Merger, were exchanged for ETP Class G Units on a one-for-one basis. The Class G Units have terms that are substantially the same as the Class F Units, with the principal difference between the Class G Units and the Class F Units being that allocations of depreciation and amortization to the Class G Units for tax purposes are based on a predetermined percentage and are not contingent on whether ETP has net income or loss.

### **ETP Class H Units**

Pursuant to an Exchange and Redemption Agreement previously entered into between ETP, ETE and ETE Common Holdings, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of ETE ("ETE Holdings"), ETP redeemed and cancelled 50.2 million of its common units representing limited partner interests (the "Redeemed Units") owned by ETE Holdings on October 31, 2013 in exchange for the issuance by ETP to ETE Holdings of a new class of limited partner interest in ETP (the "Class H Units"), which are generally entitled to (i) allocations of profits, losses and other items from ETP corresponding to 50.05% of the profits, losses, and other items allocated to ETP by Sunoco Partners LLC ("Sunoco Partners"), the general partner of



Sunoco Logistics, with respect to the IDRs and general partner interest in Sunoco Logistics held by Sunoco Partners, (ii) distributions from available cash at ETP for each quarter equal to 50.05% of the cash distributed to ETP by Sunoco Partners with respect to the IDRs and general partner interest in Sunoco Logistics held by Sunoco Partners for such quarter and, to the extent not previously distributed to holders of the Class H Units, for any previous quarters and (iii) incremental additional cash distributions in the aggregate amount of \$329 million, to be payable by ETP to ETE Holdings over 15 quarters, commencing with the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and ending with the quarter ending March 31, 2017. The incremental cash distributions referred to in clause (iii) of the previous sentence are intended to offset a portion of the IDR subsidies previously granted by ETE to ETP in connection with the Citrus Merger, the Holdco Transaction and the Holdco Acquisition. In connection with the issuance of the Class H Units, ETE and ETP also agreed to certain adjustments to the prior IDR subsidies in order to ensure that the IDR subsidies are fixed amounts for each quarter to which the IDR subsidies are in effect. For a summary of the net IDR subsidy amounts resulting from this transaction, see “Quarterly Distributions of Available Cash” below.

### Common Unit Activity by ETP

The change in ETP Common Units during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was as follows:

	Number of Units
Outstanding at December 31, 2012	301.5
Common Units issued in connection with public offerings	13.8
Common Units issued in connection with Equity Distribution Agreements	11.6
Common Units issued in connection with the Distribution Reinvestment Plan	1.6
Common Units issued in connection with the Holdco Acquisition	49.5
Outstanding at September 30, 2013	<u>378.0</u>

In January 2013 and May 2013, ETP entered into Equity Distribution Agreements pursuant to which it may sell from time to time ETP Common Units having aggregate offering prices of up to \$200 million and \$800 million, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, ETP received proceeds of \$568 million, net of commissions of \$6 million, from the issuance of units pursuant to the Equity Distribution Agreements, which proceeds were used for general partnership purposes. ETP also received \$13 million, net of commissions, in October 2013 from the settlement of transactions initiated in September 2013 under these agreements. Approximately \$426 million ETP Common Units remain available to be issued under these agreements.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, distributions of \$76 million were reinvested under the Distribution Reinvestment Plan resulting in the issuance of 1.6 million ETP Common Units. As of September 30, 2013, a total of 2.7 million ETP Common Units remain available to be issued under the existing registration statement.

In April 2013, ETP issued 13.8 million ETP Common Units at \$48.05 per Common Unit in an underwritten public offering. Net proceeds of \$657 million from the offering were used to repay amounts outstanding under the ETP Credit Facility and for general partnership purposes.

As discussed in “Class H Units” above ETP redeemed and cancelled 50.2 million of its Common Units in connection with the issuance of Class H Units to ETE.

### Quarterly Distribution of Available Cash

Our distributions policy is consistent with the terms of the Partnership Agreement, which require that we distribute all of our available cash quarterly. Our only cash-generating assets consist of partnership interests, including IDRs, from which we receive quarterly distributions from ETP. We have no independent operations outside of our interests in ETP. Under the Partnership Agreement, our distributions are characterized as the GP Distribution Amount and the IDR Distribution Amount. The GP Distribution Amount is all distributions we receive from ETP with respect to our General Partner Interest and the IDR Distribution Amount is all distributions received from ETP with respect to the IDR. Within 45 days following the end of each quarter, we will distribute all of our GP Available Cash and IDR Available Cash, as defined in the Partnership Agreement. GP Available Cash shall be distributed 99.99% to the Class A Limited Partners, pro rata and 0.01% to the General partner. IDR Available Cash shall be distributed 99.99% to the Class B Limited Partners, pro rata and 0.01% to the General Partner.

ETP GP has the right, in connection with the issuance of any equity security by ETP, to purchase equity securities on the same terms as these equity securities are issued to third parties sufficient to enable ETP GP and its affiliates to maintain the aggregate percentage equity interest in ETP as ETP GP and its affiliates owned immediately prior to such issuance.

### Contributions to Subsidiary

In order to maintain our general partner interest in ETP, ETP GP has previously been required to make contributions to ETP each time ETP issues limited partner interests for cash or in connection with acquisitions. These contributions are generally paid by offsetting the required contributions against the funds ETP GP receives from ETP distributions on the general partner and limited partner interests owned by ETP GP.

In July 2009, ETP amended and restated its partnership agreement, and as a result, ETP GP is no longer required to make corresponding contributions to maintain its general partner interest in ETP. As of September 30, 2013, ETP GP held a 0.75% general partner interest in ETP.

### Quarterly Distributions of Available Cash

Following are distributions declared and/or paid by ETP subsequent to December 31, 2012:

<u>Quarter Ended</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>
December 31, 2012	February 7, 2013	February 14, 2013	\$ 0.89375
March 31, 2013	May 6, 2013	May 15, 2013	0.89375
June 30, 2013	August 5, 2013	August 14, 2013	0.89375
September 30, 2013	November 4, 2013	November 14, 2013	0.90500

Following are incentive distributions ETE has agreed to relinquish:

- In conjunction with the Partnership's Citrus Merger, ETE agreed to relinquish its rights to \$220 million of incentive distributions from ETP that ETE would otherwise be entitled to receive over 16 consecutive quarters beginning with the distribution paid on May 15, 2012.
- In conjunction with the Holdco Transaction in October 2012, ETE agreed to relinquish its right to \$210 million of incentive distributions from ETP that ETE would otherwise be entitled to receive over 12 consecutive quarters beginning with the distribution paid on November 14, 2012.
- As discussed in Note 2, in connection with the Holdco Acquisition on April 30, 2013, ETE also agreed to relinquish incentive distributions on the newly issued ETP Common Units for the first eight consecutive quarters beginning with the distribution paid on August 14, 2013, and 50% of the incentive distributions for the following eight consecutive quarters.
- As discussed under "Class H Units" above, ETP has agreed to make incremental cash distributions in the aggregate amount of \$329 million to ETE Holdings over 15 quarters, commencing with the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and ending with the quarter ending March 31, 2017, in respect of the Class H units as a means to offset prior IDR subsidies that ETE agreed to in connection with the Citrus Merger, the Holdco Transaction and the Holdco Acquisition.

As a result, the net IDR subsidies from ETE, taking into account the incremental cash distributions related to the Class H units as an offset thereto, will be the amounts set forth in the table below:

	Quarters Ending				Total Year
	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	
2013	N/A	N/A	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 42.00
2014	\$ 27.25	\$27.25	27.25	27.25	109.00
2015	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	53.00
2016	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	22.00

#### Sunoco Logistics Quarterly Distributions of Available Cash

Following are distributions declared and/or paid by Sunoco Logistics subsequent to December 31, 2012:

Quarter Ended	Record Date	Payment Date	Rate
December 31, 2012	February 8, 2013	February 14, 2013	\$ 0.54500
March 31, 2013	May 9, 2013	May 15, 2013	0.57250
June 30, 2013	August 8, 2013	August 14, 2013	0.60000
September 30, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 14, 2013	0.63000

#### Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table presents the components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Available-for-sale securities	\$ 1	\$ —
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(1)	—
Actuarial loss related to pensions and other postretirement benefits	(1)	(10)
Equity investments, net	4	(9)
Subtotal	3	(19)
Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interest	(3)	19
Total accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	\$ —	\$ —

#### 9. UNIT-BASED COMPENSATION PLANS:

##### *ETP Unit-Based Compensation Plans*

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, employees were granted a total of 1,142,663 unvested awards with five-year service vesting requirements, and directors were granted a total of 9,060 unvested awards with three-year and five-year service vesting requirements. The weighted average grant-date fair value of these awards was \$45.74 per unit. As of September 30, 2013, a total of 2,840,725 unit awards remain unvested, for which we expect to recognize \$72 million in compensation expense over a weighted average period of 1.8 years related to unvested awards.

##### *Sunoco Logistics' Unit-Based Compensation Plan*

As of September 30, 2013, a total of 918,031 Sunoco Logistics restricted units were outstanding for which Sunoco Logistics expects to recognize \$16 million in compensation expense over a weighted-average period of 2.4 years.

**10. INCOME TAXES:**

The follow table summarizes the Partnership's income tax expense from continuing operations:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Income tax expense from continuing operations	\$ 47	\$ 27	\$ 139	\$ 36
Effective tax rate	11%	12%	10%	2%

The increase in the effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the same period last year is primarily due to the Partnership conducting a significant portion of its activities through its corporate subsidiaries, Southern Union and Sunoco, as a result of the Holdco Transaction and Sunoco Merger completed in 2012.

Sunoco has historically included certain government incentive payments as taxable income on its federal and state income tax returns. In connection with Sunoco's 2004 through 2011 open statute years, Sunoco has proposed to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") that these government incentive payments be excluded from federal taxable income. A successful claim could result in significant tax refunds for multiple years. However, a thorough evaluation of the ultimate financial impact to Sunoco is complex and requires significant analysis, including the ramifications of tax indemnification agreements with certain former Sunoco affiliates which were members of Sunoco's consolidated federal return group during these years. At this time, a benefit for the claim is not estimable and has not been recorded in the financial statements.

## 11. RETIREMENT BENEFITS:

The following tables set forth the components of net period benefit cost of the Partnership's pension and other postretirement benefit plans:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
	2013		2012(1)	
	Pension Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits	Pension Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits
<b>Net Periodic Benefit Cost:</b>				
Service cost	\$ —	\$ (1)	\$ 1	\$ —
Interest cost	10	2	2	1
Expected return on plan assets	(15)	(3)	(3)	(2)
Prior service cost amortization	—	1	—	—
Actuarial loss amortization	1	—	—	—
	(4)	(1)	—	(1)
Regulatory adjustment(2)	1	—	3	1
<b>Net periodic benefit cost</b>	<b>\$ (3)</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ —</b>

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2013		2012(1)	
	Pension Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits	Pension Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits
<b>Net Periodic Benefit Cost:</b>				
Service cost	\$ 5	\$ —	\$ 2	\$ —
Interest cost	28	5	5	1
Expected return on plan assets	(45)	(7)	(6)	(3)
Prior service cost amortization	—	1	—	—
Actuarial loss amortization	2	—	—	—
Settlement credits	(2)	—	—	—
Curtailement recognition(3)	—	—	—	(15)
	(12)	(1)	1	(17)
Regulatory adjustment(2)	5	—	6	1
<b>Net periodic benefit cost</b>	<b>\$ (7)</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>\$ 7</b>	<b>\$ (16)</b>

- (1) The three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 include components of net periodic benefit cost of Southern Union subsequent to the Southern Union Merger on March 26, 2012.
- (2) Southern Union has historically recovered certain qualified pension benefit plan and other postretirement benefit plan costs through rates charged to utility customers in its MGE and NEG divisions. Certain utility commissions require that the recovery of these costs be based on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or other utility commission specific guidelines. The difference between these regulatory-based amounts and the periodic benefit cost calculated pursuant to GAAP is deferred as a regulatory asset or liability and amortized to expense over periods in which this difference will be recovered in rates, as promulgated by the applicable utility commission.
- (3) Subsequent to the Southern Union Merger, Southern Union amended certain of its other postretirement employee benefit plans, which prospectively restrict participation in the plans for the impacted active employees. The plan amendments resulted in the plans becoming currently over-funded and, accordingly, Southern Union recorded a pre-tax curtailment gain of \$75 million. Such gain was offset by establishment of a non-current refund liability in the amount of \$60 million. As such, the net curtailment gain recognition was \$15 million.

## **12. REGULATORY MATTERS, COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES:**

### **FERC Audit**

The FERC recently completed an audit of PEPL, a subsidiary of Southern Union, for the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, to evaluate its compliance with the Uniform System of Accounts as prescribed by the FERC, annual and quarterly financial reporting to the FERC, reservation charge crediting policy and record retention. An audit report was received in August 2013 noting no issues that would have a material impact on the Partnership's historical financial position or results of operations.

### **Contingent Residual Support Agreement — AmeriGas**

In connection with the closing of the contribution of its propane operations in January 2013, ETP agreed to provide contingent, residual support of \$1.55 billion of senior notes issued by AmeriGas and certain of its affiliates with maturities through 2022.

### **PEPL Holdings Guarantee of Collection**

In connection with the SUGS Contribution, Regency issued \$600 million of 4.50% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Regency Debt"), the proceeds of which were used by Regency to fund the cash portion of the consideration, as adjusted, and pay certain other expenses or disbursements directly related to the closing of the SUGS Contribution. In connection with the closing of the SUGS Contribution on April 30, 2013, Regency entered into an agreement with PEPL Holdings, a subsidiary of Southern Union, pursuant to which PEPL Holdings provided a guarantee of collection (on a nonrecourse basis to Southern Union) to Regency and Regency Energy Finance Corp. with respect to the payment of the principal amount of the Regency Debt through maturity in 2023.

### **Commitments**

In the normal course of our business, we purchase, process and sell natural gas pursuant to long-term contracts and we enter into long-term transportation and storage agreements. Such contracts contain terms that are customary in the industry. We believe that the terms of these agreements are commercially reasonable and will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

We have certain non-cancelable leases for property and equipment, which require fixed monthly rental payments and expire at various dates through 2056. Rental expense under these operating leases has been included in operating expenses in the accompanying statements of operations and totaled \$31 million and \$12 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, which include contingent rentals totaling \$8 million in the three months ended September 30, 2013. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, rental expense for operating leases totaled \$93 million and \$29 million, respectively, which include contingent rentals totaling \$18 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2013. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, \$6 million and \$16 million, respectively, of rental expense was recovered through related sublease rental income.

Our joint venture agreements require that we fund our proportionate share of capital contributions to our unconsolidated affiliates. Such contributions will depend upon our unconsolidated affiliates' capital requirements, such as for funding capital projects or repayment of long-term obligations.

### **Litigation and Contingencies**

We may, from time to time, be involved in litigation and claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business. Natural gas and crude are flammable and combustible. Serious personal injury and significant property damage can arise in connection with their transportation, storage or use. In the ordinary course of business, we are sometimes threatened with or named as a defendant in various lawsuits seeking actual and punitive damages for product liability, personal injury and property damage. We maintain liability insurance with insurers in amounts and with coverage and deductibles management believes are reasonable and prudent, and which are generally accepted in the industry. However, there can be no assurance that the levels of insurance protection currently in effect will continue to be available at reasonable prices or that such levels will remain adequate to protect us from material expenses related to product liability, personal injury or property damage in the future.

### ***Sunoco Litigation***

Following the announcement of the Sunoco Merger on April 30, 2012, eight putative class action and derivative complaints were filed in connection with the Sunoco Merger in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. Each complaint names as defendants the members of Sunoco's board of directors and alleges that they

breached their fiduciary duties by negotiating and executing, through an unfair and conflicted process, a merger agreement that provides inadequate consideration and that contains impermissible terms designed to deter alternative bids. Each complaint also names as defendants Sunoco, ETP, ETP GP, ETP LLC, and Sam Acquisition Corporation, alleging that they aided and abetted the breach of fiduciary duties by Sunoco's directors; some of the complaints also name ETE as a defendant on those aiding and abetting claims. In September 2012, all of these lawsuits were settled with no payment obligation on the part of any of the defendants following the filing of Current Reports on Form 8-K that included additional disclosures that were incorporated by reference into the proxy statement related to the Sunoco Merger. Subsequent to the settlement of these cases, the plaintiffs' attorneys sought compensation from Sunoco for attorneys' fees related to their efforts in obtaining these additional disclosures. In January 2013, Sunoco entered into agreements to compensate the plaintiffs' attorneys in the state court actions in the aggregate amount of not more than \$950,000 and to compensate the plaintiffs' attorneys in the federal court action in the amount of not more than \$250,000. The payment of \$950,000 was made in July 2013.

#### ***Litigation Relating to the Southern Union Merger***

In June 2011, several putative class action lawsuits were filed in the Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas naming as defendants the members of the Southern Union Board, as well as Southern Union and ETE. The lawsuits were styled *Jaroslawicz v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, Cause No. 2011-37091, in the 333rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas and *Magda v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, Cause No. 2011-37134, in the 11th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. The lawsuits were consolidated into an action styled *In re: Southern Union Company*; Cause No. 2011-37091, in the 333rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. Plaintiffs allege that the Southern Union directors breached their fiduciary duties to Southern Union's stockholders in connection with the Merger and that Southern Union and ETE aided and abetted the alleged breaches of fiduciary duty. The amended petitions allege that the Merger involves an unfair price and an inadequate sales process, that Southern Union's directors entered into the Merger to benefit themselves personally, including through consulting and noncompete agreements, and that defendants have failed to disclose all material information related to the Merger to Southern Union stockholders. The amended petitions seek injunctive relief, including an injunction of the Merger, and an award of attorneys' and other fees and costs, in addition to other relief. On October 21, 2011, the court denied ETE's October 13, 2011, motion to stay the Texas proceeding in favor of cases pending in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Also in June 2011, several putative class action lawsuits were filed in the Delaware Court of Chancery naming as defendants the members of the Southern Union Board, as well as Southern Union and ETE. Three of the lawsuits also named Merger Sub as a defendant. These lawsuits are styled: *Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, et al. v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, C.A. No. 6615-CS; *KBC Asset Management NV v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, C.A. No. 6622-CS; *LBBW Asset Management Investment GmbH v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, C.A. No. 6627-CS; and *Memo v. Southern Union Company, et al.*, C.A. No. 6639-CS. These cases were consolidated with the following style: *In re Southern Union Co. Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 6615-CS, in the Delaware Court of Chancery. The consolidated complaint asserts similar claims and allegations as the Texas state-court consolidated action. On July 25, 2012, the Delaware plaintiffs filed a notice of voluntary dismissal of all claims without prejudice. In the notice, plaintiffs stated their claims were being dismissed to avoid duplicative litigation and indicated their intent to join the Texas case.

On September 18, 2013, the plaintiff dismissed without prejudice its lawsuit against all defendants.

#### ***MTBE Litigation***

Sunoco, along with other refiners, manufacturers and sellers of gasoline, is a defendant in lawsuits alleging MTBE contamination of groundwater. The plaintiffs typically include water purveyors and municipalities responsible for supplying drinking water and governmental authorities. The plaintiffs are asserting primarily product liability claims and additional claims including nuisance, trespass, negligence, violation of environmental laws and deceptive business practices. The plaintiffs in all of the cases are seeking to recover compensatory damages, and in some cases, injunctive relief, punitive damages and attorneys' fees.

As of September 30, 2013, Sunoco is a defendant in six cases, including one initiated by the State of New Jersey and another by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. These cases are venued in a multidistrict proceeding in a New York federal court. The two state cases assert natural resource damage claims. In addition, Sunoco has received notice from another state that it intends to file an MTBE lawsuit in the near future asserting natural resource damage claims.

Discovery is proceeding in these cases. There has been insufficient information developed about the plaintiffs' legal theories or the facts in the natural resource damage claims that would be relevant to an analysis of the ultimate liability of Sunoco in these matters; however, it is reasonably possible that a loss may be realized. Management believes that an adverse determination with respect to one or more of the MTBE cases could have a significant impact on results of operations the period in which any said adverse determination occurs, but does not believe that any such adverse determination would have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's consolidated financial position.

## ***Other Litigation and Contingencies***

In November 2011, a derivative lawsuit was filed in the Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas naming as defendants ETP, ETP GP, ETP LLC, the boards of directors of ETP LLC (collectively with ETP GP and ETP LLC, the “ETP Defendants”), certain members of management for ETP and ETE, ETE, and Southern Union. The lawsuit is styled *W. J. Garrett Trust v. Bill W. Byrne, et al.*, Cause No. 2011-71702, in the 157th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas. Plaintiffs assert claims for breaches of fiduciary duty, breaches of contractual duties, and acts of bad faith against each of the ETP Defendants and the individual defendants. Plaintiffs also assert claims for aiding and abetting and tortious interference with contract against Southern Union. On October 5, 2012, certain defendants filed a motion for summary judgment with respect to the primary allegations in this action. On December 13, 2012, Plaintiffs filed their opposition to the motion for summary judgment. Defendants filed a reply on December 19, 2012. On December 20, 2012, the court conducted an oral hearing on the motion. Plaintiffs filed a post-hearing sur-reply on January 7, 2013. On January 16, 2013, the Court granted defendants’ motion for summary judgment. The parties agreed to settle the matter and executed a memorandum of understanding. On October 4, 2013, the Court approved the settlement and ordered the case dismissed with prejudice.

We or our subsidiaries are a party to various legal proceedings and/or regulatory proceedings incidental to our businesses. For each of these matters, we evaluate the merits of the case, our exposure to the matter, possible legal or settlement strategies, the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome and the availability of insurance coverage. If we determine that an unfavorable outcome of a particular matter is probable and can be estimated, we accrue the contingent obligation, as well as any expected insurance recoverable amounts related to the contingency. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, accruals of approximately \$38 million and \$42 million, respectively, were reflected on our balance sheets related to these contingent obligations. As new information becomes available, our estimates may change. The impact of these changes may have a significant effect on our results of operations in a single period.

The outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty and there can be no assurance that the outcome of a particular matter will not result in the payment of amounts that have not been accrued for the matter. Furthermore, we may revise accrual amounts prior to resolution of a particular contingency based on changes in facts and circumstances or changes in the expected outcome.

No amounts have been recorded in our September 30, 2013 or December 31, 2012 consolidated balance sheets for contingencies and current litigation, other than amounts disclosed herein.

***Litigation Related to Incident at JJ’s Restaurant.*** On February 19, 2013, there was a natural gas explosion at JJ’s Restaurant located at 910 W. 48th Street in Kansas City, Missouri. Effective September 1, 2013, Laclede Gas Company, a subsidiary of The Laclede Group, Inc. (“Laclede”), assumed any and all liability arising from this incident in ETP’s sale of the assets of MGE to Laclede.

***Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts v New England Gas Company.*** On July 7, 2011, the Massachusetts Attorney General (“AG”) filed a regulatory complaint with the MDPU against New England Gas Company with respect to certain environmental cost recoveries. The AG is seeking a refund to New England Gas Company customers for alleged “excessive and imprudently incurred costs” related to legal fees associated with Southern Union’s environmental response activities. In the complaint, the AG requests that the MDPU initiate an investigation into the New England Gas Company’s collection and reconciliation of recoverable environmental costs including: (i) the prudence of any and all legal fees, totaling \$19 million, that were charged by the Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman firm and passed through the recovery mechanism since 2005, the year when a partner in the firm, the Southern Union former Vice Chairman, President and Chief Operating Officer, joined Southern Union’s management team; (ii) the prudence of any and all legal fees that were charged by the Bishop, London & Dodds firm and passed through the recovery mechanism since 2005, the period during which a member of the firm served as Southern Union’s Chief Ethics Officer; and (iii) the propriety and allocation of certain legal fees charged that were passed through the recovery mechanism that the AG contends only qualify for a lesser, 50%, level of recovery. Southern Union has filed its answer denying the allegations and moved to dismiss the complaint, in part on a theory of collateral estoppel. The hearing officer has deferred consideration of Southern Union’s motion to dismiss. The AG’s motion to be reimbursed expert and consultant costs by Southern Union of up to \$150,000 was granted. By tariff, these costs are recoverable through rates charged to New England Gas Company customers. The hearing officer previously stayed discovery pending resolution of a dispute concerning the applicability of attorney-client privilege to legal billing invoices. The MDPU issued an interlocutory order on June 24, 2013 that lifted the stay, and discovery has resumed. Southern Union believes it has complied with all applicable requirements regarding its filings for cost recovery and has not recorded any accrued liability; however, Southern Union will continue to assess its potential exposure for such cost recoveries as the matter progresses.



## **Environmental Matters**

Our operations are subject to extensive federal, state and local environmental and safety laws and regulations that require expenditures to ensure compliance, including related to air emissions and wastewater discharges, at operating facilities and for remediation at current and former facilities as well as waste disposal sites. Although we believe our operations are in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations, risks of additional costs and liabilities are inherent in the business of transporting, storing, gathering, treating, compressing, blending and processing natural gas, natural gas liquids and other products. As a result, there can be no assurance that significant costs and liabilities will not be incurred. Costs of planning, designing, constructing and operating pipelines, plants and other facilities must incorporate compliance with environmental laws and regulations and safety standards. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the assessment of administrative, civil and criminal penalties, the imposition of remedial obligations, the issuance of injunctions and the filing of federally authorized citizen suits. Contingent losses related to all significant known environmental matters have been accrued and/or separately disclosed. However, we may revise accrual amounts prior to resolution of a particular contingency based on changes in facts and circumstances or changes in the expected outcome.

Environmental exposures and liabilities are difficult to assess and estimate due to unknown factors such as the magnitude of possible contamination, the timing and extent of remediation, the determination of our liability in proportion to other parties, improvements in cleanup technologies and the extent to which environmental laws and regulations may change in the future. Although environmental costs may have a significant impact on the results of operations for any single period, we believe that such costs will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position.

Based on information available at this time and reviews undertaken to identify potential exposure, we believe the amount reserved for environmental matters is adequate to cover the potential exposure for cleanup costs.

## ***Environmental Remediation***

Our subsidiaries are responsible for environmental remediation at certain sites, including the following:

- Certain of our interstate pipelines conduct soil and groundwater remediation related to contamination from past uses of PCBs. PCB assessments are ongoing and, in some cases, our subsidiaries could potentially be held responsible for contamination caused by other parties.
- Certain gathering and processing systems are responsible for soil and groundwater remediation related to releases of hydrocarbons.
- Southern Union's distribution operations are responsible for soil and groundwater remediation at certain sites related to manufactured gas plants ("MGPs") and may also be responsible for the removal of old MGP structures.
- Currently operating Sunoco retail sites.
- Legacy sites related to Sunoco, that are subject to environmental assessments include formerly owned terminals and other logistics assets, retail sites that Sunoco no longer operates, closed and/or sold refineries and other formerly owned sites.
- Sunoco is potentially subject to joint and several liability for the costs of remediation at sites at which it has been identified as a potentially responsible party ("PRP"). As of September 30, 2013, Sunoco had been named as a PRP at 39 identified or potentially identifiable as "Superfund" sites under federal and/or comparable state law. Sunoco is usually one of a number of companies identified as a PRP at a site. Sunoco has reviewed the nature and extent of its involvement at each site and other relevant circumstances and, based upon Sunoco's purported nexus to the sites, believes that its potential liability associated with such sites will not be significant.

To the extent estimable, expected remediation costs are included in the amounts recorded for environmental matters in our consolidated balance sheets. In some circumstances, future costs cannot be reasonably estimated because remediation activities are undertaken as claims are made by customers and former customers. To the extent that an environmental remediation obligation is recorded by a subsidiary that applies regulatory accounting policies, amounts that are expected to be recoverable through tariffs or rates are recorded as regulatory assets on our consolidated balance sheets.

The table below reflects the amounts of accrued liabilities recorded in our consolidated balance sheets related to environmental matters that are considered to be probable and reasonably estimable. Except for matters discussed above, we do not have any material environmental matters assessed as reasonably possible that would require disclosure in our consolidated financial statements.

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Current	\$ 38	\$ 46
Non-current	185	165
<b>Total environmental liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 223</b>	<b>\$ 211</b>

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, Sunoco recorded \$8 million and \$23 million, respectively, of expenditures related to environmental cleanup programs.

The EPA's Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures program regulations were recently modified and impose additional requirements on many of our facilities. We expect to expend resources on tank integrity testing and any associated corrective actions as well as potential upgrades to containment structures to comply with the new rules. Costs associated with tank integrity testing and resulting corrective actions cannot be reasonably estimated at this time, but we believe such costs will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

On August 20, 2010, the EPA published new regulations under the federal Clean Air Act ("CAA") to control emissions of hazardous air pollutants from existing stationary reciprocal internal combustion engines. The rule will require us to undertake certain expenditures and activities, likely including purchasing and installing emissions control equipment. In response to an industry group legal challenge to portions of the rule in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and a Petition for Administrative Reconsideration to the EPA, on March 9, 2011, the EPA issued a new proposed rule and direct final rule effective on May 9, 2011 to clarify compliance requirements related to operation and maintenance procedures for continuous parametric monitoring systems. If no further changes to the standard are made as a result of comments to the proposed rule, we would not expect that the cost to comply with the rule's requirements will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations. Compliance with the final rule was required by October 2013, and the Partnership believes it is in compliance.

On June 29, 2011, the EPA finalized a rule under the CAA that revised the new source performance standards for manufacturers, owners and operators of new, modified and reconstructed stationary internal combustion engines. The rule became effective on August 29, 2011. The rule modifications may require us to undertake significant expenditures, including expenditures for purchasing, installing, monitoring and maintaining emissions control equipment, if we replace equipment or expand existing facilities in the future. At this point, we are not able to predict the cost to comply with the rule's requirements, because the rule applies only to changes we might make in the future.

Our pipeline operations are subject to regulation by the DOT under the PHMSA, pursuant to which the PHMSA has established requirements relating to the design, installation, testing, construction, operation, replacement and management of pipeline facilities. Moreover, the PHMSA, through the Office of Pipeline Safety, has promulgated a rule requiring pipeline operators to develop integrity management programs to comprehensively evaluate their pipelines, and take measures to protect pipeline segments located in what the rule refers to as "high consequence areas." Activities under these integrity management programs involve the performance of internal pipeline inspections, pressure testing or other effective means to assess the integrity of these regulated pipeline segments, and the regulations require prompt action to address integrity issues raised by the assessment and analysis. Integrity testing and assessment of all of these assets will continue, and the potential exists that results of such testing and assessment could cause us to incur future capital and operating expenditures for repairs or upgrades deemed necessary to ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of our pipelines; however, no estimate can be made at this time of the likely range of such expenditures.

Our operations are also subject to the requirements of the OSHA, and comparable state laws that regulate the protection of the health and safety of employees. In addition, OSHA's hazardous communication standard requires that information be maintained about hazardous materials used or produced in our operations and that this information be provided to employees, state and local government authorities and citizens. We believe that our operations are in substantial compliance with the OSHA requirements, including general industry standards, record keeping requirements, and monitoring of occupational exposure to regulated substances.

### **13. PRICE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:**

#### **Commodity Price Risk**

We are exposed to market risks related to the volatility of commodity prices. To manage the impact of volatility from these prices, we utilize various exchange-traded and OTC commodity financial instrument contracts. These contracts consist primarily of futures, swaps and options and are recorded at fair value in our consolidated balance sheets.

We inject and hold natural gas in our Bammel storage facility to take advantage of contango markets (i.e., when the price of natural gas is higher in the future than the current spot price). We use financial derivatives to hedge the natural gas held in connection with these arbitrage opportunities. At the inception of the hedge, we lock in a margin by purchasing gas in the spot market or off peak season and entering into a financial contract to lock in the sale price. If we designate the related financial contract as a fair value hedge for accounting purposes, we value the hedged natural gas inventory at current spot market prices along with the financial derivative we use to hedge it. Changes in the spread between the forward natural gas prices designated as fair value hedges and the physical inventory spot price result in unrealized gains or losses until the underlying physical gas is withdrawn and the related designated derivatives are settled. Once the gas is withdrawn and the designated derivatives are settled, the previously unrealized gains or losses associated with these positions are realized. Unrealized margins represent the unrealized gains or losses from our derivative instruments using mark-to-market accounting, with changes in the fair value of our derivatives being recorded directly in earnings. These margins fluctuate based upon changes in the spreads between the physical spot price and forward natural gas prices. If the spread narrows between the physical and financial prices, we will record unrealized gains or lower unrealized losses. If the spread widens, we will record unrealized losses or lower unrealized gains. Typically, as we enter the winter months, the spread converges so that we recognize in earnings the original locked-in spread through either mark-to-market adjustments or the physical withdraw of natural gas.

We are also exposed to market risk on natural gas we retain for fees in our intrastate transportation and storage operations and operational gas sales on our interstate transportation and storage operations. We use financial derivatives to hedge the sales price of this gas, including futures, swaps and options. Certain contracts that qualify for hedge accounting are designated as cash flow hedges of the forecasted sale of natural gas. The change in value, to the extent the contracts are effective, remains in AOCI until the forecasted transaction occurs. When the forecasted transaction occurs, any gain or loss associated with the derivative is recorded in cost of products sold in the consolidated statement of operations.

We are also exposed to commodity price risk on NGLs and residue gas we retain for fees in our midstream operations whereby our subsidiaries generally gather and process natural gas on behalf of producers, sell the resulting residue gas and NGL volumes at market prices and remit to producers an agreed upon percentage of the proceeds based on an index price for the residue gas and NGLs. We use NGL and crude derivative swap contracts to hedge forecasted sales of NGL and condensate equity volumes. Certain contracts that qualify for hedge accounting are accounted for as cash flow hedges. The change in value, to the extent the contracts are effective, remains in AOCI until the forecasted transaction occurs. When the forecasted transaction occurs, any gain or loss associated with the derivative is recorded in cost of products sold in the consolidated statement of operations.

Our trading activities include the use of financial commodity derivatives to take advantage of market opportunities. These trading activities are a complement to our transportation and storage operations and are netted in cost of products sold in our consolidated statements of operations. Additionally, we also have trading activities related to power in our "All Other" operations which are also netted in cost of products sold. As a result of our trading activities and the use of derivative financial instruments in our transportation and storage operations, the degree of earnings volatility that can occur may be significant, favorably or unfavorably, from period to period. We attempt to manage this volatility through the use of daily position and profit and loss reports provided to our risk oversight committee, which includes members of senior management, and the limits and authorizations set forth in our commodity risk management policy.

Derivatives are utilized in our midstream operations in order to mitigate price volatility and manage fixed price exposure incurred from contractual obligations. We attempt to maintain balanced positions in our marketing activities to protect against volatility in the energy commodities markets; however, net unbalanced positions can exist.

The following table details our outstanding commodity-related derivatives:

	September 30, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	Notional Volume	Maturity	Notional Volume	Maturity
<b>Mark-to-Market Derivatives</b>				
<i>(Trading)</i>				
Natural Gas (MMBtu):				
Fixed Swaps/Futures	6,560,000	2013-2019	—	—
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX <sup>(1)</sup>	(27,402,500)	2013-2017	(30,980,000)	2013-2014
Swing Swaps	1,690,000	2013-2016	—	—
Power (Megawatt):				
Forwards	562,250	2013	19,650	2013
Futures	97,212	2013	(1,509,300)	2013
Options – Calls	(1,700)	2013	1,656,400	2013
Crude (Bbls) – Futures	80,000	2013	—	—
<i>(Non-Trading)</i>				
Natural Gas (MMBtu):				
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	(5,300,000)	2013-2014	150,000	2013
Swing Swaps IFERC	6,965,000	2013-2016	(83,292,500)	2013
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(14,072,500)	2013-2015	27,077,500	2013
Forward Physical Contracts	(11,663,485)	2013-2014	11,689,855	2013-2014
Natural Gas Liquid (Bbls) – Forwards/Swaps	(1,182,000)	2013-2014	(30,000)	2013
Refined Products (Bbls) – Futures	(93,327)	2013-2014	(666,000)	2013
<b>Fair Value Hedging Derivatives</b>				
<i>(Non-Trading)</i>				
Natural Gas (MMBtu):				
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	(6,577,500)	2013	(18,655,000)	2013
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(47,215,000)	2014	(44,272,500)	2013
Hedged Item – Inventory	47,215,000	2014	44,272,500	2013
<b>Cash Flow Hedging Derivatives</b>				
<i>(Non-Trading)</i>				
Natural Gas (MMBtu):				
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	(1,150,000)	2013	—	—
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(5,720,000)	2013	(8,212,500)	2013
Natural Gas Liquid (Bbls) – Forwards/Swaps	(720,000)	2013	(930,000)	2013
Refined Products (Bbls) – Futures	—	—	(98,000)	2013
Crude (Bbls) – Futures	(120,000)	2013	—	—

- (1) Includes aggregate amounts for open positions related to Houston Ship Channel, Waha Hub, NGLP TexOk, West Louisiana Zone and Henry Hub locations.

We expect gains of \$1 million related to commodity derivatives to be reclassified into earnings over the next 12 months related to amounts currently reported in AOCI. The amount ultimately realized, however, will differ as commodity prices change and the underlying physical transaction occurs.

#### Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to market risk for changes in interest rates. To maintain a cost effective capital structure, we borrow funds using a mix of fixed rate debt and variable rate debt. We also manage our interest rate exposure by utilizing interest rate swaps to achieve a desired mix of fixed and variable rate debt. We also utilize forward starting interest rate swaps to lock in the rate on a portion of our anticipated debt issuances.

The following table summarizes our interest rate swaps outstanding, none of which were designated as hedges for accounting purposes:

Entity	Term	Type <sup>(1)</sup>	Notional Amount Outstanding	
			September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
ETP	July 2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	Forward-starting to pay a fixed rate of 4.03% and receive a floating rate	\$ —	\$ 400
ETP	July 2014 <sup>(2)</sup>	Forward-starting to pay a fixed rate of 4.25% and receive a floating rate	400	400
ETP	July 2018	Pay a floating rate plus a spread of 4.17% and receive a fixed rate of 6.70%	600	600
ETP	June 2021	Pay a floating rate plus a spread of 2.15% and receive a fixed rate of 4.65%	200	—
ETP	February 2023	Pay a floating rate plus a spread of 1.32% and receive a fixed rate of 3.60%	400	—
Southern Union	November 2016	Pay a fixed rate of 2.97% and receive a floating rate	25	75
Southern Union	November 2021	Pay a fixed rate of 3.75% and receive a floating rate	450	450

(1) Floating rates are based on 3-month LIBOR.

(2) Represents the effective date. These forward starting swaps have a term of 10 years with a mandatory termination date the same as the effective date. During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, we settled \$400 million of ETP's forward-starting interest rate swaps that had an effective date of July 2013.

### Credit Risk

We maintain credit policies with regard to our counterparties that we believe minimize our overall credit risk. These policies include an evaluation of potential counterparties' financial condition (including credit ratings), collateral requirements under certain circumstances and the use of standardized agreements, which allow for netting of positive and negative exposure associated with a single or multiple counterparties.

Our counterparties consist of a diverse portfolio of customers across the energy industry including petrochemical companies, consumer and industrials, oil and gas producers, municipalities, utilities and midstream companies. Our overall exposure to credit risk may be affected either positively or negatively in that the counterparties may experience similar changes in economic, regulatory or other conditions. Currently, management does not anticipate a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations as a result of counterparty nonperformance.

We utilize master-netting agreements and have maintenance margin deposits with certain counterparties in the OTC market and with clearing brokers. Payments on margin deposits are required when the value of a derivative exceeds our pre-established credit limit with the counterparty. Margin deposits are returned to us on or about the settlement date for non-exchange traded derivatives, and we exchange margin calls on a daily basis for exchange traded transactions. Since the margin calls are made daily with the exchange brokers, the fair value of the financial derivative instruments are deemed current and netted in deposits paid to vendors within other current assets in the consolidated balance sheets.

For financial instruments, failure of a counterparty to perform on a contract could result in our inability to realize amounts that have been recorded on our consolidated balance sheets and recognized in net income or other comprehensive income.

## Derivative Summary

The following table provides a summary of our derivative assets and liabilities:

	Fair Value of Derivative Instruments			
	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
<b>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:</b>				
Commodity derivatives (margin deposits)	\$ 16	\$ 8	\$ (3)	\$ (10)
	16	8	(3)	(10)
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:</b>				
Commodity derivatives (margin deposits)	112	110	(95)	(116)
Commodity derivatives	32	33	(33)	(34)
Current assets held for sale	—	1	—	—
Non-current assets held for sale	—	1	—	—
Current liabilities held for sale	—	—	—	(9)
Interest rate derivatives	43	55	(111)	(223)
	187	200	(239)	(382)
<b>Total derivatives</b>	<b>\$ 203</b>	<b>\$ 208</b>	<b>\$ (242)</b>	<b>\$ (392)</b>

In addition to the above derivatives, \$7 million in option premiums were included in price risk management liabilities as of December 31, 2012.

The following table presents the fair value of our recognized derivative assets and liabilities on a gross basis and amounts offset on the consolidated balance sheets that are subject to enforceable master netting arrangements or similar arrangements:

Derivatives in offsetting agreements:	Balance Sheet Location	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
		September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
		OTC contracts	Price risk management assets (liabilities)	\$ 37	\$ 28
Broker cleared derivative contracts	Other current assets (liabilities)	170	150	(159)	(228)
		207	178	(197)	(255)
<b>Offsetting agreements:</b>					
Collateral paid to OTC counterparties	Other current assets	—	—	—	2
Counterparty netting	Price risk management assets (liabilities)	(32)	(25)	32	25
Payments on margin deposit	Other current assets	(15)	—	34	59
		(47)	(25)	66	86
Net derivatives with offsetting agreements		160	153	(131)	(169)
Derivatives without offsetting agreements		43	55	(111)	(223)
<b>Total derivatives</b>		<b>\$ 203</b>	<b>\$ 208</b>	<b>\$ (242)</b>	<b>\$ (392)</b>

We disclose the non-exchange traded financial derivative instruments as price risk management assets and liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets at fair value with amounts classified as either current or long-term depending on the anticipated settlement date.

The following tables summarize the amounts recognized with respect to our derivative financial instruments:

		Change in Value Recognized in OCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion)			
		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2013	2012	2013	2012
<b>Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships:</b>					
Commodity derivatives		\$ (4)	\$ (7)	\$ 4	\$ 14
Total		<u>\$ (4)</u>	<u>\$ (7)</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ 14</u>
		Amount of Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion)			
		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2013	2012	2013	2012
<b>Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships:</b>					
Commodity derivatives	Location of Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion)	\$ 3	\$ 9	\$ 5	\$ 21
Total		<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 9</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>\$ 21</u>
		Amount of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income Representing Hedge Ineffectiveness and Amount Excluded from the Assessment of Effectiveness			
		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2013	2012	2013	2012
<b>Derivatives in fair value hedging relationships (including hedged item):</b>					
Commodity derivatives	Location of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives	\$ —	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 29
Total		<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ 29</u>
		Amount of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives			
		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2013	2012	2013	2012
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:</b>					
Commodity derivatives – Trading	Location of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives	\$ (11)	\$ 4	\$ (12)	\$ (7)
Commodity derivatives – Non-Trading	Cost of products sold	(23)	(5)	(20)	(13)
Commodity derivatives – Non-Trading	Deferred gas purchases	—	—	(3)	—
Interest rate derivatives	Gains (losses) on interest rate derivatives	—	—	46	(9)
Total		<u>\$ (34)</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ 11</u>	<u>\$ (29)</u>

**14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:**

ETE has agreements with subsidiaries to provide or receive various general and administrative services. ETE pays us to provide services on its behalf and on behalf of other subsidiaries of ETE, which includes the reimbursement of various general and administrative services for expenses incurred by us on behalf of Regency.

In the ordinary course of business, we provide Regency with certain natural gas and NGLs sales and transportation services and compression equipment, and Regency provides us with certain contract compression services. These related party transactions are generally based on transactions made at market-related rates.

Sunoco Logistics has an agreement with PES relating to the Fort Mifflin Terminal Complex. Under this agreement, PES will deliver an average of 300,000 Bbls/d of crude oil and refined products per contract year at the Fort Mifflin facility. PES does not have exclusive use of the Fort Mifflin Terminal Complex; however, Sunoco Logistics is obligated to provide the necessary tanks, marine docks and pipelines for PES to meet its minimum requirements under the agreement. Sunoco Logistics executed a 10-year agreement with PES in September 2012.

In September 2012, Sunoco assigned its lease for the use of Sunoco Logistics' inter-refinery pipelines between the Philadelphia and Marcus Hook refineries to PES. Under the 20-year lease agreement which expires in February 2022, PES leases the inter-refinery pipelines for an annual fee which escalates at 1.67% each January 1 for the term of the agreement. The lease agreement also requires PES to reimburse Sunoco Logistics for any non-routine maintenance expenditures, as defined, incurred during the term of the agreement. There were no material reimbursements under this agreement during 2010 through 2012.

The following table summarizes the affiliate revenue on our consolidated statements of operations:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Affiliated revenue	\$ 439	\$ 20	\$ 1,154	\$ 37

The following table summarizes the related company balances on our consolidated balance sheets:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Accounts receivable from related companies:		
ETE	\$ 29	\$ 16
Regency	75	10
PES	20	60
FGT	19	2
Other	34	6
Total accounts receivable from related companies:	<u>\$ 177</u>	<u>\$ 94</u>
Accounts payable to related companies:		
ETE	\$ 8	\$ 7
Regency	35	2
PES	4	13
FGT	3	—
Other	3	2
Total accounts payable to related companies:	<u>\$ 53</u>	<u>\$ 24</u>



**15. OTHER INFORMATION:**

The following tables present additional detail for certain balance sheet captions.

**Other Current Assets**

Other current assets consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Deposits paid to vendors	\$ 55	\$ 41
Prepaid expenses and other	263	293
Total other current assets	<u>\$ 318</u>	<u>\$ 334</u>

**Accrued and Other Current Liabilities**

Accrued and other current liabilities consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Interest payable	\$ 232	\$ 256
Customer advances and deposits	55	44
Accrued capital expenditures	187	356
Accrued wages and benefits	181	236
Taxes payable other than income taxes	276	203
Income taxes payable	82	40
Deferred income taxes	243	130
Deferred revenue	2	—
Other	359	297
Total accrued and other current liabilities	<u>\$ 1,617</u>	<u>\$ 1,562</u>

**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS GP, L.P.****BALANCE SHEETS**

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
<b>ASSETS</b>		
INVESTMENT IN ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS	\$ 207	\$ 188
GOODWILL	29	29
Total assets	<u>\$ 236</u>	<u>\$ 217</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
EQUITY:		
General Partner	\$ —	\$ —
Limited Partners:		
Class A Limited Partner interest	79	86
Class B Limited Partner interest	157	131
Total partners' capital	236	217
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 236</u>	<u>\$ 217</u>

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):				
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	\$ 146	\$ 116	\$ 429	\$ 342
NET INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	146	116	429	342
Income tax expense	—	—	—	—
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 146</u>	<u>\$ 116</u>	<u>\$ 429</u>	<u>\$ 342</u>

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 410	\$ 333
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Distributions to partners	(410)	(333)
Net cash used in financing activities	(410)	(333)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	—	—
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	—	—
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of

Sunoco Partners LLC and Limited Partners of Sunoco Logistics Partners, L.P.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (the "Partnership") as of December 31, 2012 (successor) and 2011 (predecessor), and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, equity, and cash flows for the period of October 5, 2012 to December 31, 2012 (successor), the period of January 1, 2012 to October 4, 2012 (predecessor) and the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 (predecessor). These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. at December 31, 2012 (successor) and 2011 (predecessor) and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the period of October 5, 2012 to December 31, 2012 (successor), the period from January 1 to October 4, 2012 (predecessor) and the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 (predecessor), in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 1, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 1, 2013