ONEOK INC /NEW/

Form 10-O May 01, 2019 **Table of Contents UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-Q X Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2019. OR Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the transition period from to Commission file number 001-13643 ONEOK, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Oklahoma 73-1520922 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) incorporation or organization) 100 West Fifth Street, Tulsa, OK 74103 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (918) 588-7000 Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes X No Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer X Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.__

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

On April 22, 2019, the Company had 412,756,216 shares of common stock outstanding.

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As used in this Quarterly Report, references to "we," "our" or "us" refer to ONEOK, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, and its predecessors, divisions, and subsidiaries, unless the context indicates otherwise.

The statements in this Quarterly Report that are not historical information, including statements concerning plans and objectives of management for future operations, economic performance or related assumptions, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements may include words such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "goal," "guidance," "intend," "may," "might," "plan," "potential," "project," "scheduled," "should," "wil words and terms of similar meaning. Although we believe that our expectations regarding future events are based on reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance that such expectations or assumptions will be achieved. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements are described under Part I, Item 2, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations "Forward-Looking Statements," in this Quarterly Report and under Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in our Annual Report.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

We make available, free of charge, on our website (www.oneok.com) copies of our Annual Reports, Quarterly Reports, Current Reports on Form 8-K, amendments to those reports filed or furnished to the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and reports of holdings of our securities filed by our officers and directors under Section 16 of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after filing such material electronically or otherwise furnishing it to the SEC. Copies of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Corporate Governance Guidelines, Director Independence Guidelines, Bylaws and the written charter of our Audit Committee also are available on our website, and we will provide copies of these documents upon request.

In addition to our filings with the SEC and materials posted on our website, we also use social media platforms as additional channels of distribution to reach public investors. Information contained on our website, posted on our

social media accounts, and any corresponding applications, are not incorporated by reference into this report.

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GLOSSARY

The abbreviations, acronyms and industry terminology used in this Quarterly Report are defined as follows: \$1.5 Billion Term Loan The senior unsecured delayed-draw three-year \$1.5 billion term loan agreement dated

Agreement November 19, 2018

\$2.5 Billion Credit

Agreement ONEOK's \$2.5 billion revolving credit agreement, as amended

AFUDC Allowance for funds used during construction

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ASU Accounting Standards Update

Bbl Barrels, 1 barrel is equivalent to 42 United States gallons

Bbl/d Barrels per day

BBtu/d Billion British thermal units per day

Bcf Billion cubic feet

Bcf/d Billion cubic feet per day

CFTC U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Clean Air Act, as amended

DJ Denver-Julesburg

EBITDA Earnings before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization

EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency
Exchange Act Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
FERC Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

GAAP Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

ONEOK Partners Intermediate Limited Partnership, a wholly owned subsidiary of ONEOK

Intermediate Partnership Partners, L.P.

LIBOR London Interbank Offered Rate
MBbl/d Thousand barrels per day
MDth/d Thousand dekatherms per day

MMBbl Million barrels

MMBtu Million British thermal units
MMcf/d Million cubic feet per day
Moody's Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

NGL(s) Natural gas liquid(s)

NGL products

Marketable natural gas liquid purity products, such as ethane, ethane/propane mix, propane,

iso-butane, normal butane and natural gasoline

NYMEX New York Mercantile Exchange NYSE New York Stock Exchange

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ONEOK Partners ONEOK Partners, L.P.

OPIS Oil Price Information Service

PHMSA United States Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety

Administration
POP Percent of Proceeds

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Roadrunner Gas Transmission, LLC, a 50 percent-owned joint venture

S&P Global Ratings

SCOOP South Central Oklahoma Oil Province, an area in the Anadarko Basin in Oklahoma

SEC Securities and Exchange Commission

Series E Preferred Stock Series E Non-Voting, Perpetual Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

STACK Sooner Trend Anadarko Canadian Kingfisher, an area in the Anadarko Basin in Oklahoma

West Texas LPG pipeline and Mesquite pipeline

WTI West Texas Intermediate

WTLPG West Texas LPG Pipeline Limited Partnership XBRL eXtensible Business Reporting Language

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ONEOK, Inc. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME		
	Three Mont	ths Ended
(17-0-14-1)	March 31,	2010
(Unaudited)	2019 (Thousands	2018
	,	share amounts)
Revenues (Note L)	except per s	snare amounts)
Commodity sales	\$2,472,959	\$2,820,004
Services	306,999	282,073
Total revenues	2,779,958	3,102,077
Cost of sales and fuel (exclusive of items shown separately below)	1,956,377	2,368,026
Operations and maintenance	207,251	181,181
Depreciation and amortization	114,158	104,237
General taxes	33,490	29,023
Gain on sale of assets	*) (89
Operating income	468,742	419,699
Equity in net earnings from investments (Note I)	43,481	40,187
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	12,441	230
Other income	9,360	738
Other expense	•) (3,309
Interest expense (net of capitalized interest of \$19,192, and \$2,038, respectively)) (115,725
Income before income taxes	415,142	341,820
Income taxes	•) (75,771
Net income	337,208	266,049
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		1,541
Net income attributable to ONEOK	337,208	264,508
Less: Preferred stock dividends	275	275
Net income available to common shareholders	\$336,933	\$264,233
The means a value to common shareholders	Ψ330,333	Ψ201,200
Basic earnings per common share (Note G)	\$0.82	\$0.65
Diluted earnings per common share (Note G)	\$0.81	\$0.64
Average shares (thousands)		
Basic	412,908	409,676
Diluted	415,233	412,173
See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.		

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ONEOK, Inc. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Three Months Ended March 31,
(Unaudited)	2019 2018
	(Thousands of
	dollars)
Net income	\$337,208 \$266,049
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	
Unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives, net of tax of \$20,593 and \$(10,312), respectively	(68,944) 34,524
Realized (gains) losses on derivatives recognized in net income, net of tax of \$4,177 and	(12,171) 11,976
\$(3,578), respectively	(12,171) 11,770
Change in retirement and other postretirement benefit plan liability, net of tax of \$(699) and	2,341 2,615
\$(781), respectively	2,341 2,013
Other comprehensive income (loss) on investments in unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax of	(2,511) 2,824
\$750 and \$(844), respectively	(2,311) 2,024
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(81,285) 51,939
Comprehensive income	255,923 317,988
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	— 1,541
Comprehensive income attributable to ONEOK	\$255,923 \$316,447
See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.	
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ONEOK, Inc. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

March 31	December	
waten 51,	31,	
2019	2018	
(Thousands of	of dollars)	
\$27,814	\$11,975	
812,869	818,958	
163,731	141,174	
243,223	296,667	
38,349	29,050	
56,793	100,808	
1,342,779	1,398,632	
18,887,742	18,030,963	
3,369,710	3,264,312	
15,518,032	14,766,651	
950,924	969,150	
964,167	967,142	
158,423	130,096	
2,073,514	2,066,388	
\$18,934,325	\$18,231,671	
	\$27,814 812,869 163,731 243,223 38,349 56,793 1,342,779 18,887,742 3,369,710 15,518,032 950,924 964,167 158,423 2,073,514	

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ONEOK, Inc. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Continued)

	March 31,	December 31,
(Unaudited)	2019	2018
Liabilities and equity	(Thousands o	of dollars)
Current liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt (Note D)	\$307,650	\$507,650
Accounts payable	1,027,322	1,116,337
Commodity imbalances	120,145	110,197
Accrued interest	113,567	161,377
Finance lease liability	1,809	1,765
Other current liabilities	119,176	211,110
Total current liabilities	1,689,669	2,108,436
Long-term debt, excluding current maturities (Note D)	10,004,341	8,873,334
Deferred credits and other liabilities		
Deferred income taxes	270,751	219,731
Finance lease liability	25,775	26,244
Other deferred credits	501,783	424,383
Total deferred credits and other liabilities	798,309	670,358
Commitments and contingencies (Note J)		
Equity (Note E)		
ONEOK shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value:		
authorized and issued 20,000 shares at March 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value:		
authorized 1,200,000,000 shares, issued 445,016,234 shares and outstanding	4,450	4,450
412,752,687 shares at March 31, 2019; issued 445,016,234 shares and outstanding	4,430	4,430
411,532,606 shares at December 31, 2018		
Paid-in capital	7,527,847	7,615,138
Accumulated other comprehensive loss (Note F)	(269,524	(188,239)
Retained earnings		
Treasury stock, at cost: 32,263,547 shares at March 31, 2019, and	(820,767	(851,806)
33,483,628 shares at December 31, 2018	(820,707) (831,800)
Total equity	6,442,006	6,579,543
Total liabilities and equity	\$18,934,325	\$18,231,671
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ONEOK, Inc. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS		
	Three Mor	nths Ended
	March 31,	
(Unaudited)	2019	2018
	(Thousand	is of
	dollars)	
Operating activities	,	
Net income	\$337,208	\$266,049
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	Ψυυν,200	Ψ200,019
Depreciation and amortization	114,158	104,237
Equity in net earnings from investments		(40,187)
Distributions received from unconsolidated affiliates	45,936	41,095
Deferred income taxes	75,994	74,890
Share-based compensation expense	8,607	7,203
Pension and postretirement benefit expense, net of contributions	(12,250)	
Allowance for equity funds used during construction		
1 ,	. , ,	(230)
Gain on sale of assets	(60)	(89)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	C 000	259 722
Accounts receivable	6,089	358,733
Natural gas and natural gas liquids in storage	53,444	149,825
Accounts payable		(361,008)
Commodity imbalances, net	649	(39,755)
Accrued interest		(37,784)
Risk-management assets and liabilities	4,362	•
Other assets and liabilities, net		(53,652)
Cash provided by operating activities	353,606	495,321
Investing activities		
Capital expenditures (less allowance for equity funds used during construction)		(264,467)
Contributions to unconsolidated affiliates	(1,016)	(147)
Distributions received from unconsolidated affiliates in excess of cumulative earnings	13,527	8,721
Proceeds from sale of assets	12,365	241
Cash used in investing activities	(864,829)	(255,652)
Financing activities		
Dividends paid	(354,203)	(316,408)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	_	(1,500)
Borrowing (repayment) of short-term borrowings, net	_	(614,673)
Issuance of long-term debt, net of discounts	1,442,782	
Debt financing costs	(11,663)) —
Repayment of long-term debt		(501,913)
Issuance of common stock	4,784	1,182,117
Other, net		(7,011)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	527,062	(259,388)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	15,839	(19,719)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	11,975	37,193
Cash and cash equivalents at edginning of period	\$27,814	\$17,474
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ONEOK, Inc. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(Unaudited)		ONEOK Sha Common Stock Issued	Preferred Stock	- ·		
			Issued			-
January 1, 2019		(Shares) 445,016,234	20,000	\$4,450		dollars) —\$7,615,138
Cumulative effect adjustment for adoption of ASU 2016-	-02	113,010,231	20,000	Ψ1,150	Ψ	Ψ7,013,130
(Note A)		_			_	_
Net income		_	_			
Other comprehensive income (loss) (Note F)			_			_
Preferred stock dividends - \$13.75 per share (Note E)		_	_			_
Common stock issued		_				(24,779)
Common stock dividends - \$0.86 per share (Note E)		_				(17,438)
Other			_			(45,074)
March 31, 2019		445,016,234	20,000	\$4,450	\$	_\$7,527,847
	ONEO	K Sharehold	ers' Equity	I		
		Prefer	red			
(Unaudited)	Comm	on Stock	Comm	no P refer		
(Chassiss)	Stock 1	Issued Issued	Stock	Stock	Cap	ital
	(Share	s)	(Thou	sands of	dollars)
January 1, 2018	423,16	6,234 20,000	\$4,232	2 \$	-\$6, 5	588,878
Cumulative effect adjustment for adoption of ASUs (a)						

(Unaudited)	Common Stock Issued	Stock Issued	Commo Stock	Preferred Stock	Paid-in Capital
	(Shares)		(Thousa	ands of do	llars)
January 1, 2018	423,166,234	20,000	\$4,232	\$ -	\$6,588,878
Cumulative effect adjustment for adoption of ASUs (a)		_		_	
Net income		_		_	
Other comprehensive income (loss)					
Preferred stock dividends - \$13.75 per share					(275)
Common stock issued	21,850,000	_	218	_	1,169,247
Common stock dividends - \$0.77 per share					(11,960)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests					
Contributions from noncontrolling interests					
Other					(10,717)
March 31, 2018	445,016,234	20,000	\$4,450	\$ -	\$7,735,173

ONEOK Shareholders' Equity

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ONEOK, Inc. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Continued)

	OI	Orthor Shareholders Equity						
		Acc	Accumulated					
(Unaudited)			er	Retain	ed Treasury	,	Total	
(Ollaudiled)	Con	ComprehensEærnin		gs Stock		Equity		
		Los	S					
		(The	ousands	of doll	ars)			
January 1, 2019		\$(18	38,239)	\$ -	- \$(851,80)6)	\$6,579,543	3
Cumulative effect adjustment for adoption of ASU 20	16-02 (Note A	A) —		(67)			(67)
Net income				337,20	08 —		337,208	
Other comprehensive income (loss) (Note F)		(81,	285)	_			(81,285)
Preferred stock dividends - \$13.75 per share (Note E)				(275)			(275)
Common stock issued					31,039		6,260	
Common stock dividends - \$0.86 per share (Note E)				(336,8)	66 —		(354,304)
Other							(45,074)
March 31, 2019		\$(20	59,524)	\$ -	- \$(820,76	57)	\$6,442,000	5
	ONEOK Shareholders' Equity							
	Accumulated					loncontrolling		
(Unaudited)			ed Trea	,	Interests in		Total	
(Chadalea)	Comprehens	Eærning	gs Stoc	k	Consolidate		Equity	
	Loss				Subsidiaries	,		
	(Thousands							
January 1, 2018	\$(188,530)	\$ —	- \$(87	(6,713)	\$ 157,485		\$5,685,352	2
Cumulative effect adjustment for adoption of ASUs	(38,101)	39,803	_		17		1,719	
(a)		·					•	
Net income		264,50	8 —		1,541		266,049	
Other comprehensive income (loss)	51,939				_		51,939	
Preferred stock dividends - \$13.75 per share				• 0			(275)
Common stock issued			13,2	28	_		1,182,693	,
Common stock dividends - \$0.77 per share	_	(304,3)	11 —				(316,271)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests		_			(1,500)	(1,500)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests		_			10,263		10,263	,
Other	— · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	0.405	— • 167.006)
March 31, 2018	\$(174,692)	\$ —	- \$(86	3,485)	\$ 167,806		\$6,869,252	2

(a) - Includes cumulative effect for adoption of the following: ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)"; ASU 2017-12, "Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities"; and ASU 2018-02, "Income Statement - Reporting Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income."

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Standard

ONEOK, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description

Our accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. These statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP and reflect all adjustments that, in our opinion, are necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The 2018 year-end Consolidated Balance Sheet data was derived from our audited Consolidated Financial Statements but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. Certain reclassifications have been made in the prior-year Consolidated Financial Statements to conform to the current year presentation. These unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with our audited Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards Update - Changes to GAAP are established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in the form of ASUs to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. We consider the applicability and impact of all ASUs. ASUs not listed below were assessed and determined to be either not applicable or clarifications of ASUs listed below. The following table provides a brief description of recent accounting pronouncements and our analysis of the effects on our financial statements:

Date of

Effect on the Financial Statements or Other

Standard	Description	Adoption	Significant Matters
Standards that were a	dopted		
ASU 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)"	The standard requires the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases under previous GAAP. It also requires qualitative disclosures along with specific quantitative disclosures by lessees and lessors to meet the objective of enabling users of financial statements to assess the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases.	First quarter 2019	We adopted this standard on January 1, 2019, using the modified retrospective method and the optional transition method to record the adoption impact through a cumulative adjustment to equity. We recorded an immaterial cumulative effect for the adoption of the new standard and recorded \$17.5 million of right-of-use assets and \$17.4 million of lease liabilities related to operating leases that were not previously recorded on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Our finance lease assets and liabilities of \$28.1 million and \$28.0 million, respectively, did not change as a result of adopting this standard. See Note K for additional disclosures.
(Topic 718): Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting		First quarter 2019	The impact of adopting this standard was not material.
Standards that are not ASU 2016-13, "Financial	-	First quarter	We do not expect the adoption of this standard to materially impact us.

Instruments - Credit measured at amortized cost basis to be 2020

Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments"

presented net of the allowance for credit losses to reflect the net carrying value at the amount expected to be collected on the financial asset; and the initial allowance for credit losses for purchased financial assets, including available-for-sale debt securities, to be added to the purchase price rather than being reported as a credit loss expense. The standard simplifies the subsequent

ASU 2017-04, "Intangibles-

Goodwill and Other (Topic 350):

Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment"

measurement of goodwill by eliminating the requirement to calculate the implied fair value of goodwill under step 2. Instead, an entity will recognize an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value. The standard does not change step zero or step 1 assessments.

First quarter 2020

We do not expect the adoption of this standard to materially impact us.

B. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Determining Fair Value - For our fair value measurements, we utilize market prices, third-party pricing services, present value methods and standard option valuation models to determine the price we would receive from the sale of an asset or the transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction at the measurement date. We measure the fair value of a group of financial assets and liabilities consistent with how a market participant would price the net risk exposure at the measurement date.

While many of the contracts in our derivative portfolio are executed in liquid markets where price transparency exists, some contracts are executed in markets for which market prices may exist, but the market may be relatively inactive. This results in limited price transparency that requires management's judgment and assumptions to estimate fair values. For certain transactions, we may utilize modeling techniques using NYMEX-settled pricing data and implied forward LIBOR curves. Inputs into our fair value estimates include commodity-exchange prices, data obtained from third-party pricing services, LIBOR and other liquid money-market instrument rates. Our financial commodity derivatives are generally settled through a NYMEX or Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) clearing broker account with daily margin requirements. We validate our valuation inputs with third-party information and settlement prices from other sources, where available.

We compute the fair value of our derivative portfolio by discounting the projected future cash flows from our derivative assets and liabilities to present value using interest-rate yields to calculate present-value discount factors derived from the implied forward LIBOR yield curve. The fair value of our forward-starting interest-rate swaps is determined using financial models that incorporate the implied forward LIBOR yield curve for the same period as the future interest-rate swap settlements. We consider current market data in evaluating counterparties', as well as our own, nonperformance risk, net of collateral, by using counterparty-specific bond yields. Although we use our best estimates to determine the fair value of the derivative contracts we have executed, the ultimate market prices realized could differ materially from our estimates.

Fair Value Hierarchy - At each balance sheet date, we utilize a fair value hierarchy to classify fair value amounts recognized or disclosed in our financial statements based on the observability of inputs used to estimate such fair value. The levels of the hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - fair value measurements are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical securities in active markets. These balances are comprised predominantly of exchange-traded derivative contracts for natural gas and crude oil. Level 2 - fair value measurements are based on significant observable pricing inputs, including quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs from third-party pricing services supported with corroborative evidence. These balances are comprised of over-the-counter interest-rate derivatives. Level 3 - fair value measurements are based on inputs that may include one or more unobservable inputs, including internally developed natural gas basis and NGL price curves that incorporate observable and unobservable market data from broker quotes and third-party pricing services. These balances are comprised predominantly of exchange-cleared and over-the-counter derivatives for natural gas basis and NGLs. Our commodity derivatives are generally valued using forward quotes provided by third-party pricing services that are validated with other market data. We believe any measurement uncertainty at March 31, 2019, is immaterial as our Level 3 fair value measurements are based on unadjusted pricing information from broker quotes and third-party pricing services. We do not believe that our Level 3 fair value estimates have a material impact on our results of operations, as our derivatives are accounted for as hedges.

Determining the appropriate classification of our fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy requires management's judgment regarding the degree to which market data is observable or corroborated by observable market data. We categorize derivatives for which fair value is determined using multiple inputs within a single level, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

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Recurring Fair Value Measurements - The following tables set forth our recurring fair value measurements for the periods indicated:

Derivative assets Commodity contracts Financial contracts