

PLAINS ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE LP

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010

OR

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

Commission file number: 1-14569

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**PLAINS ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE, L.P.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

**333 Clay Street, Suite 1600, Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**76-0582150**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

**(713) 646-4100**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).  Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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

As of November 1, 2010, there were 136,419,175 Common Units outstanding. The common units trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol PAA.

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(in millions, except units)

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
	(unaudited)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13	\$ 25
Trade accounts receivable and other receivables, net	2,144	2,253
Inventory	1,556	1,157
Other current assets	58	223
Total current assets	3,771	3,658
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Accumulated depreciation	(1,067)	(900)
	6,532	6,340
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Goodwill	1,294	1,287
Linefill and base gas	510	501
Long-term inventory	120	121
Investments in unconsolidated entities	204	82
Other, net	306	369
Total assets	\$ 12,737	\$ 12,358
<b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS CAPITAL</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,485	\$ 2,295
Short-term debt	895	1,074
Other current liabilities	187	413
Total current liabilities	3,567	3,782
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Senior notes, net of unamortized discount of \$13 and \$14, respectively	4,362	4,136
Long-term debt under credit facilities and other	231	6
Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits	234	275
Total long-term liabilities	4,827	4,417
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 10)</b>		

**PARTNERS CAPITAL**

Common unitholders (136,419,175 and 136,135,988 units outstanding, respectively)	4,014	4,002
General partner	97	94
Total partners capital excluding noncontrolling interests	4,111	4,096
Noncontrolling interests	232	63
Total partners capital	4,343	4,159
Total liabilities and partners capital	\$ 12,737	\$ 12,358

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

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(in millions, except per unit data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010 (unaudited)	2009	2010 (unaudited)	2009
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Supply & Logistics segment revenues	\$ 6,179	\$ 4,645	\$ 17,992	\$ 11,876
Transportation segment revenues	144	147	421	401
Facilities segment revenues	91	65	249	165
Total revenues	6,414	4,857	18,662	12,442
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES</b>				
Purchases and related costs	5,971	4,417	17,233	11,036
Field operating costs	176	163	510	474
General and administrative expenses	56	52	174	153
Depreciation and amortization	61	59	192	173
Total costs and expenses	6,264	4,691	18,109	11,836
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	150	166	553	606
<b>OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSE)</b>				
Equity earnings in unconsolidated entities	1	5	3	13
Interest expense (net of capitalized interest of \$4, \$4, \$13 and \$9, respectively)	(64)	(59)	(183)	(165)
Other income/(expense), net	(7)	12	(9)	17
<b>INCOME BEFORE TAX</b>	80	124	364	471
Current income tax benefit/(expense)	1	(2)		(5)
Deferred income tax benefit	3		4	4
<b>NET INCOME</b>	84	122	368	470
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(3)		(5)	(1)
<b>NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO PLAINS:</b>	\$ 81	\$ 122	\$ 363	\$ 469
<b>NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO PLAINS:</b>				
<b>LIMITED PARTNERS</b>	\$ 40	\$ 88	\$ 241	\$ 370
<b>GENERAL PARTNER</b>	\$ 41	\$ 34	\$ 122	\$ 99
<b>BASIC NET INCOME PER LIMITED PARTNER UNIT</b>	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.65	\$ 1.73	\$ 2.84
<b>DILUTED NET INCOME PER LIMITED PARTNER UNIT</b>	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.65	\$ 1.72	\$ 2.82
<b>BASIC WEIGHTED AVERAGE UNITS OUTSTANDING</b>				
	136	130	136	128
<b>DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE UNITS OUTSTANDING</b>				
	137	131	137	129

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(in millions)

	2010	Nine Months Ended September 30, (unaudited)	2009
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net income	\$	368	\$ 470
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		192	173
Equity compensation charge		50	47
Gain on sale of linefill		(18)	(4)
Loss on early redemption of senior notes (Note 5)		6	
Other			(39)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions		(135)	(300)
Net cash provided by operating activities		463	347
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash paid in connection with acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(197)	(117)
Additions to property, equipment and other		(323)	(354)
Cash received for sale of noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary		268	26
Net cash received for linefill		20	8
Investment in unconsolidated entities			(4)
Other investing activities		5	4
Net cash used in investing activities		(227)	(437)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net repayments on Plains revolving credit facility		(281)	(454)
Net borrowings on PNG revolving credit facility		222	
Net borrowings/(repayments) on short-term letter of credit and hedged inventory facility		100	(180)
Repayment of PNGS debt			(446)
Repayments of senior notes		(175)	(175)
Net proceeds from the issuance of senior notes		400	1,346
Net proceeds from the issuance of common units			458
Distributions paid to common unitholders (Note 7)		(382)	(344)
Distributions paid to general partner (Note 7)		(125)	(98)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests (Note 7)		(5)	
Other financing activities		(1)	(9)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		(247)	98
Effect of translation adjustment on cash		(1)	(3)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(12)	5
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		25	11
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	13	\$ 16
Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$	191	\$ 150
Cash paid for income taxes, net of amounts refunded	\$	20	\$ 7



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(in millions)

	Common Units	Common Units Amount	General Partner	Partners Capital Excluding Noncontrolling Interests (unaudited)	Noncontrolling Interests	Partners Capital
Balance, December 31, 2009	136	\$ 4,002	\$ 94	\$ 4,096	\$ 63	\$ 4,159
Net income		241	122	363	5	368
Sale of noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary (Note 7)		99	2	101	167	268
Distributions (Note 7)		(382)	(125)	(507)	(5)	(512)
Issuance of common units under LTIP (Note 7)		16		16		16
Other comprehensive income		36	1	37		37
Other		2	3	5	2	7
Balance, September 30, 2010	136	\$ 4,014	\$ 97	\$ 4,111	\$ 232	\$ 4,343

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

(in millions)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)	
Net income	\$ 84	\$ 122	\$ 368	\$ 470
Other comprehensive income	17	210	37	57
Comprehensive income	101	332	405	527
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(3)		(5)	(1)
Comprehensive income attributable to Plains	\$ 98	\$ 332	\$ 400	\$ 526

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF****CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

(in millions)

	Derivative Instruments	Translation Adjustments (unaudited)	Other	Total
Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 18	\$ 106	\$ (1)	\$ 123

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Reclassification adjustments		11					11
Net deferred loss on cash flow hedges		(6)					(6)
Currency translation adjustment				32			32
Total period activity		5		32			37
Balance, September 30, 2010	\$	23	\$	138	\$	(1)	\$ 160

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**NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(unaudited)**

**Note 1 Organization and Basis of Presentation**

*Organization*

We engage in the transportation, storage, terminalling and marketing of crude oil, refined products and LPG. We also engage in the development and operation of natural gas storage facilities. We manage our operations through three operating segments: (i) Transportation, (ii) Facilities and (iii) Supply and Logistics. See Note 11 for further detail of our operating segments.

As used in this Form 10-Q, the terms Partnership, Plains, PAA, we, us, our, ours and similar terms refer to Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. and its subsidiaries, unless the context indicates otherwise. References to our general partner, as the context requires, include any or all of PAA GP LLC, Plains AAP, L.P. and Plains All American GP LLC.

*Definitions*

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

AOCI	= Accumulated other comprehensive income
API 653	= American Petroleum Institute Standard 653
Bcf	= Billion cubic feet
CAA	= Clean Air Act
CAD	= Canadian Dollar
DCP	= Disclosure controls and procedures
DERs	= Distribution Equivalent Rights
DOJ	= United States Department of Justice
EPA	= United States Environmental Protection Agency
FERC	= Federal Energy Regulation Commission
FASB	= Financial Accounting Standards Board
ICE	= IntercontinentalExchange

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IPO	= Initial Public Offering
LIBOR	= London Interbank Offered Rate
LPG	= Liquefied petroleum gas and other natural gas-related petroleum products
LTIP	= Long term incentive plan
Mcf	= Thousand cubic feet
MLP	= Master limited partnership
MTBE	= Methyl tertiary-butyl ether
NJDEP	= New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
NYMEX	= New York Mercantile Exchange
NPNS	= Normal purchase and normal sale
PAA Class B units	= Class B units of our general partner, Plains AAP, L.P.
PLA	= Pipeline loss allowance
PNG	= PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P.
PNG Class B units	= Class B units of PNG's general partner, PNGS GP LLC
PNG Plan	= PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan
PNGS	= PAA Natural Gas Storage, LLC
PAT	= Pacific Atlantic Terminals, LLC
Rainbow	= Rainbow Pipe Line Company Ltd.
RMPS	= Rocky Mountain Pipeline System
SEC	= Securities and Exchange Commission
U.S. GAAP	= United States generally accepted accounting principles
USD	= United States Dollar
WTI	= West Texas Intermediate

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***Basis of Consolidation and Presentation***

The accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto presented in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions for interim reporting as prescribed by the SEC. All adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that in the opinion of management were necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods have been reflected. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation, and certain reclassifications have been made to information from previous years to conform to the current presentation. These reclassifications do not affect net income attributable to Plains. The condensed balance sheet data as of December 31, 2009 was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by U.S. GAAP. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 should not be taken as indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

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

**Note 2 Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Other than as discussed below and in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K, no new accounting pronouncements have become effective during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 that are of significance or potential significance to us.

*Fair Value Measurement Disclosure Requirements.* In January 2010, the FASB issued guidance to enhance disclosures related to the existing fair value hierarchy disclosure requirements. A fair value measurement is designated as Level 1, 2 or 3 within the hierarchy based on the nature of the inputs used in the valuation process. Level 1 measurements generally reflect quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, Level 2 measurements generally reflect the use of significant observable inputs and Level 3 measurements typically utilize significant unobservable inputs. This new guidance requires additional disclosures regarding transfers into and out of Level 1 and Level 2 measurements and requires a gross presentation of activities within the Level 3 roll forward. This guidance was effective for the first interim or annual reporting period beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the gross presentation of the Level 3 roll forward, which is required for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010 and for interim reporting periods within those years. We adopted the guidance relating to Level 1 and Level 2 measurements as of January 1, 2010. Our adoption did not have any material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. We will adopt the guidance relating to Level 3 measurements on January 1, 2011. We do not expect that adoption of this guidance will have any material impact on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

*Variable Interest Entities.* In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance that requires an enterprise to perform an analysis to determine whether the enterprise's variable interest(s) provide a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity (VIE). This analysis identifies the primary beneficiary of a VIE as the enterprise that has (i) the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the enterprise's economic performance and (ii) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity, or the right to receive benefits from the entity, that could potentially be significant to the VIE. This guidance also (i) requires such assessments to be ongoing, (ii) amends certain guidance for determining whether an entity is a VIE and (iii) enhances disclosures that will provide users of financial statements with more transparent information regarding an enterprise's involvement in a VIE. We adopted this guidance as of January 1, 2010. Our adoption did not have any material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**Note 3 Trade Accounts Receivable**

We review all outstanding accounts receivable balances on a monthly basis and record a reserve for amounts that we expect will not be fully recovered. We do not apply actual balances against the reserve until we have exhausted substantially all collection efforts. At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, substantially all of our accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts) were less than 60 days past their scheduled invoice date. Our allowance for doubtful accounts receivable totaled \$4 million and \$9 million at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The decrease in our allowance for doubtful accounts receivable balance during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 primarily is due to the collection and related settlement of claims for receivables that had been reserved for during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. Although we consider our allowance for doubtful accounts receivable to be adequate, actual amounts could vary significantly from estimated amounts.

At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, we had received approximately \$142 million and \$212 million, respectively, of advance cash payments from third parties to mitigate credit risk. In addition, we enter into netting arrangements (contractual agreements that allow us and the counterparty to offset receivables and payables between the two) that cover a significant part of our transactions and also serve to mitigate credit risk.

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

	September 30, 2010				December 31, 2009			
	Volumes	Unit of Measure	Total Value	Price/Unit (1)	Volumes	Unit of Measure	Total Value	Price/Unit (1)
<b>Inventory</b>								
Crude oil	14,556	barrels	\$ 1,066	\$ 73.23	12,232	barrels	\$ 886	\$ 72.43
LPG	9,627	barrels	462	\$ 47.99	6,051	barrels	247	\$ 40.82
Refined products	300	barrels	25	\$ 83.33	283	barrels	21	\$ 74.20
Natural gas (2)	114	mcf	1	\$ 3.58	181	mcf	1	\$ 3.30
Parts and supplies	N/A		2	N/A	N/A		2	N/A
Inventory subtotal			1,556				1,157	
<b>Linefill and base gas</b>								
Crude oil	9,166	barrels	468	\$ 51.06	9,404	barrels	471	\$ 50.09
Natural gas (2)	11,194	mcf	38	\$ 3.39	9,194	mcf	28	\$ 3.04
LPG	77	barrels	4	\$ 51.95	52	barrels	2	\$ 38.46
Linefill and base gas subtotal			510				501	
<b>Long-term inventory</b>								
Crude oil	1,420	barrels	97	\$ 68.31	1,497	barrels	103	\$ 68.80
LPG	544	barrels	23	\$ 42.28	458	barrels	18	\$ 39.30
Long-term inventory subtotal			120				121	
<b>Total</b>			\$ 2,186				\$ 1,779	

(1) Price per unit represents a weighted average associated with various grades, qualities, and locations; accordingly, these prices may not be comparable to published benchmarks for such products.

(2) The volumetric ratio of mcf of natural gas to barrels of crude oil is 6:1; thus, natural gas volumes can be converted to barrels by dividing by 6.



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Debt consisted of the following (in millions):

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
<i>Short-term debt:</i>		
Senior secured hedged inventory facility bearing interest at a rate of 2.5% at both September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009	\$ 400	\$ 300
Senior unsecured revolving credit facility, bearing interest at a rate of 0.7% and 0.8% at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively (1)	493	772
Other	2	2
<b>Total short-term debt</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>1,074</b>
<i>Long-term debt:</i>		
4.25% senior notes due September 2012 (2)	500	500
7.75% senior notes due October 2012	200	200
5.63% senior notes due December 2013	250	250
5.25% senior notes due June 2015	150	150
3.95% senior notes due September 2015 (3)	400	
6.25% senior notes due September 2015 (4)		175
5.88% senior notes due August 2016	175	175
6.13% senior notes due January 2017	400	400
6.50% senior notes due May 2018	600	600
8.75% senior notes due May 2019	350	350
5.75% senior notes due January 2020	500	500
6.70% senior notes due May 2036	250	250
6.65% senior notes due January 2037	600	600
Unamortized discount	(13)	(14)
Long-term debt under credit facilities and other (5)	231	6
<b>Total long-term debt (1) (6)</b>	<b>4,593</b>	<b>4,142</b>
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>\$ 5,488</b>	<b>\$ 5,216</b>

(1) We classify as short-term our borrowings under our senior unsecured revolving credit facility. These borrowings are designated as working capital borrowings, must be repaid within one year and are primarily for hedged LPG and crude oil inventory and NYMEX and ICE margin deposits.

(2) These notes were issued in July 2009 and the proceeds are being used to supplement capital available from our hedged inventory facility. At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, approximately \$500 million and \$222 million, respectively, had been used to fund hedged inventory and would be classified as short-term debt if funded on our credit facilities.

(3) In July 2010, we completed the issuance of \$400 million of 3.95% senior notes due September 15, 2015. The senior notes were sold at 99.889% of face value. Interest payments are due on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning on September 15, 2010. We used the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding indebtedness under our credit facilities.

(4) On September 15, 2010, our \$175 million, 6.25% senior notes due 2015 were redeemed in full. In conjunction with the early redemption, we recognized a loss of approximately \$6 million. We utilized cash on hand and available capacity under our credit facilities to redeem these notes.

(5) In April 2010, our consolidated subsidiary PNG entered into a three year, \$400 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility that matures in May 2013. This credit facility, which bears interest based on LIBOR plus an applicable margin (as defined by the credit agreement), may be expanded to \$600 million, subject to additional lender commitments, with approval of the

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administrative agent for the credit facility. At September 30, 2010, borrowings of approximately \$222 million were outstanding under this facility.

(6) Our fixed-rate senior notes have a face value of approximately \$4.4 billion as of September 30, 2010. We estimate the aggregate fair value of these notes as of September 30, 2010 to be approximately \$4.9 billion. Our fixed-rate senior notes are traded among institutions, which trades are routinely published by a reporting service. Our determination of fair value is based on reported trading activity near quarter end.

***Credit Facilities***

In October 2010, we renewed our 364-day committed hedged inventory credit facility, which matures in October 2011. The facility has a borrowing capacity of \$500 million, which may be increased to \$1.2 billion, subject to obtaining additional lender commitments. Borrowings under this facility will be used to finance (i) the purchase of hedged crude oil inventory for storage activities and (ii) foreign import activities.

***Letters of Credit***

In connection with our crude oil supply and logistics activities, we provide certain suppliers with irrevocable standby letters of credit to secure our obligation for the purchase of crude oil. At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, we had outstanding letters of credit of approximately \$68 million and \$76 million, respectively.

**Note 6 Net Income Per Limited Partner Unit**

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per limited partner unit for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (amounts in millions, except per unit data):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2009
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per limited partner unit:				
Net income attributable to Plains	\$ 81	\$ 122	\$ 363	\$ 469
Less: General partner's incentive distribution paid <sup>(1)</sup>	(40)	(32)	(117)	(92)
Subtotal	41	90	246	377
Less: General partner 2% ownership (1)	(1)	(2)	(5)	(7)
Net income available to limited partners	40	88	241	370
Adjustment in accordance with application of the two-class method for MLPs (1)	(2)	(3)	(5)	(8)
	\$ 38	\$ 85	\$ 236	\$ 362

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Net income available to limited partners in accordance with the application of the two-class method for MLPs

Denominator:

Basic weighted average number of limited partner units outstanding	136	130	136	128
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Weighted average LTIP units (2)	1	1	1	1
Diluted weighted average number of limited partner units outstanding	137	131	137	129
Basic net income per limited partner unit	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.65	\$ 1.73	\$ 2.84
Diluted net income per limited partner unit	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.65	\$ 1.72	\$ 2.82

(1) We calculate net income available to limited partners based on the distribution paid during the current quarter (including the incentive distribution interest in excess of the 2% general partner interest). However, FASB guidance requires that the distribution pertaining to the current period's net income, which is to be paid in the subsequent quarter, be utilized in the earnings per unit calculation. After adjusting for this distribution, the remaining undistributed earnings or excess distributions over earnings, if any, are allocated to the general partner and limited partners in accordance with the contractual terms of the

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partnership agreement for earnings per unit calculation purposes. We reflect the impact of the difference in (i) the distribution utilized and (ii) the calculation of the excess 2% general partner interest as the Adjustment in accordance with application of the two-class method for MLPs.

(2) Our LTIP awards (described in Note 8) that contemplate the issuance of common units are considered dilutive unless (i) vesting occurs only upon the satisfaction of a performance condition and (ii) that performance condition has yet to be satisfied. LTIP awards that are deemed to be dilutive are reduced by a hypothetical unit repurchase based on the remaining unamortized fair value, as prescribed by the treasury stock method in guidance issued by the FASB.

**Note 7 Partners Capital and Distributions**

*Sale of Noncontrolling Interest in a Subsidiary*

**PNG Initial Public Offering**

On May 5, 2010, PNG completed its IPO of 13,478,000 common units representing limited partner interests at \$21.50 per common unit. The number of units issued at closing included 1,758,000 common units issued pursuant to the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option. Net proceeds received by PNG from the sale of the 13,478,000 common units were approximately \$268 million and were used to repay amounts outstanding under our credit facilities and for general partnership purposes. The common units offered represent approximately 23% of the outstanding equity of PNG. We own the remaining 77% equity interest in PNG and control the entity, and therefore, continue to consolidate the financial results.

Prior to the PNG IPO, we owned 100% of PNGS' natural gas storage business, the predecessor of PNG, and related operating entities. Immediately prior to the closing of the IPO, we contributed 100% of the equity interests in PNGS and its subsidiaries to PNG in exchange for approximately 18.1 million common units, approximately 13.9 million Series A subordinated units, 11.5 million Series B subordinated units and a 2% general partner interest and incentive distribution rights. In conjunction with the offering, we recorded non-controlling interest of \$167 million associated with the book value of PNG sold to the public. We also recorded an increase to our partners' capital of approximately \$101 million associated with the net increase from our share of the proceeds received in the offering partially offset by the dilution of our interest in PNG resulting from the IPO.

**PAA Modification of Holdings in PNG Subordinated Units**

On August 16, 2010, the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of PNG was amended and restated (the Second Amended and Restated Agreement) to reduce the number of series A subordinated units by 2 million and increase the number of series B subordinated units by an equivalent amount. The Second Amended and Restated Agreement also increased the number of potential conversion tranches on Series B subordinated units from three to five. In addition, the terms of the Series B subordinated units were modified to extend the conversion period by raising the operating and financial performance benchmarks of approximately one-third of the Series B subordinated units outstanding prior to this modification. This amendment was intended to increase the distribution coverage and organic growth profile of PNG's common and Series A subordinated units and improve PNG's posture with respect to potential acquisitions. We accounted for this transaction as an exchange between entities under common control and accordingly, we reclassified the book value of the 2.0 million Series A subordinated units at the time

of the modification to Series B subordinated units.

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The following table sets forth the changes made to our holdings in the limited partner units of PNG from May 5, 2010 through September 30, 2010 (units in millions):

	Prior to Modification	Modification (in millions)	Post Modification
<b>PNG Units Owned by PAA:</b>			
Common Units	18.1		18.1
Series A Subordinated Units	13.9	(2.0)	11.9
Common & Series A Subordinated Unit Subtotal	32.0	(2.0)	30.0
<b>Series B Subordinated Units (Performance Thresholds):</b>			
Tranche 1 (\$1.44 / 29.6 Bcf)	4.6	(2.0)	2.6
Tranche 2 (\$1.53 / 35.6 Bcf)	3.8	(1.0)	2.8
Tranche 3 (\$1.63 / 41.6 Bcf)	3.1	(1.0)	2.1
Tranche 4 (\$1.71 / 48.0 Bcf)		3.0	3.0
Tranche 5 (\$1.80 / 48.0 Bcf)		3.0	3.0
Series B Subordinated Unit Subtotal	11.5	2.0	13.5
Total PNG Units Owned by PAA(1)	43.5		43.5

(1) See PNG Transaction Grants in Note 8.

*Series A and Series B Subordinated Units.* The Series A subordinated units are not entitled to receive any distributions until the common units have received the minimum quarterly distribution (\$1.35 on an annualized basis) plus any arrearages in the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution from prior quarters. The Series A subordinated units will convert to common units once certain earnings and distribution targets are met for three consecutive, non-overlapping four-quarter periods. The Series B subordinated units are not entitled to participate in quarterly distributions until they convert into Series A subordinated units. The Series B subordinated units will convert into Series A subordinated units upon satisfaction of the following operational and financial conditions:

- 2,600,000 Series B subordinated units will convert into Series A subordinated units on a one-for-one basis if (a) the aggregate amount of working gas storage capacity at Pine Prairie that has been placed into service totals at least 29.6 Bcf, (b) PNG generates distributable cash flow for two consecutive quarters sufficient to pay a quarterly distribution of at least \$0.36 per unit (representing an annualized distribution of \$1.44 per unit) on the weighted average number of outstanding common units and Series A subordinated units and all of such Series B subordinated units and (c) PNG makes a quarterly distribution of available cash of at least \$0.36 per quarter for two consecutive quarters on all outstanding common units and Series A subordinated units and the corresponding distributions on PNG's general partner's 2.0% interest and the related distributions on the incentive distribution rights;

- 2,833,333 Series B subordinated units will convert into Series A subordinated units on a one-for-one basis if (a) the aggregate amount of working gas storage capacity at Pine Prairie that has been placed into service totals at least 35.6 Bcf, (b) PNG generates distributable cash flow for two consecutive quarters sufficient to pay a quarterly distribution of at least \$0.3825 per unit (representing an annualized distribution of \$1.53 per unit) on the weighted average number of outstanding common units and Series A subordinated units and all of such Series B subordinated units and, if any, the Series B subordinated units described in the prior bullet, and (c) PNG makes a quarterly distribution of available cash of at least \$0.3825 per quarter for two consecutive quarters on all outstanding common units and Series A subordinated units and the corresponding distributions on PNG's general partner's 2.0% interest and the related distributions on the incentive distribution rights;

- 2,066,667 Series B subordinated units will convert into Series A subordinated units on a one-for-one basis if (a) the aggregate amount of working gas storage capacity at Pine Prairie that has been placed into service totals at least 41.6 Bcf, (b) PNG generates distributable cash flow for two consecutive quarters sufficient to pay a quarterly distribution of at least \$0.4075 per unit (representing an annualized distribution of \$1.63 per unit) on the weighted average number of outstanding common units and Series A subordinated units and all of such Series B subordinated units and, if any, the Series B subordinated units described in the prior two bullets, and (c) PNG makes a quarterly distribution of available cash of at least \$0.4075 per quarter for two consecutive quarters on all outstanding common units and Series A subordinated units and the corresponding distributions on PNG's general partner's 2.0% interest and the related distributions on the incentive distribution rights; and
  
- 3,000,000 Series B subordinated units will convert into Series A subordinated units on a one-for-one basis if (a) the aggregate amount of working gas storage capacity at Pine Prairie that has been placed into service totals at least 48.0 Bcf, (b) PNG generates distributable cash flow for two consecutive quarters sufficient to pay a quarterly distribution of at least \$0.4275 per unit (representing an annualized distribution of \$1.71 per unit) on the weighted



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average number of outstanding common units and Series A subordinated units and all of such Series B subordinated units and, if any, the Series B subordinated units described in the prior three bullets, and (c) PNG makes a quarterly distribution of available cash of at least \$0.4275 per quarter for two consecutive quarters on all outstanding common units and Series A subordinated units and the corresponding distributions on PNG's general partner's 2.0% interest and the related distributions on the incentive distribution rights; and

- 3,000,000 Series B subordinated units will convert into Series A subordinated units on a one-for-one basis if (a) the aggregate amount of working gas storage capacity at Pine Prairie that has been placed into service totals at least 48.0 Bcf, (b) PNG generates distributable cash flow for two consecutive quarters sufficient to pay a quarterly distribution of at least \$0.45 per unit (representing an annualized distribution of \$1.80 per unit) on the weighted average number of outstanding common units and Series A subordinated units and all of such Series B subordinated units and, if any, the Series B subordinated units described in the prior four bullets, and (c) PNG makes a quarterly distribution of available cash of at least \$0.45 per quarter for two consecutive quarters on all outstanding common units and Series A subordinated units and the corresponding distributions on PNG's general partner's 2.0% interest and the related distributions on the incentive distribution rights.

PNG's general partner will determine whether the in-service operational tests set forth above have been satisfied. To the extent that the operational tests described above are satisfied prior to or during the two-quarter period applicable to the financial tests described above, the holder of the Series B subordinated units subject to conversion will be entitled to receive the quarterly distribution payable with respect to the second quarter of such two-quarter period. In all other circumstances, where the operational tests are satisfied following the two-quarter period applicable to the financial tests, the holder of the Series B subordinated units subject to conversion will be entitled to receive any distribution payable following the satisfaction of such operational tests.

Any Series B subordinated units that remain outstanding as of December 31, 2018 will automatically be cancelled.

Following conversion of any Series B subordinated units into Series A subordinated units, such converted Series B subordinated units will further convert into common units (together with any other outstanding Series A subordinated units) to the extent that the tests for conversion of the Series A subordinated units are satisfied. In determining whether such conversion tests have been satisfied, the Series B subordinated units that have converted into Series A subordinated units will be treated as Series A subordinated units from and after the date of their conversion into Series A subordinated units.

If at the time the above operational and financial tests are satisfied, the subordination period has already ended and all outstanding Series A subordinated units have converted into common units, the Series B subordinated units will instead convert directly into common units on a one-for-one basis and participate in the quarterly distribution payable to common units.

***Noncontrolling Interests Rollforward***

The following table reflects the changes in the noncontrolling interests in partners' capital (in millions):

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	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
Beginning balance	\$ 63	\$ 63
Sale of noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	167	63
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	5	1
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(5)	
Other	2	
Ending Balance	\$ 232	\$ 64

*LTIP Vesting*

In May 2010, in connection with the settlement of vested LTIP awards, we issued 283,187 common units at a price of \$56.89, for a fair value of approximately \$16 million.

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The following table details the distributions pertaining to 2010, net of reductions to the general partner's incentive distributions (in millions, except per unit amounts):

Date Declared	Date Paid or To Be Paid	Common Units	Distributions Paid General Partner			Total	Distributions per limited partner unit
			Incentive	2%			
October 12, 2010	November 12, 2010 (1)	\$ 129	\$ 42	\$ 3	\$ 174	\$ 0.9500	
July 13, 2010	August 13, 2010	\$ 129	\$ 40	\$ 3	\$ 172	\$ 0.9425	
April 13, 2010	May 14, 2010	\$ 127	\$ 39	\$ 3	\$ 169	\$ 0.9350	
January 20, 2010	February 12, 2010	\$ 126	\$ 37	\$ 3	\$ 166	\$ 0.9275	

(1) Payable to unitholders of record on November 2, 2010, for the period July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010.

Upon closing of the Pacific acquisition in November 2006, the Rainbow acquisition in May 2008 and the PNGS acquisition in September 2009, our general partner agreed to reduce the amounts due it as incentive distributions. The total reduction in incentive distributions related to these acquisitions is \$83 million. Following the distribution in November 2010, the aggregate incentive distribution reductions remaining will be approximately \$7 million. See Note 2 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K for further detail regarding our *General Partner Incentive Distributions*.

**Note 8 Equity Compensation Plans**

For discussion of our equity compensation awards, see Note 10 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

***Adoption of PNG Plan***

During April 2010, PNG's general partner adopted the PNG Plan. The majority of the awards granted under the PNG Plan will vest either upon (i) annualized PNG distribution levels of between \$1.55 and \$1.90 or (ii) upon the conversion of PNG's Series A or Series B subordinated units. The PNG Plan limits the number of PNG common units that may be delivered pursuant to awards under the plan to 3,000,000.

***Class B Units of PNG's General Partner***

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During July 2010, the Board of Directors of PNG's general partner authorized the issuance of 165,000 PNG Class B Units. Approximately 97,625 PNG Class B Units were awarded and the remaining units are reserved for future grants. The PNG Class B Units earn the right to participate in distributions (i.e. become earned) in 25% increments 180 days following annualized PNG distribution levels of \$2.00, \$2.30, \$2.50 and \$2.70. In addition, 50% of the applicable earned units vest immediately upon becoming earned units and the remaining 50% vest on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant. If PNG Class B Units become earned units after the fifth anniversary of the date of grant, 100% of such units will vest immediately upon becoming earned units. When earned, the PNG Class B Units participate in quarterly distributions paid to PNG's general partner to the extent such distributions exceed \$2.5 million per quarter. Assuming all 165,000 PNG Class B Units were granted and earned, the maximum participation rate would be 6% of PNG's quarterly general partner distribution in excess of \$2.5 million. As the PNG distribution levels required for vesting are not currently considered to be probable of occurring, no expense was recognized for the PNG Class B Units during the three months ended September 30, 2010.

### *PNG Transaction Grants*

During September 2010, we entered into agreements with certain of our officers, pursuant to which these officers acquired an aggregate of 375,000 phantom common units, phantom Series A subordinated units, and phantom Series B subordinated units representing a portion of the limited partner interests of PNG issued to us in the IPO. The awards, referred to herein as PNG Transaction Grants, will vest upon the completion of the service period and certain performance conditions, including the conversion of PNG's Series A subordinated units into common units of PNG and the conversion of PNG's Series B subordinated units into Series A subordinated units of PNG. Upon vesting, these awards will be settled with outstanding common or Series A subordinated units of PNG currently owned by us, resulting in a dilution of our interest in PNG.

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Our equity compensation activity for awards denominated in PAA and PNG units is summarized in the following table (units in millions):

	PAA Units (1)		PNG Units (2) (3)	
	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit
Outstanding, December 31, 2009	3.9	\$ 36.40		\$
Granted	1.6	\$ 42.45	1.1	\$ 20.71
Vested	(0.7)	\$ 34.58		\$
Cancelled or forfeited	(0.4)	\$ 35.66		\$
Outstanding, September 30, 2010	4.4	\$ 38.93	1.1	\$ 20.71

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- (1) Amounts do not include PAA Class B units.
- (2) Amounts do not include PNG Class B units.
- (3) Amounts include PNG Transaction Grants.

The table below summarizes the expense recognized and unit or cash settled vestings related to all of our equity compensation plans (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2010		2009		2010		2009	
Equity compensation expense	\$ 18	\$ 16	\$ 50	\$ 47				
Unit settled vestings (PAA units only)	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 26	\$ 19				
Cash settled vestings	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 11	\$ 7				
DER cash payments	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 3				

## **Note 9 Derivatives and Risk Management Activities**

We identify the risks that underlie our core business activities and use risk management strategies to mitigate those risks when we determine that there is value in doing so. Our policy is to use derivative instruments only for risk management purposes. We use various derivative instruments to (i) manage our exposure to commodity price risk as well as to optimize our profits, (ii) manage our exposure to interest rate risk and (iii) manage our exposure to currency exchange rate risk. Our commodity risk management policies and procedures are designed to help ensure that our hedging activities address our risks by monitoring NYMEX, ICE and over-the-counter positions, as well as physical volumes, grades, locations, delivery schedules and storage capacity. Our interest rate and foreign currency risk management policies and procedures are designed to monitor our positions and ensure that those positions are consistent with our objectives and approved strategies. Our policy is to formally document all relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as our risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the hedge. This process includes specific identification of the hedging instrument and the hedged transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged, and how the hedging instrument's effectiveness will be assessed. Both at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, we assess whether the derivatives used in a transaction are highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows or the fair value of hedged items.

*Commodity Price Risk Hedging*

Our core business activities contain certain commodity price-related risks that we manage in various ways, including the use of derivative instruments. Our policy is (i) to purchase only product for which we have a market, (ii) to structure our sales contracts so that price fluctuations do not materially affect the segment profit we earn, and (iii) not to acquire and hold physical inventory, futures contracts or other derivative products for the purpose of speculating on outright commodity price changes. Although we seek to maintain positions that are substantially balanced, we purchase crude oil, refined products and LPG from thousands of locations and may experience net unbalanced positions as a result of production, transportation and delivery variances, as well as logistical issues associated with inclement weather conditions and other uncontrollable events. In connection with our efforts to maintain a balanced position, specifically authorized personnel can purchase or sell an aggregate limit of up to 810,000 barrels of crude oil, refined products and LPG relative to the volumes originally scheduled for such month, based on interim information. The purpose of these purchases and sales is to manage risk as opposed to establishing a risk position. When unscheduled physical inventory builds or draws do occur, they are monitored continuously and managed to a balanced position over a reasonable period of time.

The material commodity related risks inherent in our business activities can be summarized into the following general categories:

*Commodity Purchases and Sales* In the normal course of our supply and logistics operations, we purchase and sell crude oil, LPG, and refined products. We use derivatives to manage the associated risks and to optimize profits. As of September 30, 2010, net derivative positions related to these activities included:

- An approximate 207,800 barrels per day net long position (total of 6.2 million barrels) associated with our crude oil activities, which was unwound ratably during October 2010 to match monthly average pricing.
- An approximate 32,400 barrels per day (total of 15.5 million barrels) net short spread position, which hedges a portion of our anticipated crude oil lease gathering purchases through January 2012. These derivatives protect our margin on future floating-price crude oil purchase commitments. These derivatives in the aggregate do not result in exposure to outright price movements.
- A net short spread position averaging approximately 16,000 barrels per day (total of 6.7 million barrels) of calendar spread call options for the period November 2010 through December 2011. These derivatives in the aggregate do not result in exposure to outright price movements.
- Approximately 6,000 barrels per day on average (total of 5.1 million barrels) of WTS/WTI crude oil basis swaps through January 2013, which hedge anticipated sales of crude oil (WTI).

*Storage Capacity Utilization* We own approximately 63 million barrels of crude oil, LPG and refined products storage capacity that is not used in our transportation operations. This storage may be leased to third parties or utilized in our own supply and logistics activities, including for the storage of inventory in a contango market. For capacity allocated to our supply and logistics operations, we have utilization risk if the market structure is backwardated. As of September 30, 2010, we used derivatives to manage the risk of not utilizing approximately 2.5 million barrels per month of storage capacity through 2012. These positions are a combination of calendar spread options and NYMEX futures contracts. These positions involve no outright price exposure, but instead represent potential offsetting purchases and sales between time periods (first month versus second month for example).

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*Inventory Storage* At times, we elect to purchase and store crude oil, LPG and refined products inventory in conjunction with our supply and logistics activities. These activities primarily relate to the seasonal storage of LPG inventories and contango market storage activities. When we purchase and store barrels, we enter into physical sales contracts or use derivatives to mitigate price risk

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associated with the inventory. As of September 30, 2010, we had derivatives totaling approximately 17.2 million barrels hedging our inventory.

We also purchase foreign cargoes of crude oil and may enter into derivatives to mitigate various price risks associated with the purchase and ultimate sale of foreign crude inventory. As of September 30, 2010, we had approximately 2.1 million barrels of crude oil derivatives hedging the anticipated sale of foreign crude inventory.

*Pipeline Loss Allowance Oil* As is common in the pipeline transportation industry, our tariffs incorporate a loss allowance factor that is intended to, among other things, offset losses due to evaporation, measurement, and other losses in transit. We utilize derivative instruments to hedge a portion of the anticipated sales of the allowance oil that is to be collected under our tariffs. As of September 30, 2010, we had PLA hedges consisting of (i) a net short position consisting of crude oil futures and swaps for an average of approximately 2,100 barrels per day (total of 1.7 million barrels) through December 2012, (ii) a long put option position of approximately 0.3 million barrels through December 2012 and (iii) a long call option position of approximately 1.1 million barrels through December 2011.

*Natural Gas Purchases and Sales* Our gas storage facilities require minimum levels of natural gas ( base gas ) to operate. For our natural gas storage facilities that are under construction, we anticipate purchasing base gas in future periods as construction is completed. We use derivatives to hedge such anticipated purchases of natural gas. As of September 30, 2010, we have a long position of approximately 1 Bcf consisting of natural gas futures contracts through August 2011 and natural gas call options for approximately 1 Bcf through August 2011. Additionally, we use derivatives to hedge anticipated sales of operational gas when that gas is no longer needed for cavern development purposes. As of September 30, 2010, we have a short futures position of approximately 1 Bcf consisting of NYMEX futures.

The derivative instruments we use to manage our commodity price risk consist primarily of futures, options and swaps traded on the NYMEX and ICE and in over-the-counter transactions. Over-the-counter transactions include commodity swap and option contracts. All of our commodity derivatives that qualify for hedge accounting are designated as cash flow hedges. Therefore, the corresponding changes in fair value for the effective portion of the hedges are deferred into AOCI and recognized in revenues or purchases and related costs in the periods during which the underlying physical transactions occur. We have determined that substantially all of our physical purchase and sale agreements qualify for the NPNS exclusion and thus are not subject to the accounting treatment for derivative instruments and hedging activities as set forth in FASB guidance. Physical commodity contracts that meet the definition of a derivative but are ineligible, or not designated, for the NPNS scope exception are recorded on the balance sheet as assets or liabilities at their fair value, with changes in fair value recorded net in revenues.

***Interest Rate Risk Hedging***

We use interest rate derivatives to hedge interest rate risk associated with anticipated debt issuances and, in certain cases, outstanding debt instruments. The derivative instruments we use to manage this risk consist primarily of interest rate swaps and treasury locks. As of September 30, 2010, AOCI includes deferred losses of \$8 million that relate to terminated interest rate swaps and treasury locks that were designated for hedge accounting. These terminated interest rate derivatives were cash-settled in connection with the issuance or refinancing of debt agreements. The deferred loss related to these instruments is being amortized to interest expense over the original terms of the hedged debt instruments.



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As of September 30, 2010, we had four outstanding interest rate swaps. For the interest rate swaps, we receive fixed interest payments and pay floating-rate interest payments based on three-month LIBOR plus an average spread of 2.42% on a semi-annual basis. The swaps have an aggregate notional amount of \$300 million with fixed rates of 4.25%. Two of the swaps terminate in 2011 and two of the swaps terminate in 2012.

During October 2010, we entered into three forward starting interest rate swaps to hedge the underlying benchmark interest rate related to forecasted debt issuances through 2013. The following table summarizes the terms of our forward starting interest rate swaps (notional amounts in millions):

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Hedged Transaction	Number and Type of Derivatives Employed	Notional Amount	Expected Termination Date	Average Rate Locked	Accounting Treatment
Anticipated debt offering	1 forward starting swap (30-year)	\$ 50	12/15/2013	3.87%	Cash flow hedge
Anticipated debt offering	2 forward starting swaps (10-year)	\$ 50	10/15/2012	3.30%	Cash flow hedge

***Currency Exchange Rate Risk Hedging***

We use foreign currency derivatives to hedge foreign currency risk associated with our exposure to fluctuations in the USD-to-CAD exchange rate. Because a significant portion of our Canadian business is conducted in CAD and, at times, a portion of our debt is denominated in CAD, we use certain financial instruments to minimize the risks of unfavorable changes in exchange rates. These instruments include foreign currency exchange contracts, forwards and options. As of September 30, 2010, AOCI includes net deferred gains of \$16 million that relate to open and settled forward exchange contracts that were designated for hedge accounting. These forward exchange contracts hedge the cash flow variability associated with CAD-denominated interest payments on a CAD-denominated intercompany note as a result of changes in the foreign exchange rate.

As of September 30, 2010, our outstanding foreign currency derivatives also include derivatives used to hedge CAD-denominated crude oil purchases and sales. We may from time to time hedge the commodity price risk associated with a CAD-denominated commodity transaction with a USD-denominated commodity derivative. In conjunction with entering into the commodity derivative, we may enter into a foreign currency derivative to hedge the resulting foreign currency risk. These foreign currency derivatives are generally short-term in nature and are not designated for hedge accounting.

At September 30, 2010, our open foreign exchange derivatives included forward exchange contracts that exchange CAD for USD on a net basis as follows (in millions):

	CAD		USD		Average Exchange Rate
2010	\$	11	\$	10	CAD \$1.15 to USD \$1.00
2011	\$	15	\$	15	CAD \$1.01 to USD \$1.00
2012	\$	15	\$	15	CAD \$1.01 to USD \$1.00
2013	\$	9	\$	9	CAD \$1.00 to USD \$1.00

These financial instruments are placed with large, highly rated financial institutions.

***Summary of Financial Impact***

The majority of our derivative activity is related to our commodity price-risk hedging activities. All of our commodity derivatives that qualify for hedge accounting are designated as cash flow hedges. Therefore, the corresponding changes in fair value for the effective portion of the hedges are deferred to AOCI and recognized in earnings in the periods during which the underlying physical transactions impact earnings. Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting and the portion of cash flow hedges that are not highly effective in offsetting changes in

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cash flows of the hedged items are recognized in earnings each period. Cash settlements associated with our derivative activities are reflected as operating cash flows in our consolidated statements of cash flows.

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A summary of the impact of our derivative activities recognized in earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 is as follows (in millions):

**Three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009:**

Location of gain/(loss)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2010			Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		
	Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships (1)	Derivatives Not Designated as a Hedge (3)	Total	Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships (1)(2)	Derivatives Not Designated as a Hedge (3)	Total
<b>Commodity Derivatives</b>						
Supply and Logistics segment revenues	\$ 7	\$ (32)	\$ (25)	\$ (158)	\$ 11	\$ (147)
Transportation segment revenues	1		1	1		1
Purchases and related costs	11	3	14	60	4	64
<b>Interest Rate Derivatives</b>						
Interest expense		1	1		1	1
<b>Foreign Exchange Derivatives</b>						
Supply and Logistics segment revenues		3	3		4	4
Purchases and related costs					2	2
Other income, net		(1)	(1)		(1)	(1)
<b>Total Gain/(Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income</b>	<b>\$ 19</b>	<b>\$ (26)</b>	<b>\$ (7)</b>	<b>\$ (97)</b>	<b>\$ 21</b>	<b>\$ (76)</b>

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Location of gain/(loss)	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010			Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009		
	Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships (1)	Derivatives Not Designated as a Hedge (3)	Total	Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships (1)(2)	Derivatives Not Designated as a Hedge (3)	Total
<b>Commodity Derivatives</b>						
Supply and Logistics segment revenues	\$ (20)	\$ 23	\$ 3	\$ (24)	\$ 17	\$ (7)
Transportation segment revenues	2		2	4		4
Facilities segment revenues	(1)	1				
Purchases and related costs	9	(10)	(1)	29	119	148
<b>Interest Rate Derivatives</b>						
Other income, net					(1)	(1)
Interest expense	(1)	3	2	(1)	1	
<b>Foreign Exchange Derivatives</b>						
Supply and Logistics segment revenues					9	9
Purchases and related costs		2	2		(1)	(1)
Other income, net		(1)	(1)	5	(3)	2
<b>Total Gain/(Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income</b>						
	\$ (11)	\$ 18	\$ 7	\$ 13	\$ 141	\$ 154

(1) Amounts represent derivative gains and losses that were reclassified from AOCI to earnings during the period to coincide with the earnings impact of the respective hedged transaction.

(2) Amounts include gains of approximately \$2 million and losses of approximately \$6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, that represent the ineffective portion of the fair value of our unrealized cash flow hedges. These amounts relate to commodity derivatives and are recognized in Supply and Logistics segment revenues during such periods.

(3) Includes realized and unrealized gains or losses for derivatives not designated for hedge accounting during the period.

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The following table summarizes the derivative assets and liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet on a gross basis as of September 30, 2010 (in millions):

	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
<b>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:</b>				
Commodity derivatives	Other current assets	\$ 56	Other current assets	\$ (38)
	Other long-term assets	18	Other long-term assets	(1)
			Other current liabilities	(3)
Foreign exchange derivatives	Other long-term assets	1		
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$ 75		\$ (42)
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:</b>				
Commodity derivatives	Other current assets	\$ 16	Other current assets	\$ (64)
	Other long-term assets	8	Other long-term assets	(2)
	Other current liabilities	4	Other current liabilities	(11)
Interest rate derivatives	Other current assets	4		
	Other long-term assets	2		
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		\$ 34		\$ (77)
Total derivatives		\$ 109		\$ (119)

The following table summarizes the derivative assets and liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet on a gross basis as of December 31, 2009 (in millions):

	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
<b>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:</b>				
Commodity derivatives	Other current assets	\$ 153	Other current liabilities	\$ (140)
	Other long-term assets	34	Other long-term liabilities	(1)
Foreign exchange derivatives	Other long-term assets	2	Other long-term liabilities	
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$ 189		\$ (141)
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:</b>				
Commodity derivatives	Other current assets	\$ 34	Other current liabilities	\$ (91)
	Other long-term assets	41	Other long-term liabilities	(34)
Interest rate derivatives	Other current assets	1	Other current liabilities	
	Other long-term assets	1	Other long-term liabilities	

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Foreign exchange derivatives	Other current assets	2	Other current liabilities	(3)
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		\$ 79		\$ (128)
Total derivatives		\$ 268		\$ (269)

As of September 30, 2010, there was a net gain of \$23 million deferred in AOCI. The total amount of deferred net gain recorded in AOCI is expected to be reclassified to future earnings contemporaneously with (i) the earnings recognition of the

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underlying hedged commodity transaction, (ii) interest expense accruals associated with underlying debt instruments or (iii) the recognition of a foreign currency gain or loss upon the remeasurement of certain CAD-denominated intercompany balances. Of the total net gain deferred in AOCI at September 30, 2010, we expect to reclassify a net gain of approximately \$2 million to earnings in the next twelve months. Of the remaining deferred gain in AOCI, approximately 98% is expected to be reclassified to earnings prior to 2013 with the remaining deferred gain being reclassified to earnings through 2019. These amounts are predominately based on market prices at the current period end, thus actual amounts to be reclassified will differ and could vary materially as a result of changes in market conditions.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we discontinued a cash flow hedge as a result of the hedged transaction becoming no longer probable of occurring and reclassified a deferred gain of approximately \$6 million from AOCI to other income. During the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 and the nine months ended September 30, 2010, all of our hedged transactions were probable of occurring.

The net deferred gain/(loss) recognized in AOCI for derivatives during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 are as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2010		Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
Commodity derivatives	\$	(19)	\$	4	\$	(5)	\$	(79)
Foreign exchange derivatives		(1)		(5)		(2)		(7)
Interest rate derivatives				(2)		1		(2)
Total	\$	(20)	\$	(3)	\$	(6)	\$	(88)

Our accounting policy is to offset derivative assets and liabilities executed with the same counterparty when a master netting agreement exists. Accordingly, we also offset derivative assets and liabilities with amounts associated with cash margin. Our exchange-traded derivatives are transacted through brokerage accounts and are subject to margin requirements as established by the respective exchange. On a daily basis, our account equity (consisting of the sum of our cash balance and the fair value of our open derivatives) is compared to our initial margin requirement resulting in the payment or return of variation margin. As of September 30, 2010, we had a net broker receivable of approximately \$49 million (consisting of initial margin of \$69 million reduced by \$20 million of variation margin that had been returned to us). As of December 31, 2009, we had a net broker receivable of approximately \$53 million (consisting of initial margin of \$71 million reduced by \$18 million of variation margin that had been returned to us). At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, none of our outstanding derivatives contained credit-risk related contingent features that would result in a material adverse impact to us upon any change in our credit ratings.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2010. Financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, which does affect the placement of assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy levels.

Recurring Fair Value Measures(1)	Fair Value as of September 30, 2010 (in millions)				Fair Value as of December 31, 2009 (in millions)			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Commodity derivatives	\$ (3)	\$	\$ (14)	\$ (17)	\$	\$	\$	\$