

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO

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**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 September 30, 2009

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: 1-13245

**PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>75-2702753</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>5205 N. O Connor Blvd., Suite 200, Irving, Texas</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>75039</b> (Zip Code)
<b>(972) 444-9001</b> (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this Chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). **Yes**  **No**

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

<b>Large accelerated filer</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Accelerated filer</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Non-accelerated filer</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	<b>Smaller reporting company</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of November 2, 2009 115,320,979

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**Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

*The information in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the Report ) contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. When used in this document, the words believes, plans, expects, anticipates, intends, continue, may, will, could, should, future, potential, estimate, or the negative of such terms and similar expressions as they relate to Pioneer Natural Resources Company ( Pioneer or the Company ) are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on the Company s current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections about the Company and the industry in which the Company operates. Although the Company believes that the expectations and assumptions reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, they involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict and, in many cases, beyond the Company s control.*

*These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, volatility of commodity prices, product supply and demand, competition, the ability to obtain environmental and other permits and the timing thereof, other government regulation or action, the ability to obtain approvals from third parties and negotiate agreements with third parties on mutually acceptable terms, international operations and associated international political and economic instability, litigation, the costs and results of drilling and operations, access to and availability of drilling equipment and transportation, processing and refining facilities, Pioneer s ability to replace reserves, implement its business plans or complete its development activities as scheduled, access to and cost of capital, the financial strength of counterparties to Pioneer s credit facility and derivative contracts and the purchasers of Pioneer s oil, NGL and gas production, uncertainties about estimates of reserves and resource potential and the ability to add proved reserves in the future, the assumptions underlying production forecasts, quality of technical data, environmental and weather risks, and acts of war or terrorism. These and other risks are described in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K, this and other Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, the Company may be subject to currently unforeseen risks that may have a materially adverse impact on it. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that the actual events and results will not be materially different than the anticipated results described in the forward-looking statements. See Part I, Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk and Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors in this Report and Part I, Item 1. Business Competition, Markets and Regulations , Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors and Part II, Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for a description of various factors that could materially affect the ability of Pioneer to achieve the anticipated results described in the forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no duty to publicly update these statements except as required by law.*

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**Definitions of Certain Terms and Conventions Used Herein**

Within this Report, the following terms and conventions have specific meanings:

*Bbl* means a standard barrel containing 42 United States gallons.

*Bcf* means one billion cubic feet.

*BOE* means a barrel of oil equivalent and is a standard convention used to express oil and gas volumes on a comparable oil equivalent basis. Gas equivalents are determined under the relative energy content method by using the ratio of 6.0 Mcf of gas to 1.0 Bbl of oil or natural gas liquid.

*BOEPD* means BOE per day.

*Btu* means British thermal unit, which is a measure of the amount of energy required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

*CBM* means coal bed methane.

*DD&A* means depletion, depreciation and amortization.

*GAAP* means accounting principles that are generally accepted in the United States of America.

*LIBOR* means London Interbank Offered Rate, which is a market rate of interest.

*MBbl* means one thousand Bbls.

*MBOE* means one thousand BOEs.

*Mcf* means one thousand cubic feet and is a measure of natural gas volume.

*MMBbl* means one million Bbls.

*MMBOE* means one million BOEs.

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*MMBtu* means one million Btus.

*MMcf* means one million cubic feet.

*MMcfpd* means one million cubic feet per day.

*Mont Belvieu posted-price* means the daily average natural gas liquids components as priced in *Oil Price Information Service* ( *OPIS* ) in the table U.S. and Canada LP Gas Weekly Averages at Mont Belvieu, Texas.

*NGL* means natural gas liquid.

*NYMEX* means the New York Mercantile Exchange.

*NYSE* means the New York Stock Exchange.

*Pioneer* or the *Company* means Pioneer Natural Resources Company and its subsidiaries.

*Pioneer Southwest* means Pioneer Southwest Energy Partners L.P. and its subsidiaries.

*proved reserves* mean the estimated quantities of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids which geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions, *i.e.*, prices and costs as of the date the estimate is made. Prices include consideration of changes in existing prices provided only by contractual arrangements, but not on escalations based upon future conditions.

(i) Reservoirs are considered proved if economic producibility is supported by either actual production or conclusive formation test. The area of a reservoir considered proved includes (A) that portion delineated by drilling and defined by gas-oil and/or oil-water contacts, if any; and (B) the immediately adjoining portions not yet drilled, but which can be reasonably judged as economically productive on the basis of available geological and engineering data. In the absence of information on fluid contacts, the lowest known structural occurrence of hydrocarbons controls the lower proved limit of the reservoir.

(ii) Reserves which can be produced economically through application of improved recovery techniques (such as fluid injection) are included in the *proved* classification when successful testing by a pilot project, or the operation of an installed program in the reservoir, provides support for the engineering analysis on which the project or program was based.

(iii) Estimates of proved reserves do not include the following: (A) oil that may become available from known reservoirs but is classified separately as *indicated additional reserves* ; (B) crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids, the recovery of which is subject to reasonable doubt because of uncertainty as to geology, reservoir characteristics or economic factors; (C) crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids, that may occur in undrilled prospects; and (D) crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids that may be recovered from oil shales, coal, gilsonite and other such sources.

*SEC* means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

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*Standardized Measure* means the after-tax present value of estimated future net cash flows of proved reserves, determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC, using prices and costs in effect at the specified date and a ten percent discount rate.

*U.S.* means United States.

*VPP* means volumetric production payment.

With respect to information on the working interest in wells, drilling locations and acreage, *net* wells, drilling locations and acres are determined by multiplying *gross* wells, drilling locations and acres by the Company's working interest in such wells, drilling locations or acres. Unless otherwise specified, wells, drilling locations and acreage statistics quoted herein represent gross wells, drilling locations or acres.

Unless otherwise indicated, all currency amounts are expressed in U.S. dollars.

**Table of Contents****PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(in thousands)****(Unaudited)**

	<b>September 30, 2009</b>	<b>December 31, 2008 (a)</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 55,615	\$ 48,337
Accounts receivable:		
Trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,437 and \$22,464 as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	136,893	206,794
Due from affiliates	624	759
Income taxes receivable	16,290	60,573
Inventories	145,976	76,901
Prepaid expenses	12,553	12,464
Deferred income taxes	3,417	6,510
Other current assets:		
Derivatives	41,280	59,622
Other, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$5,566 and \$5,491 as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	10,314	14,951
Total current assets	422,962	486,911
Property, plant and equipment, at cost:		
Oil and gas properties, using the successful efforts method of accounting:		
Proved properties	10,170,341	10,167,220
Unproved properties	212,818	204,183
Accumulated depletion, depreciation and amortization	(2,819,643)	(2,511,401)
Total property, plant and equipment	7,563,516	7,860,002
Deferred income taxes	2,572	553
Goodwill	309,371	310,563
Other property and equipment, net	154,956	161,266
Other assets:		
Derivatives	35,772	72,594
Other, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$7,172 and \$4,410 as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	191,919	269,896
	<b>\$ 8,681,068</b>	<b>\$ 9,161,785</b>



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(a) Retrospectively adjusted as described in Note B.

The financial information included herein has been prepared by management

without audit by independent registered public accountants.

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

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**PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Continued)**

(in thousands, except share data)

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008 (a)
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable:		
Trade	\$ 201,768	\$ 322,688
Due to affiliates	18,562	34,284
Interest payable	28,481	43,247
Income taxes payable	12,745	3,618
Deferred income taxes	307	
Discontinued operations held for sale	1,802	
Other current liabilities:		
Derivatives	91,967	49,561
Deferred revenue	104,743	147,905
Other	57,445	93,694
Total current liabilities	517,820	694,997
Long-term debt	2,867,298	2,899,241
Derivatives	65,664	20,584
Deferred income taxes	1,408,481	1,501,459
Deferred revenue	109,497	177,236
Other liabilities	178,076	187,409
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 500,000,000 shares authorized; 125,191,035 and 124,566,963 shares issued at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	1,252	1,246
Additional paid-in capital	2,935,897	2,909,735
Treasury stock, at cost: 10,863,513 and 10,020,502 shares at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	(416,566)	(411,659)
Retained earnings	861,922	988,786
Accumulated other comprehensive income - deferred hedge gains, net of tax	64,851	88,788
Total stockholders' equity attributable to common stockholders	3,447,356	3,576,896
Noncontrolling interests in consolidating subsidiaries	86,876	103,963
Total stockholders' equity	3,534,232	3,680,859
Commitments and contingencies		
	\$ 8,681,068	\$ 9,161,785

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**PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(in thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008 (a)	2009	2008 (a)
<b>Revenues and other income:</b>				
Oil and gas	\$ 409,969	\$ 600,413	\$ 1,148,512	\$ 1,777,579
Interest and other	503	2,285	99,761	33,697
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	(385)	190	(447)	4,768
	410,087	602,888	1,247,826	1,816,044
<b>Costs and expenses:</b>				
Oil and gas production	90,394	107,159	285,617	297,299
Production and ad valorem taxes	28,089	46,124	79,503	129,670
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	162,605	121,265	509,422	338,153
Impairment of oil and gas properties		89,753	21,091	89,753
Exploration and abandonments	25,073	109,420	77,861	172,714
General and administrative	34,799	31,622	102,728	103,739
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations	2,754	1,981	8,259	5,885
Interest	43,438	41,176	128,051	123,124
Hurricane activity, net	1,830	541	18,280	2,400
Derivative losses, net	15,222	3,858	85,583	1,451
Other	21,363	33,964	89,467	54,153
	425,567	586,863	1,405,862	1,318,341
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(15,480)	16,025	(158,036)	497,703
Income tax benefit (provision)	5,206	(13,165)	47,671	(217,615)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(10,274)	2,860	(110,365)	280,088
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	12,107	327	13,868	14,718
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,833	3,187	(96,497)	294,806
Net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests	(8,998)	(8,422)	(12,269)	(15,388)
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ (7,165)	\$ (5,235)	\$ (108,766)	\$ 279,418
<b>Basic earnings per share:</b>				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (1.07)	\$ 2.22
Income from discontinued operations attributable to common stockholders	0.11		0.12	0.12
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.95)	\$ 2.34
<b>Diluted earnings per share:</b>				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (1.07)	\$ 2.20
Income from discontinued operations attributable to common stockholders	0.11		0.12	0.12

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Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.95)	\$ 2.32
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	114,123	118,110	114,118	118,136
Diluted	114,123	118,110	114,118	118,765
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.30
Amounts attributable to common stockholders:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (19,272)	\$ (5,562)	\$ (122,634)	\$ 264,700
Discontinued operations	12,107	327	13,868	14,718
Net income (loss)	\$ (7,165)	\$ (5,235)	\$ (108,766)	\$ 279,418

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(in thousands, except dividends per share)

(Unaudited)

	Stockholders Equity Attributable To Common Stockholders							Total Stockholders Equity
	Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Noncontrolling Interests	
Balance as of December 31, 2008 (a)	114,546	\$ 1,246	\$ 2,909,735	\$ (411,659)	\$ 988,786	\$ 88,788	\$ 103,963	\$ 3,680,859
Dividends declared (\$0.08 per share)					(9,405)			(9,405)
Exercise of long-term incentive plan stock options and employee stock purchases	431			16,648	(8,693)			7,955
Purchase of treasury stock	(1,273)			(21,555)				(21,555)
Purchase of subsidiary noncontrolling units							(258)	(258)
Tax provision related to stock-based compensation			(3,583)					(3,583)
Compensation costs:								
Vested compensation awards, net	624	6	(6)					
Compensation costs included in net income (loss)			29,751				164	29,915
Cash contributions of noncontrolling interests							150	150
Cash distributions to noncontrolling interests							(15,042)	(15,042)
Net income (loss)					(108,766)		12,269	(96,497)
Other comprehensive loss:								
Deferred hedging activity, net of tax:								
Hedge fair value changes, net						10,477	3,692	14,169
Net hedge gains included in continuing operations						(34,414)	(18,062)	(52,476)
Balance as of September 30, 2009	114,328	\$ 1,252	\$ 2,935,897	\$ (416,566)	\$ 861,922	\$ 64,851	\$ 86,876	\$ 3,534,232

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**PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(in thousands)

(Unaudited)

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008 (a)</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$ (96,497)	\$ 294,806
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	509,422	338,153
Impairment of oil and gas properties	21,091	89,753
Exploration expenses, including dry holes	40,699	93,996
Hurricane activity, net	16,200	
Deferred income taxes	(67,397)	160,346
(Gain) loss on disposition of assets, net	447	(4,768)
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations	8,259	5,885
Discontinued operations	(5,373)	24,609
Interest expense	20,694	21,252
Derivative related activity	48,305	31,118
Amortization of stock-based compensation	29,319	25,571
Amortization of deferred revenue	(110,901)	(118,644)
Other noncash items	30,664	30,495
<b>Change in operating assets and liabilities</b>		
Accounts receivable, net	71,074	(39,039)
Income taxes receivable	44,762	(9,522)
Inventories	(52,069)	(54,990)
Prepaid expenses	(6,900)	(7,152)
Other current assets	98,532	(2,561)
Accounts payable	(94,238)	15,364
Interest payable	(14,766)	(12,724)
Income taxes payable	9,127	11,528
Other current liabilities	(89,629)	(76,972)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>410,825</b>	<b>816,504</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from disposition of assets, net of cash sold	24,247	143,352
Additions to oil and gas properties	(319,928)	(996,721)
Additions to other assets and other property and equipment, net	(17,310)	(31,350)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(312,991)</b>	<b>(884,719)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Borrowings under long-term debt	386,269	794,998
Principal payments on long-term debt	(434,269)	(732,775)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests, net	(14,892)	(2,941)
Proceeds from issuance of partnership common units, net of issuance costs		165,978
Borrowings (payments) of other liabilities	(1,069)	4,686
Exercise of long-term incentive plan stock options and employee stock purchase plan	7,955	8,008



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Purchases of treasury stock and subsidiary noncontrolling units	(21,813)	(86,201)
Excess tax (provisions) benefits from share-based payment arrangements	(3,583)	381
Payment of financing fees	(4,475)	(12,377)
Dividends paid	(4,679)	(16,896)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(90,556)	122,861
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	7,278	54,646
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	48,337	12,171
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 55,615	\$ 66,817

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	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008 (a)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008 (a)</b>
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,833	\$ 3,187	\$ (96,497)	\$ 294,806
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Hedge activity:				
Hedge fair value changes, net		580,567	22,490	(168,801)
Net hedge (gains) losses included in continuing operations	(25,887)	145,106	(103,039)	389,016
Income tax provision (benefit)	7,272	(269,973)	42,242	(82,322)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(18,615)	455,700	(38,307)	137,893
Comprehensive income (loss)	(16,782)	458,887	(134,804)	432,699
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	(3,417)	(40,097)	853	(28,031)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ (20,199)	\$ 418,790	\$ (133,951)	\$ 404,668

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## PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2009

(Unaudited)

**NOTE A. Organization and Nature of Operations**

Pioneer is a Delaware corporation whose common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The Company is a large independent oil and gas exploration and production company with continuing operations in the United States, South Africa and Tunisia.

**NOTE B. Basis of Presentation**

**Presentation.** In the opinion of management, the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of September 30, 2009 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 include all adjustments and accruals, consisting only of normal recurring accrual adjustments, which are necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods. These interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted in this Report pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. These consolidated financial statements should be read in connection with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

**Discontinued operations.** During June and August 2009, the Company sold its Mississippi assets and substantially all of its shelf properties in the Gulf of Mexico, respectively. The Company has reflected the results of operations of both of these asset groups as discontinued operations, rather than as components of continuing operations. In April 2006 and November 2007, the Company completed the sale of its Argentine assets and Canadian subsidiaries, respectively. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company continued to realize certain net costs and expenses associated with these divestitures. See Note R for additional information regarding discontinued operations.

**Allowances for doubtful accounts.** As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company's allowances for doubtful accounts totaled \$14.2 million and \$32.4 million, respectively. The Company establishes allowances for doubtful accounts equal to the estimable portions of accounts and notes receivables for which failure to collect is considered probable. The Company estimates the portions of joint interest receivables for which failure to collect is probable based on percentages of joint interest receivables that are past due. The Company estimates the portions of other receivables for which failure to collect is probable based on the relevant facts and circumstances surrounding the receivable. Allowances for doubtful accounts are recorded as reductions to the carrying values of the receivables included in the Company's consolidated balance sheets and as charges to other expense in the Company's consolidated statements of operations in the accounting periods during which failure to collect an estimable portion is determined to be probable.

Changes in the Company's allowance for doubtful accounts during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 are summarized in the following table:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009
	(in thousands)	
Beginning allowance for doubtful accounts balance	\$ 12,205	\$ 32,365
Amount recorded in other expense for bad debt expense	1,985	1,241
Write-offs of uncollectible accounts (a)	(15)	(19,431)
Ending allowance for doubtful accounts balance	\$ 14,175	\$ 14,175

- (a) Write-offs of uncollectible accounts for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 are primarily comprised of the allowance for doubtful accounts established to reduce the carrying value of the Company's pre-petition claims receivable from SemGroup, L.P. (SemGroup), which filed bankruptcy during 2008. The Company sold all of its pre-petition SemGroup claims during April 2009 for approximately \$10.1 million.

**Inventories.** Inventories consisted of \$212.3 million and \$158.7 million of materials and supplies and \$4.0 million and \$8.4 million of commodities as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The Company's materials and supplies inventory is primarily comprised of oil and gas drilling or repair items such as

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tubing, casing, chemicals, operating supplies and ordinary maintenance materials and parts. The materials and supplies inventory is primarily acquired for use in future drilling operations or repair operations and is carried at the lower of cost or market, on a first-in, first-out cost basis.

Market, in the context of inventory valuation, represents net realizable value, which is the amount that the Company is allowed to charge to the joint accounts when the inventory is used in joint operations under joint operating agreements to which the Company is a party. Any valuation reserve allowances of materials and supplies inventory are recorded as reductions to the carrying values of the materials and supply inventories in the Company's consolidated balance sheets and as charges to other expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company's materials and supplies inventory was net of \$5.9 million and \$4.7 million, respectively, of valuation reserve allowances. The Company estimated that approximately \$70.4 million and \$90.2 million of its September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 materials and supplies inventories, respectively, would not be utilized within one year based on current drilling plans. Accordingly, those inventory values have been classified as other noncurrent assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Commodities inventories are carried at the lower of average cost or market, on a first-in, first-out basis. The Company's commodities inventories consist of oil and natural gas liquids ( NGLs ) held in storage. Any valuation allowances of commodities inventories are recorded as reductions to the carrying values of the commodities inventories included in the Company's consolidated balance sheets and as charges to other expense in the consolidated statements of operations. As of December 31, 2008, the Company's commodities inventories were net of \$159 thousand of valuation allowances.

**Derivatives and hedging.** Prior to December 2008, the Company had elected to designate the majority of its commodity derivative instruments as cash flow hedges. During December 2008, the Company began entering into commodity derivative contracts that were not designated as hedges. Changes in the fair values of non-hedge derivative instruments are recognized as gains or losses in the earnings of the period in which they occur. Effective February 1, 2009, the Company discontinued hedge accounting on all existing hedge contracts. The effective portions of the discontinued deferred hedges as of January 31, 2009 are included in accumulated other comprehensive income - deferred hedge gains, net of tax ( AOCI Hedging ), in the stockholders' equity section of the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, and are being reclassified to earnings during the same periods in which the hedged transactions are recognized in the Company's earnings. For the period from February 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009, the Company recognized, and in the future will recognize, all changes in the fair values of its derivative contracts as gains or losses in the earnings of the period in which they occur.

The Company classifies the fair value amounts of derivative assets and liabilities executed under master netting arrangements as net derivative assets or net derivative liabilities by commodity, whichever the case may be. Net derivative asset values are determined, in part, by utilization of the derivative counterparties' credit-adjusted risk-free rate curves and net derivative liabilities are determined, in part, by utilization of the Company's credit-adjusted risk-free rate curve. The credit-adjusted risk-free rates are based on an independent market-quoted credit default swap rate curve for the Company's or the counterparties' debt plus the United States Treasury Bill yield curve as of September 30, 2009.

**Goodwill.** Goodwill is assessed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that impairment of the carrying value of goodwill is likely, but no less often than annually. If the carrying value of goodwill is determined to be impaired, it is reduced for the impaired value with a corresponding charge to pretax earnings in the period in which it is determined to be impaired. During the third quarter of 2009, the Company performed its annual assessment of goodwill impairment and determined that there was no impairment. See Note M for additional information regarding the Company's impairment assessments. In connection with the August 2009 sale of its Gulf of Mexico shelf properties, the Company reduced its goodwill attributable to the carrying value of those properties by \$1.2 million.

**Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiaries.** The Company owns a 0.1 percent general partner interest and a 68.3 percent limited partner interest in Pioneer Southwest. Pioneer Southwest owns interests in certain oil and gas properties previously owned by the Company in the Spraberry field in the Permian Basin of West Texas. The financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of Pioneer Southwest are consolidated with those of the Company.



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In addition to Pioneer Southwest, the Company owns the majority interests in certain other subsidiaries with operations in the United States. Noncontrolling interest in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries totaled \$86.9 million and \$104.0 million as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The Company recorded net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests of \$9.0 million and \$12.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, (principally related to Pioneer Southwest) compared to \$8.4 million and \$15.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively. See *New accounting pronouncements* and *Reclassifications and retrospective adjustments* for information regarding the Company's accounting for noncontrolling interests.

**Stock-based compensation.** For stock-based compensation awards, compensation expense is being recognized in the Company's financial statements on a straight line basis over the awards' vesting periods based on their fair values on the dates of grant. The Company utilizes (i) the Black-Scholes option pricing model to measure the fair value of stock options, (ii) the prior day's closing stock price on the date of grant for the fair value of restricted stock awards and (iii) the Monte Carlo simulation method for the fair value of performance unit awards.

For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009, the Company recorded \$10.1 million and \$29.3 million of stock-based compensation costs for all plans, respectively, as compared to \$8.3 million and \$25.6 million for the same respective periods of 2008.

In accordance with GAAP, the Company's issued shares, as reflected in the consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, do not include 987,696 and 1,078,267, respectively, of issued but unvested shares awarded under stock-based compensation plans which have voting rights.

The following table summarizes all stock-based awards, lapses and forfeitures that occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2009:

	Restricted Stock Shares	Restricted Stock Units	Performance Units	Stock Options
Awards	378,497	1,638,711	189,247	361,021
Lapsed restrictions	452,018	172,054		
Exercises				288,114
Forfeitures	17,050	47,712		99,250

As of September 30, 2009, there was approximately \$52.5 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested share-based compensation plan awards, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance unit awards and stock options. This compensation will be recognized over the remaining vesting periods of the awards, which on a weighted average basis is a period of less than three years.

**New accounting pronouncements.** On June 30, 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* a replacement of FASB Statement No. 162 (SFAS 168). SFAS 168 creates a new source of authoritative U.S. accounting and reporting standards for nongovernmental entities, known as the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC). This statement was effective for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. On September 30, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS 168. Hereafter, all new and existing accounting pronouncements will be referred to by their section in the ASC.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measures* (ASC 820). ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and enhances disclosures about fair value measures required under other accounting pronouncements, but does not change existing guidance as to whether or not an instrument is carried at fair value. During February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. 157-2, *FSP FAS 157-2*, which delayed the effective date of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities until fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis at least annually. On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the remaining provisions of ASC 820, for which delayed adoption was allowed.





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In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), *Business Combinations* (ASC 805). ASC 805 replaces SFAS 141 and provides greater consistency in the accounting and financial reporting of business combinations. ASC 805 requires the acquiring entity in a business combination to recognize all assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the transaction and any noncontrolling interest in the acquired entity at the acquisition date, measured at their fair values as of the date that the acquirer achieves control over the business acquired. This includes the measurement of the acquirer's shares issued in consideration for a business combination, the recognition of contingent consideration, the recognition of pre-acquisition contractual and certain non-contractual gain and loss contingencies, the recognition of capitalized research and development costs and the recognition of changes in the acquirer's income tax valuation allowance and deferred taxes. The provisions of ASC 805 also require that restructuring costs resulting from the business combination that the acquirer expects but is not required to incur and costs incurred to effect the acquisition be recognized separate from the business combination. ASC 805 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008, and is to be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the statement is applied. The Company became subject to the provisions of ASC 805 on January 1, 2009.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 160 (ASC 810). ASC 810 amends Accounting Research Bulletin (ARB) No. 51, *Consolidated Financial Statements*, to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. ASC 810 clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary, which is sometimes referred to as minority interest, is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as a component of equity in the consolidated financial statements. Among other requirements, ASC 810 requires consolidated earnings to be reported at amounts that include the amounts attributable to both the parent and the noncontrolling interest. The Company adopted the provisions of ASC 810 on January 1, 2009.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 (ASC 815). ASC 815 changes the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities by requiring entities to provide enhanced disclosures about (i) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (ii) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under ASC 815 and (iii) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. ASC 815 was adopted by the Company on January 1, 2009. See Note G for disclosures about the Company's derivative instruments and hedging activities.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. APB 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)* (ASC 470). ASC 470 specifies that issuers of such instruments should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that will reflect the entity's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate when interest cost is recognized in subsequent periods. The Company adopted the provisions of ASC 470 on January 1, 2009. The adoption of ASC 470 increases the annual interest expense that the Company recognizes on its \$480 million of 2.875% convertible senior notes due 2038 (2.875% Convertible Senior Notes) from an annual yield of 2.875 percent to 6.75 percent, the annual yield equivalent to a nonconvertible debt borrowing at the time of issuance. The adoption of ASC 470 also resulted in the reclassification of the estimated issuance date fair value of the 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes conversion privilege from long-term debt to shareholders' equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. See *Reclassifications and retrospective adjustments* and Note F for additional information regarding the Company's adoption of ASC 470.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. EITF 03-6-1, *Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities* (ASC 260), which addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, need to be included in the net income (loss) allocation in computing basic and diluted earnings per share under the two class method prescribed under SFAS 128, *Earnings per Share*. The Company adopted the provisions of ASC 260 on January 1, 2009 and, in accordance with ASC 260, applied its provisions retrospectively to prior-period earnings per share computations. See Note K for additional information regarding the Company's basic and diluted earnings per share computations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008.

In December 2008, the SEC released Final Rule, *Modernization of Oil and Gas Reporting* (the *Reserve Ruling*). The Reserve Ruling revises oil and gas reporting disclosures. The Reserve Ruling also permits the use of new technologies to determine proved reserves if those technologies have been demonstrated empirically to lead to reliable conclusions about reserves volumes. The Reserve Ruling will also allow companies to disclose their probable



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and possible reserves to investors. In addition, the new disclosure requirements require companies to: (i) report the independence and qualifications of its reserves preparer or auditor, (ii) file reports when a third party is relied upon to prepare reserves estimates or conduct a reserves audit and (iii) report oil and gas reserves using an average of the first-day-of-the-month price for each month within the 12-month period prior to the end of the reporting period, rather than a year-end price. The Reserve Ruling becomes effective for annual reports on Forms 10-K for fiscal years ending on or after December 31, 2009. During February 2009, the FASB announced a project to amend SFAS No. 19, Financial Accounting and Reporting by Oil and Gas Producing Companies (ASC 932) to conform to the Reserve Ruling. The Company is currently assessing the impact that adoption of the provisions of the Reserve Ruling will have on its financial position, results of operations and disclosures.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1, Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments (ASC 825), which amends FASB Statement No. 107, Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments and Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 28, Interim Financial Reporting. ASC 825 requires fair value disclosures by publicly traded companies of financial instruments for interim reporting purposes. ASC 825 was adopted by the Company during the second quarter of 2009. See Note D for disclosures about the fair values of the Company's financial instruments.

**Reclassifications and retrospective adjustments.** Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2008 amounts in order to conform to the 2009 presentation and for the retrospective application of the adoption of ASC 810. The retrospective application of ASC 810 resulted in the reclassification of \$59.2 million from minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries and \$44.8 million from AOCI Hedging to Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiaries at December 31, 2008. In addition, the adoption of ASC 470 and ASC 260 required retrospective adjustments to the Company's financial statements as of December 31, 2008 and the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008. The retrospective adjustments related to the adoption of ASC 470 decreased the Company's net income attributable to common stockholders by \$2.2 million (approximately \$.01 per diluted share) and \$6.1 million (approximately \$.05 per diluted share), respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008. The retrospective application of ASC 470 also increased additional paid-in capital by \$49.5 million and decreased retained earnings by \$10.0 million as of December 31, 2008. The retrospective application of the provisions of ASC 260 did not change the Company's diluted earnings for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and reduced the Company's diluted earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 by approximately \$.05 per share, exclusive of the effects from the adoption of ASC 470.

In the second quarter of 2009, the Company inadvertently overstated its depletion, depreciation and amortization (DD&A) expense by \$7.3 million (\$4.6 million net of associated income taxes) attributable to oil and gas volumes sold during that quarter. This overstatement primarily resulted from an exclusion of certain proved reserves from the calculation of the Company's DD&A expense for the three months ended June 30, 2009. This error also overstated the Company's accumulated depletion, depreciation and amortization and income taxes payable by \$7.3 million and \$178 thousand, respectively, and understated the Company's deferred tax liabilities by \$2.9 million. The Company has concluded that the effect of the overstatement was not material to the reported financial position and earnings of the Company as of and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and has reflected the correction in its reported financial position and results of operations as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The correction reduced the Company's diluted per share net loss attributable to common stockholders by \$.04 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009.

**NOTE C. Exploratory Well Costs**

The Company capitalizes exploratory well costs until a determination is made that the well has either found proved reserves or that it is impaired. The capitalized exploratory well costs are presented in proved properties in the consolidated balance sheets. If the exploratory well is determined to be impaired, the well costs are charged to exploration and abandonments expense.

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The following table reflects the Company's capitalized exploratory well activity during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>	
Beginning capitalized exploratory well costs	\$ 113,997	\$ 124,014
Additions to exploratory well costs pending the determination of proved reserves	20,420	46,758
Reclassification due to determination of proved reserves	(5,949)	(33,150)
Exploratory well costs charged to exploration expense	(6,798)	(15,952)
<b>Ending capitalized exploratory well costs</b>	<b>\$ 121,670</b>	<b>\$ 121,670</b>

The following table provides an aging, as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, of capitalized exploratory well costs and the number of projects for which exploratory well costs have been capitalized for a period greater than one year, based on the date drilling was completed:

	<b>September 30, 2009</b>	<b>December 31, 2008</b>
	<b>(in thousands, except well counts)</b>	
Capitalized exploratory well costs that have been suspended:		
One year or less	\$ 30,850	\$ 54,423
More than one year	90,820	69,591
	<b>\$ 121,670</b>	<b>\$ 124,014</b>
Number of projects with exploratory well costs that have been suspended for a period greater than one year	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

The following table provides an aging of capitalized costs of exploration projects that have been suspended for more than one year as of September 30, 2009:

	<b>Total</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>				
United States:					
Cosmopolitan Unit	\$ 60,613	\$ 1,952	\$ 6,344	\$ 51,488	\$ 829
Tunisia	30,207	962	20,866	4,434	3,945
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 90,820</b>	<b>\$ 2,914</b>	<b>\$ 27,210</b>	<b>\$ 55,922</b>	<b>\$ 4,774</b>

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**Cosmopolitan Unit.** The Company owns a 100 percent working interest in, and is the operator of, the Cosmopolitan Unit in the Cook Inlet of Alaska. During 2007, the Company drilled the Hansen #1A L1 well, a lateral sidetrack from an existing wellbore, to appraise the resource potential of the unit. The initial unstimulated production test results were encouraging. The Company plans to workover the well in the fourth quarter 2009 to repair the casing. The well may be fracture stimulated in 2010 contingent upon the results of the casing repair and subsequent flow testing. The Company will continue to conduct permitting activities and facilities planning during the fourth quarter of 2009 and may drill another appraisal well in 2010.

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**Tunisia Cherouq.** The Company has \$17.5 million and \$5.0 million of suspended well costs recorded for the Hayaat #1 and Hilal #1 wells, respectively, in the Company's Cherouq production concession area, which is operated by the Company. The Hayaat #1 well began drilling in April 2008 to test several targeted formations. Mechanical failures were encountered during the testing of the well that did not allow completion of the formation assessments. The Company is analyzing seismic and other data to determine the optimal plan forward for completing the well, which may utilize the existing wellbore or a new wellbore adjacent to the existing well. The Company expects to finalize its Hayaat #1 plans and complete its assessment activities during 2010 or 2011.

The Hilal #1 well was originally drilled as an exploration well during 2007. The well was unsuccessful; however, the well is being re-completed to a formation that will be used for water disposal in support of other Cherouq operations. The Company recorded a \$1.5 million dry hole charge for the Hilal #1 during 2007, representing the portion of the well costs that will not be used in disposal operations. Installation of the surface equipment is underway and disposal operations are planned to start during the fourth quarter of 2009.

**Tunisia Borj El Khadra.** The Company has \$7.6 million of suspended well costs attributable to the Nahkil #1 and Abir #1 wells in the Borj El Khadra exploration permit area, which is operated by a third-party. The Nahkil #1 well encountered oil-bearing sands and the Abir #1 well encountered gas-bearing sands. The Company does not record proved reserves associated with discoveries in exploration permit areas until a production concession is granted. Infrastructure planning is underway and further exploration of the permit area is planned to occur in the fourth quarter of 2009 or 2010.

**NOTE D. Disclosures About Fair Value Measurements**

The valuation framework of ASC 820, which addresses fair value measurements, is based upon inputs that market participants use in pricing an asset or liability, which are classified into two categories: observable inputs and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs represent market data obtained from independent sources, whereas unobservable inputs reflect a company's own market assumptions, which are used if observable inputs are not reasonably available without undue cost and effort. These two types of inputs are further prioritized into the following fair value input hierarchy:

Level 1 quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (e.g., interest rates) and inputs derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair value input hierarchy level to which an asset or liability measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the measurement in its entirety.

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The following table presents the Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2009, for each of the fair value hierarchy levels:

	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using			Fair Value at September 30, 2009
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
<b>Assets:</b>				
Trading securities	\$ 231	\$ 73	\$	\$ 304
Commodity derivatives		71,706	5,346	77,052
Deferred compensation plan assets	25,582			25,582
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 25,813</b>	<b>\$ 71,779</b>	<b>\$ 5,346</b>	<b>\$ 102,938</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Commodity derivatives	\$	\$ 146,741	\$ 3,939	\$ 150,680
Interest rate derivatives		6,951		6,951
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 153,692</b>	<b>\$ 3,939</b>	<b>\$ 157,631</b>

The following tables present the changes in the fair values of the Company's net commodity derivative assets classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 NGL Swap Contracts (in thousands)
Beginning balance	\$ 5,466
Total gains (losses) (a):	
Net unrealized losses included in earnings	(1,695)
Net realized losses included in earnings	(2,423)
Settlements	59
Ending balance	\$ 1,407

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The hedge-effective portions of realized gains and losses on commodity derivatives in AOCI Hedging are included in oil and gas revenues, while non-hedge derivatives or ineffective portions of realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in derivative losses, net in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

### Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009			Total
	NGL Swap Contracts	Gas Three-Way Collars	Oil Three-Way Collars	
	(in thousands)			
Beginning balance	\$ 18,560	\$	\$	\$ 18,560
Total gains (losses):				
Net unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings (a)	(8,260)	(1,697)	3,364	(6,593)
Net derivative losses included in other comprehensive income	(1,855)			(1,855)
Net realized gains transferred to earnings (a)	(2,794)			(2,794)
Settlements	(4,244)			(4,244)
Transfers into/out of Level 3		1,697	(3,364)	(1,667)
Ending balance	\$ 1,407	\$	\$	\$ 1,407



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- (a) The hedge-effective portions of realized gains and losses on commodity derivatives are included in oil and gas revenues, while non-hedge derivatives or ineffective portions of realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in derivative losses, net in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

The following table presents the carrying amounts and fair values of the Company's financial instruments as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
(in thousands)				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Commodity price derivatives	\$ 77,052	\$ 77,052	\$ 132,216	\$ 132,216
Trading securities	\$ 304	\$ 304	\$ 356	\$ 356
Deferred compensation plan assets	\$ 25,582	\$ 25,582	\$ 18,276	\$ 18,276
Notes receivable due 2008 to 2011	\$ 10,573	\$ 10,573	\$ 11,258	\$ 11,258
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Commodity price derivatives	\$ 150,680	\$ 150,680	\$ 60,242	\$ 60,242
Interest rate derivatives	\$ 6,951	\$ 6,951	\$ 9,903	\$ 9,903
Pioneer Natural Resources Credit facility	\$ 730,000	\$ 723,653	\$ 913,000	\$ 868,597
Pioneer Southwest Credit facility	\$ 135,000	\$ 132,562	\$	\$
2.875% senior convertible notes due 2038	\$ 425,890	\$ 459,600	\$ 415,194	\$ 345,600
5.875% senior notes due 2012	\$ 6,174	\$ 6,183	\$ 6,191	\$ 5,233
5.875% senior notes due 2016	\$ 387,274	\$ 418,954	\$ 382,010	\$ 301,583
6.65% senior notes due 2017	\$ 483,883	\$ 458,420	\$ 483,792	\$ 339,570
6.875% senior notes due 2018	\$ 449,154	\$ 424,777	\$ 449,132	\$ 292,175
7.20% senior notes due 2028	\$ 249,923	\$ 222,750	\$ 249,922	\$ 145,000

**Trading securities and deferred compensation plan assets.** The Company's trading securities represent equity securities that are not actively traded on major exchanges and trading securities that are actively traded on major exchanges. The Company's deferred compensation plan assets represent investments in equity and mutual fund securities that are actively traded on major exchanges plus unallocated contributions as of the measurement date. As of September 30, 2009, all significant inputs to these asset exchange values represented Level 1 independent active exchange market price inputs except inputs for trading securities that are not actively traded on major exchanges, which were provided by broker quotes representing Level 2 inputs.

**Notes receivable.** The fair value of the Company's notes receivable approximates the carrying values based on the adequacy of the collateral security and interest yields.

**Interest rate derivatives.** The Company's interest rate derivative liabilities represent swap contracts for \$400 million notional amount of debt, whereby the Company pays a fixed rate of interest and the counterparty pays a variable LIBOR-based rate and \$50 million notional amount of debt, whereby the Company pays a variable LIBOR-based rate and the counterparty pays a fixed rate of interest. The net derivative liability values attributable to the Company's interest rate derivative contracts as of September 30, 2009 are based on (i) the contracted notional amounts,

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(ii) LIBOR rate yield curves provided by counterparties and corroborated with forward active market-quoted LIBOR rate yield curves and (iii) the applicable credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve. The Company's interest rate derivative asset measurements represent Level 2 inputs in the hierarchy priority.

**Commodity derivatives.** The Company's commodity derivatives represent oil, NGL and gas swap and collar contracts. The Company's oil and gas swap, collar and three-way collar derivative contract asset and liability measurements represent Level 2 inputs in the hierarchy priority while NGL derivative contract asset and liability measurements represent Level 3 inputs in the hierarchy priority.

**Oil derivatives.** The Company's oil derivatives are swap, collar and three-way collar contracts for notional Bbls of oil at fixed (in the case of swap contracts) or interval (in the case of collar and three-way collar contracts) NYMEX

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West Texas Intermediate ( WTI ) oil prices. The asset and liability values attributable to the Company's oil derivatives as of September 30, 2009 are based on (i) the contracted notional volumes, (ii) independent active NYMEX futures price quotes for WTI oil, (iii) the applicable estimated credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve and (iv) the implied rate of volatility inherent in the collar and three-way collar contracts. The implied rates of volatility inherent in the Company's collar contracts were determined based on market-quoted volatility factors adjusted for estimated volatility skews and corroborated with average volatility factors provided by the Company's counterparties.

*NGL derivatives.* The Company's NGL derivatives are swap contracts for notional blended Bbls of Mont Belvieu-posted-price NGLs. The asset and liability values attributable to the Company's NGL derivatives as of September 30, 2009 are based on (i) the contracted notional volumes, (ii) independent broker-supplied forward Mont Belvieu-posted-price quotes and (iii) the applicable credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve.

*Gas derivatives.* The Company's gas derivatives are swap, collar and three-way collar contracts for notional MMBtus of gas contracted at various posted price indexes, including NYMEX Henry Hub ( HH ) swap contracts coupled with basis swap contracts that convert the HH price index point to other price indexes. The asset and liability values attributable to the Company's gas derivative contracts as of September 30, 2009 are based on (i) the contracted notional volumes, (ii) independent active NYMEX futures price quotes for HH gas, (iii) averages of forward posted price quotes supplied by independent brokers who are active in buying and selling gas derivatives at the indexes other than HH (iv) the applicable credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve and (v) the implied rate of volatility inherent in the collar and three-way collar contracts. The implied rates of volatility inherent in the Company's collar contracts were determined based on market-quoted volatility factors adjusted for estimated volatility skews and corroborated with average volatility factors provided by the Company's counterparties.

The Company corroborated independent broker-supplied forward price quotes by comparing price quote samples to alternate observable market data.

*Credit facility.* The fair value of the Company's credit facility is based on (i) contractual interest and fees, (ii) forward active market-quoted LIBOR rate yield curves and (iii) the applicable credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve.

*Senior notes.* The Company's senior notes represent debt securities that are actively traded on major exchanges.

**NOTE E. Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with the provisions of ASC 740 (formerly SFAS 109), *Income Taxes* ( ASC 740 ). ASC 740 requires that the Company continually assess both positive and negative evidence to determine whether it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets can be realized prior to their expiration. Pioneer monitors Company-specific, oil and gas industry and worldwide economic factors to assess the likelihood that the Company's net operating loss carryforwards ( NOLs ) and other deferred tax attributes in the U.S. federal, state and foreign tax jurisdictions will be utilized prior to their expiration. As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company's valuation allowances (relating primarily to foreign tax jurisdictions) were \$44.2 million and \$37.5 million, respectively.

ASC 740 also clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement methodology for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. As of September 30, 2009, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits. The Company's policy is to account for interest charges with respect to income taxes as interest expense and any penalties, with respect to income taxes, as other expense in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various state and foreign jurisdictions. With few exceptions, the Company believes that it is no longer subject to examinations by tax authorities for years before 2004. As of September 30, 2009, no adjustments had been proposed in any jurisdiction that would have a significant effect on the Company's future results of operations or financial position.

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On June 30, 2009, pursuant to Tunisian law, the Company established an investment reserve equal to 20 percent of 2008 taxable profits on the Adam and Cherouq concessions and thereby reduced current taxes payable by \$13.1 million with a corresponding offset to deferred income taxes in the Company's accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The investment reserve will be used to fund future drilling activity or pipeline infrastructure projects in Tunisia.

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In the reported results for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company recognized an additional deferred provision of \$2.9 million and a current tax benefit of \$178 thousand related to the Company's correction of the understatement of reported earnings for the three months ended June 30, 2009. See Note B for additional information regarding this correction.

**Income tax (provisions) benefits.** The Company's income tax (provisions) benefits attributable to income from continuing operations consisted of the following for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>			
<b>Current:</b>				
U.S. federal	\$ (1,335)	\$ (124)	\$ (934)	\$ 8,784
U.S. state	(2,206)	967	(9,142)	(630)
Foreign	(8,708)	(24,972)	(9,650)	(65,423)
	(12,249)	(24,129)	(19,726)	(57,269)
<b>Deferred:</b>				
U.S. federal	15,273	17,455	68,796	(125,565)
U.S. state	3,696	(1,377)	9,460	(4,246)
Foreign	(1,514)	(5,114)	(10,859)	(30,535)
	17,455	10,964	67,397	(160,346)
Income tax (provision) benefit	\$ 5,206	\$ (13,165)	\$ 47,671	\$ (217,615)

**Discontinued operations.** The Company's income tax (provisions) benefits attributable to income from discontinued operations consisted of the following for three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>			
<b>Current:</b>				
Foreign	\$	\$ (135)	\$	\$ (306)
		(135)		(306)

**Deferred:**

U.S. federal	(7,153)	(438)	(8,102)	(6,746)
Foreign		65		935

	(7,153)	(373)	(8,102)	(5,811)
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Income tax provision	\$ (7,153)	\$ (508)	\$ (8,102)	\$ (6,117)
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**NOTE F. Long-term Debt**

*Lines of credit.* During April 2007, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated 5-Year Revolving Credit Agreement (the Credit Facility ) that matures in April 2012, unless extended in accordance with the terms of the Credit Facility. The Credit Facility provides for initial aggregate loan commitments of \$1.5 billion, which may be increased to a maximum aggregate amount of \$2.0 billion if the lenders increase their loan commitments or if loan commitments of new financial institutions are added. As of September 30, 2009, the Company had \$730.0 million of outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility and \$46.0 million of undrawn letters of credit, all of which were commitments under the Credit Facility, leaving the Company with \$724.0 million of unused borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility.

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Effective April 29, 2009, the Company and the lenders under the Company's Credit Facility amended the Credit Facility to provide the Company additional financial flexibility. The Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants, one of which required the Company to maintain a ratio of the net present value of the Company's oil and gas properties to total debt of at least 1.75 to 1.0 until the Company achieves an investment grade rating by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, Inc. The amendment changed that ratio to 1.5 to 1.0 through the period ending March 31, 2011, after which time the ratio would revert to 1.75 to 1.0, and provides that the Company may include in the calculation of the present value of its oil and gas properties 75 percent of the market value of its ownership of limited partner units of Pioneer Southwest. The covenant requiring the Company to maintain a ratio of total debt to total capitalization of no more than 0.60 to 1.0 was not changed.

The amendment also adjusted certain borrowing rates and commitment fees, and changed certain provisions relating to the consequences if a lender under the Credit Facility defaults in its obligations under the agreement. After taking into account the amendment, revolving loans under the Credit Facility bear interest, at the option of the Company, based on (a) a rate per annum equal to the higher of the prime rate announced from time to time by JPMorgan Chase Bank or the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System during the last preceding business day plus .5 percent plus a defined alternate base rate spread margin ( ABR Margin ), which is currently one percent based on the Company's debt rating or (b) a base Eurodollar rate, substantially equal to LIBOR, plus a margin (the Applicable Margin ), which is currently two percent and is also determined by the Company's debt rating. Swing line loans under the Credit Facility bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the ASK rate for Federal funds periodically published by the Dow Jones Market Service plus the Applicable Margin. Letters of credit outstanding under the Credit Facility are subject to a per annum fee, representing the Applicable Margin plus .125 percent. The Company also pays commitment fees on undrawn amounts under the Credit Facility that are determined by the Company's debt rating (currently 0.375 percent).

On August 31, 2009, Pioneer Southwest borrowed \$138.0 million under its \$300 million credit facility (the Pioneer Southwest Credit Facility ) that matures during 2013 to fund a portion of the purchase consideration of oil and gas properties acquired from Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. ( Pioneer USA ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, for \$169.6 million, including estimated customary closing adjustments, and assumed net obligations associated with certain commodity price derivative positions and certain other liabilities that were assigned by Pioneer USA to Pioneer Southwest. The Pioneer Southwest Credit Facility is available for general partnership purposes, including working capital, capital expenditures and distributions.

Borrowings under the Pioneer Southwest Credit Facility may be in the form of Eurodollar rate loans, base rate committed loans or swing line loans. Eurodollar rate loans bear interest annually at LIBOR, plus a margin (the Applicable Rate ) (currently 0.875 percent) that is determined by a reference grid based on Pioneer Southwest's consolidated leverage ratio. Base rate committed loans bear interest annually at a base rate equal to the higher of (i) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5 percent or (ii) the Bank of America prime rate (the Base Rate ) plus a margin (currently zero percent). Swing line loans bear interest annually at the Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate. As of September 30, 2009, there were \$135.0 million of outstanding borrowings under the Pioneer Southwest Credit Facility.

The Pioneer Southwest Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants, including (i) the maintenance of a quarter-end consolidated leverage ratio (representing a ratio of consolidated indebtedness of Pioneer Southwest to consolidated earnings before depreciation, depletion and amortization; impairment of long-lived assets; exploration expense; accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations; interest expense; income taxes; gain or loss on the disposition of assets; noncash commodity hedge related activity; and noncash equity-based compensation, ( EBITDAX ) of not more than 3.5 to 1.0, (ii) an interest coverage ratio (representing a ratio of EBITDAX to interest expense) of not less than 2.5 to 1.0 and (iii) the maintenance of a ratio of the net present value of Pioneer Southwest's projected future cash flows from its oil and gas assets to total debt of at least 1.75 to 1.0.

Because of the net present value covenant, the remaining available borrowing capacity under the Pioneer Southwest Credit Facility was limited to approximately \$140 million as of September 30, 2009. The variables on which the calculation of net present value is based (including assumed commodity prices and discount rate) are subject to adjustment by the lenders. As a result, declines in commodity prices could reduce

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Southwest Credit Facility. In addition, the Pioneer Southwest Credit Facility contains various covenants that limit, among other things, Pioneer Southwest's ability to grant liens, incur additional indebtedness, engage in a merger, enter into transactions with affiliates, pay distributions or repurchase equity, and sell its assets. If any default or event of default (as defined in the Pioneer Southwest Credit Facility) were to occur, the Pioneer Southwest Credit Facility would prohibit Pioneer Southwest from making distributions to unitholders. Such events of default include, among others, nonpayment of principal or interest, violations of covenants, bankruptcy and material judgments and liabilities.

As of September 30, 2009, the Company and Pioneer Southwest were in compliance with all of their debt covenants.

**Senior convertible notes.** During January 2008, the Company issued \$500 million principal amount of 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes, of which \$480.0 million remains outstanding at September 30, 2009. Effective January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of ASC 470 (formerly FSP APB 14-1) and, in accordance therewith, the Company applied the provisions of ASC 470 on a retrospective basis. The initial adoption of ASC 470 decreased the carrying value of the 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes by \$63.5 million, increased stockholders' equity by \$39.5 million and increased deferred tax liabilities by \$24.0 million. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, the adoption of ASC 470 had the effect of adding \$3.6 million and \$10.7 million to the Company's reported interest expense, respectively, and approximately \$2.3 million (\$.02 per diluted share) and \$6.7 million (\$.06 per diluted share) to the Company's respective net losses.

**NOTE G. Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Company uses financial derivative contracts to manage exposures to commodity price, interest rate and foreign currency fluctuations. The Company generally does not enter into derivative financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes. The Company also may enter physical delivery contracts to effectively provide commodity price protection. Because these contracts are not expected to be net cash settled, they are considered to be normal sales contracts and not derivatives. Therefore, physical delivery contracts are not accounted for as derivative financial instruments in the financial statements.

All derivative contracts are recorded on the balance sheet at estimated fair value. Fair value is generally determined based on the credit-adjusted present value difference between the fixed contract price and the underlying market price at the determination date. Effective February 1, 2009, the Company discontinued hedge accounting on all existing derivative instruments and since that date has accounted for derivative instruments using the mark-to-market accounting method. Therefore, the Company will recognize all future changes in the fair values of its derivative contracts as gains or losses in the earnings of the period in which they occur.

Changes in the fair value of effective cash flow hedges prior to the Company's discontinuance of hedge accounting on February 1, 2009 were recorded as a component of AOCI - Hedging, which has been or will be transferred to earnings when the hedged transaction is recognized in earnings. Any ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of hedge derivatives prior to February 1, 2009 was recorded in the earnings of the period of change. The ineffective portion was calculated as the difference between the change in fair value of the hedge derivative and the estimated change in cash flows from the item hedged.

**Fair value derivatives.** The Company monitors the debt capital markets and interest rate trends to identify opportunities to enter into and terminate interest rate derivative contracts, with the objective of reducing the Company's costs of capital. As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company was not a party to any fair value hedges.

**Cash flow derivatives.** The Company utilizes commodity swap and collar contracts to (i) reduce the effect of price volatility on the commodities the Company produces and sells, (ii) support the Company's annual capital budgeting and expenditure plans and (iii) reduce commodity price risk associated with certain capital projects. The Company also, from time to time, utilizes interest rate contracts to reduce the effect of interest rate volatility on the Company's indebtedness and forward currency exchange agreements to reduce the effect of exchange rate volatility.



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*Oil prices.* All material physical sales contracts governing the Company's oil production have been tied directly or indirectly to the NYMEX prices. The following table sets forth the volumes in Bbls underlying the Company's outstanding oil derivative contracts and the weighted average NYMEX prices per Bbl for those contracts as of September 30, 2009:

	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	<b>Outstanding Average</b>
<b>Average daily oil production non-hedge derivatives (a):</b>					
2009 Swap Contracts					
Volume (Bbl)				11,250	11,250
Price per Bbl				\$ 63.41	\$ 63.41
2009 Collar Contracts					
Volume (Bbl)				2,000	2,000
Price per Bbl:					
Ceiling				\$ 70.38	\$ 70.38
Floor				\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00
2009 Collar Contracts with Short Puts					
Volume (Bbl)				15,000	15,000
Price per Bbl:					
Ceiling				\$ 69.72	\$ 69.72
Floor				\$ 51.47	\$ 51.47
Short Put				\$ 41.47	\$ 41.47
2010 Swap Contracts					
Volume (Bbl)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Price per Bbl	\$ 93.34	\$ 93.34	\$ 93.34	\$ 93.34	\$ 93.34
2010 Collar Contracts with Short Puts					
Volume (Bbl)	24,750	25,000	25,000	25,250	25,000
Price per Bbl:					
Ceiling	\$ 83.57	\$ 83.61	\$ 83.61	\$ 83.74	\$ 83.63
Floor	\$ 66.20	\$ 66.24	\$ 66.24	\$ 66.28	\$ 66.24
Short	\$ 53.46	\$ 53.48	\$ 53.48	\$ 53.50	\$ 53.48
2011 Swap Contracts					
Volume (Bbl)	750	750	750	750	750
Price per Bbl	\$ 77.25	\$ 77.25	\$ 77.25	\$ 77.25	\$ 77.25
2011 Collar Contracts					
Volume (Bbl)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Price per Bbl:					
Ceiling	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
Floor	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00
2011 Collar Contracts with Short Puts					
Volume (Bbl)	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Price per Bbl:					

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Ceiling	\$ 94.60	\$ 94.60	\$ 94.60	\$ 94.60	\$ 94.60
Floor	\$ 72.80	\$ 72.80	\$ 72.80	\$ 72.80	\$ 72.80
Short Put	\$ 58.52	\$ 58.52	\$ 58.52	\$ 58.52	\$ 58.52
2012 Swap Contracts					
Volume (Bbl)	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Price per Bbl	\$ 79.32	\$ 79.32	\$ 79.32	\$ 79.32	\$ 79.32

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<b>2012 Collar Contracts with Short Puts</b>					
Volume (Bbl)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Price per Bbl:					
Ceiling	\$ 103.50	\$ 103.50	\$ 103.50	\$ 103.50	\$ 103.50
Floor	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Short Put	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
<b>2013 Swap Contracts</b>					
Volume (Bbl)	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Price per Bbl	\$ 81.02	\$ 81.02	\$ 81.02	\$ 81.02	\$ 81.02
<b>2013 Collar Contracts with Short Puts</b>					
Volume (Bbl)	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Price per Bbl:					
Ceiling	\$ 111.50	\$ 111.50	\$ 111.50	\$ 111.50	\$ 111.50
Floor	\$ 83.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 83.00
Short Put	\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00

- (a) Subsequent to September 30, 2009, the Company entered into additional collar contracts with short puts for (i) 2,000 Bbls per day of the Company's 2010 production with a ceiling price of \$86.50 per Bbl, a floor price of \$75.00 per Bbl and a short put price of \$60.00 per Bbl, (ii) 9,000 Bbls per day of the Company's 2011 production with a ceiling price of \$107.37 per Bbl, a floor price of \$75.00 per Bbl and a short put price of \$60.00 per Bbl and (iii) 4,000 Bbls per day of the Company's 2012 production with a ceiling price of \$107.50 per Bbl, a floor price of \$80.00 per Bbl and a short put price of \$65.00 per Bbl.

*Natural gas liquids prices.* All material physical sales contracts governing the Company's NGL production have been tied directly or indirectly to Mont Belvieu prices. The following table sets forth the volumes in Bbls under outstanding NGL derivative contracts and the weighted average Mont Belvieu-posted-prices per Bbl for those contracts as of September 30, 2009:

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Outstanding Average
<b>Average daily NGL production non-hedge derivatives:</b>					
<b>2009 Swap Contracts</b>					
Volume (Bbl)				3,750	3,750
Price per Bbl				\$ 34.28	\$ 34.28
<b>2010 Swap Contracts</b>					
Volume (Bbl)	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Price per Bbl	\$ 47.36	\$ 47.37	\$ 47.38	\$ 47.38	\$ 47.38
<b>2011 Swap Contracts</b>					
Volume (Bbl)	750	750	750	750	750
Price per Bbl	\$ 34.65	\$ 34.65	\$ 34.65	\$ 34.65	\$ 34.65
<b>2010 Swap Contracts</b>					
Volume (Bbl)	750	750	750	750	750
Price per Bbl	\$ 35.03	\$ 35.03	\$ 35.03	\$ 35.03	\$ 35.03



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*Gas prices.* All material physical sales contracts governing the Company's gas production have been tied directly or indirectly to regional index prices where the gas is produced. The Company uses derivative contracts to mitigate gas price volatility and reduce basis risk between NYMEX prices and actual index prices upon which the gas is sold. The following table sets forth the volumes in MMBtus under outstanding gas derivative contracts and the weighted average index prices per MMBtu for those contracts as of September 30, 2009:

	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	<b>Outstanding Average</b>
<b>Average daily gas production non-hedge derivatives (a):</b>					
2009 Swap Contracts					
Volume (MMBtu)				137,500	137,500
Price per MMBtu				\$ 6.13	\$ 6.13
2009 Collar Contracts					
Volume (MMBtu)				20,000	20,000
Price per MMBtu:					
Ceiling				\$ 5.90	\$ 5.90
Floor				\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
2009 Collar Contracts with Short Puts					
Volume (MMBtu)				150,000	150,000
Price per MMBtu:					
Ceiling				\$ 5.35	\$ 5.35
Floor				\$ 4.18	\$ 4.18
Short Put				\$ 3.18	\$ 3.18
2009 Basis Swap Contracts					
Volume (MMBtu)				285,000	285,000
Price per MMBtu				\$ (0.96)	\$ (0.96)
2010 Swap Contracts					
Volume (MMBtu)	177,500	177,500	127,500	127,500	152,295
Price per MMBtu	\$ 6.30	\$ 6.30	\$ 6.59	\$ 6.59	\$ 6.42
2010 Collar Contracts					
Volume (MMBtu)	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Price per MMBtu:					
Ceiling	\$ 7.52	\$ 7.52	\$ 7.52	\$ 7.52	\$ 7.52
Floor	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
2010 Collar Contracts with Short Puts					
Volume (MMBtu)	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000
Price per MMBtu:					
Ceiling	\$ 7.94	\$ 7.94	\$ 7.94	\$ 7.94	\$ 7.94
Floor	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Short Put	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
2010 Basis Swap Contracts					

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Volume (MMBtu)	215,000	215,000	215,000	215,000	215,000
Price per MMBtu	\$ (0.77)	\$ (0.77)	\$ (0.77)	\$ (0.77)	\$ (0.77)
2011 Swap Contracts					
Volume (MMBtu)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Price per MMBtu	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.65
2011 Collar Contracts with Short Puts					
Volume (MMBtu)	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
Price per MMBtu:					
Ceiling	\$ 8.69	\$ 8.69	\$ 8.69	\$ 8.69	\$ 8.69
Floor	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.36
Short Put	\$ 4.93	\$ 4.93	\$ 4.93	\$ 4.93	\$ 4.93
2011 Basis Swap Contracts					
Volume (MMBtu)	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Price per MMBtu	\$ (0.71)	\$ (0.71)	\$ (0.71)	\$ (0.71)	\$ (0.71)



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<b>2012 Swap Contracts</b>					
Volume (MMBtu)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Price per MMBtu	\$ 6.77	\$ 6.77	\$ 6.77	\$ 6.77	\$ 6.77
<b>2012 Collar Contracts with Short Puts</b>					
Volume (MMBtu)	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Price per MMBtu:					
Ceiling	\$ 8.81	\$ 8.81	\$ 8.81	\$ 8.81	\$ 8.81
Floor	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.25
Short Put	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50
<b>2012 Basis Swap Contracts</b>					
Volume (MMBtu)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Price per MMBtu	\$ (0.78)	\$ (0.78)	\$ (0.78)	\$ (0.78)	\$ (0.78)
<b>2013 Swap Contracts</b>					
Volume (MMBtu)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Price per MMBtu	\$ 6.89	\$ 6.89	\$ 6.89	\$ 6.89	\$ 6.89
<b>2013 Basis Swap Contracts</b>					
Volume (MMBtu)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Price per MMBtu	\$ (0.71)	\$ (0.71)	\$ (0.71)	\$ (0.71)	\$ (0.71)

- (a) Subsequent to September 30, 2009, the Company unwound gas swap contracts for 24,795 MMBtu per day of the Company's 2010 production at an average price of \$5.56 per MMBtu.

**Interest rate.** During August 2009 and January 2008, the Company entered into interest rate swap contracts. The August 2009 contracts were fixed-for-variable-rate swaps on \$50 million notional amount of debt at a weighted average fixed annual rate of 3.09 percent. The August 2009 contracts had an effective start date of August 2009 and were scheduled to terminate in August 2014. The January 2008 contracts were variable-for-fixed-rate swaps on \$400 million notional amount of debt at a weighted average fixed annual rate of 2.87 percent, excluding any applicable margins. The January 2008 interest rate swaps had an effective start date of February 2008, with \$200 million terminating during February 2010 and \$200 million during February 2011. During October 2009, the Company terminated the \$50 million notional amount, fixed-for-variable rate swap contracts and \$111 million notional amount of the variable-for-fixed rate swap contracts. The resulting gains and losses from the terminated contracts completely offset and will have no impact on the Company's 2009 results of operations.

**Hedge ineffectiveness.** On February 1, 2009, the Company discontinued hedge accounting on all existing derivative contracts. As a result, the Company only recorded ineffectiveness during January 2009, which was nominal. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company recorded net ineffectiveness charges of \$4.5 million and \$2.6 million, respectively. Hedge ineffectiveness represents the ineffective portions of changes in the fair values of the Company's cash flow hedging instruments. The primary causes of hedge ineffectiveness were changes in forecasted hedged sales volumes and commodity price correlations.

**Tabular disclosure of derivative fair value.** Effective February 1, 2009, the Company discontinued hedge accounting on all existing derivative instruments, and since that date forward has accounted for derivative instruments using the mark-to-market accounting method. All of the Company's derivatives were made up of non-hedge derivatives as of September 30, 2009 and both hedge derivatives and non-hedge derivatives as of December 31, 2008.



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The following tables provide disclosure of the Company's derivative instruments:

Type	Fair Value of Derivative Instruments as of September 30, 2009		Fair Value of Derivative Instruments as of September 30, 2009	
	Asset Derivatives (a)		Liability Derivatives (a)	
	Location	Fair Value (in thousands)	Location	Fair Value (in thousands)
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments</b>				
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - current	\$ 71,422	Derivatives - current	\$ 95,248
Interest rate derivatives	Derivatives - current	1,280	Derivatives - current	7,027
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent	38,537	Derivatives - noncurrent	62,942
Interest rate derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent	653	Derivatives - noncurrent	1,856
<b>Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments</b>		<b>111,892</b>		<b>167,073</b>
<b>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments (b)</b>				
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - current		Derivatives - current	21,114
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent		Derivatives - noncurrent	4,284
<b>Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments</b>				<b>25,398</b>
<b>Total derivatives</b>		<b>\$ 111,892</b>		<b>\$ 192,471</b>

Type	Fair Value of Derivative Instruments as of December 31, 2008		Fair Value of Derivative Instruments as of December 31, 2008	
	Asset Derivatives (a)		Liability Derivatives (a)	
	Location	Fair Value (in thousands)	Location	Fair Value (in thousands)
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments</b>				
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - current	\$ 3,606	Derivatives - current	\$ 20,233
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent	3,972	Derivatives - noncurrent	
<b>Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments</b>		<b>7,578</b>		<b>20,233</b>

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<b>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments</b>				
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - current	57,367	Derivatives - current	24,195
Interest rate derivatives	Derivatives - current		Derivatives - current	6,484
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent	68,622	Derivatives - noncurrent	17,165
Interest rate derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent		Derivatives - noncurrent	3,419
<b>Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments</b>		125,989		51,263
<b>Total derivatives</b>		\$ 133,567		\$ 71,496

- (a) Derivative assets and liabilities shown in the tables above are presented as gross assets and liabilities, without regard to master netting arrangements which are considered in the presentations of derivative assets and liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.
- (b) Represent derivative obligations under terminated hedge arrangements.

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Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships	Amount of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in OCI on Effective Portion			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2009	2008	September 30, 2009	2008
	(in thousands)			
Interest rate derivatives	\$	\$ (1,424)	\$ (433)	\$ 3,677
Commodity price derivatives		617,321	4,968	(172,478)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 615,897</b>	<b>\$ 4,535</b>	<b>\$ (168,801)</b>

Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships	Location of Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Earnings	Amount of Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Earnings			
		Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
		September 30, 2009	2008	September 30, 2009	2008
		(in thousands)			
Interest rate derivatives	Interest expense	\$ (1,621)	\$ (467)	\$ (5,893)	\$ (772)
Commodity price derivatives	Oil and gas revenue	26,261	(144,030)	96,173	(388,244)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 24,640</b>	<b>\$ (144,497)</b>	<b>\$ 90,280</b>	<b>\$ (389,016)</b>

Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships	Location of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Earnings on Ineffective Portion	Amount of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Earnings on Ineffective Portion			
		Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
		September 30, 2009	2008	September 30, 2009	2008
		(in thousands)			
Commodity price derivatives	Derivative losses, net	\$	\$ (4,493)	\$	\$ (2,585)

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments	Location of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Earnings on Derivative	Amount of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Earnings on Derivative			
		Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
		September 30, 2009	2008	September 30, 2009	2008
		(in thousands)			
Interest rate derivatives	Interest expense	\$ 131	\$	\$ (3,120)	\$
Commodity price derivatives	Derivative losses, net	(15,353)	634	(82,463)	1,134
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ (15,222)</b>	<b>\$ 634</b>	<b>\$ (85,583)</b>	<b>\$ 1,134</b>

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***AOCI - Hedging.*** The fair value of the effective portion of the Company's derivative contracts that were designated as cash flow hedges on January 31, 2009 was recorded in AOCI-Hedging and is being transferred to oil and gas revenue (for commodity derivatives) and interest expense (for interest rate derivatives) over the remaining term of the contracts. In accordance with the mark-to-market method of accounting, the Company will recognize all future changes in the fair values of its derivative contracts as gains or losses in the earnings of the period in which the changes occur.

As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, AOCI - Hedging represented net deferred gains of \$64.9 million and \$88.8 million, respectively. The AOCI - Hedging balance as of September 30, 2009 was comprised of \$142.2 million of net deferred gains on the effective portions of discontinued commodity hedges, \$7.6 million of net deferred losses on the effective portions of discontinued interest rate hedges, \$38.1 million of associated net deferred tax provisions and a charge for \$31.6 million of AOCI - Hedging attributable to noncontrolling interests. The \$23.9 million decrease in net deferred hedge gains comprising AOCI - Hedging during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was primarily attributable to the transfer of net deferred hedge gains to earnings, partially offset by deferred fair value gains during January 2009 and a decrease in AOCI - Hedging attributable to noncontrolling interests. AOCI - Hedging attributable to noncontrolling interests represented \$44.7 million of deferred gains, net of taxes as of December 31, 2008.

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During the twelve months ending September 30, 2010, the Company expects to reclassify approximately \$92.0 million of AOCI Hedging net deferred gains to oil and gas revenues and \$4.4 million of AOCI Hedging net deferred losses to interest expense. The Company also expects to reclassify approximately \$32.4 million of net deferred income tax provisions associated with hedge derivatives during the year ending September 30, 2010 from AOCI - Hedging to income tax expense.

**Discontinued commodity hedges.** Effective on February 1, 2009, the Company discontinued all of its commodity and interest rates hedges and began accounting for the associated derivatives using the mark-to-market accounting method. Prior to February 1, 2009, the Company periodically discontinued commodity hedges by terminating the derivative positions when the underlying commodity prices reached a point that the Company believed would be near the high or low price of the commodity prior to the scheduled settlement of the open commodity position. This allowed the Company to lock in gains or minimize losses associated with the open hedge positions. At the time of hedge discontinuation, the amounts recorded in AOCI Hedging are maintained and amortized to earnings over the periods the production was scheduled to occur.

The following table sets forth, as of September 30, 2009, the scheduled amortization of net deferred gains and (losses) on discontinued commodity hedges that will be recognized as increases or (decreases) to the Company's future oil and gas revenues:

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total
	(in thousands)				
2009 net deferred hedge gains				\$ 24,622	\$ 24,622
2010 net deferred hedge gains	\$ 21,700	\$ 22,029	\$ 22,353	\$ 22,417	\$ 88,499
2011 net deferred hedge gains	\$ 7,989	\$ 8,072	\$ 8,159	\$ 8,021	\$ 32,241
2012 net deferred hedge losses	\$ (810)	\$ (791)	\$ (783)	\$ (773)	\$ (3,157)

**NOTE H. Asset Retirement Obligations**

The Company's asset retirement obligations primarily relate to the future plugging and abandonment of wells and related facilities. The Company does not provide for a market risk premium associated with asset retirement obligations because a reliable estimate cannot be determined. The Company has no assets that are legally restricted for purposes of settling asset retirement obligations. The following table summarizes the Company's asset retirement obligation transactions during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(in thousands)			
Beginning asset retirement obligations	\$ 154,172	\$ 185,911	\$ 172,433	\$ 208,184
Liabilities assumed in acquisitions		756		777
New wells placed on production and changes in estimates (a)	1,202	1,592	16,568	(6,200)
Liabilities reclassified to discontinued operations held for sale			(1,756)	
Disposition of wells	(491)		(13,334)	
Liabilities settled	(15,587)	(31,774)	(40,562)	(50,578)
Accretion of discount on continuing operations	2,754	1,981	8,259	5,885
Accretion of discount on discontinued operations	88	199	530	597

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Ending asset retirement obligations	\$ 142,138	\$ 158,665	\$ 142,138	\$ 158,665
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- (a) During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company recorded a \$9.0 million decrease in the abandonment estimates and associated insurance recovery estimates for the East Cameron facility that was destroyed by Hurricane Rita in 2005. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company recorded a \$16.2 million increase to the abandonment estimate associated with the East Cameron facility. See Note O for additional information regarding the East Cameron facility.



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The Company records the current and noncurrent portions of asset retirement obligations in other current liabilities and other liabilities, respectively, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the current portions of the Company's asset retirement obligations were \$9.9 million and \$29.9 million, respectively.

**NOTE I. Postretirement Benefit Obligations**

As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company had \$9.2 million and \$9.6 million, respectively, of unfunded accumulated postretirement benefit obligations, the current and noncurrent portions of which are included in other current liabilities and other liabilities, respectively, in the consolidated balance sheets. These obligations are comprised of five plans of which four relate to predecessor entities that the Company acquired in prior years. These plans had no assets as of September 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008. Other than participants in the Company's retirement plan, the participants of these plans are not current employees of the Company.

The following table reconciles changes in the Company's unfunded accumulated postretirement benefit obligations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(in thousands)			
Beginning accumulated postretirement benefit obligations	\$ 9,364	\$ 10,341	\$ 9,612	\$ 10,494
Net benefit payments	(361)	(599)	(1,052)	(1,162)
Service costs	57	47	171	142
Accretion of interest	164	158	493	473
Ending accumulated postretirement benefit obligations	\$ 9,224	\$ 9,947	\$ 9,224	\$ 9,947

**NOTE J. Commitments and Contingencies**

**Legal actions.** The Company is party to the legal actions that are described below. The Company is also a party to other proceedings and claims incidental to its business. While many of these matters involve inherent uncertainty, the Company believes that the amount of the liability, if any, ultimately incurred with respect to such other proceedings and claims will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position as a whole or on its liquidity, capital resources or future annual results of operations. The Company will continue to evaluate its litigation on a quarter-by-quarter basis and will establish and adjust any litigation reserves as appropriate to reflect its assessment of the then current status of litigation.

**MOSH Holding.** On April 11, 2005, the Company and its principal United States subsidiary, Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., were named as defendants in *MOSH Holding, L.P. v Pioneer Natural Resources Company; Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.; Woodside Energy (USA) Inc.; and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, as Trustee of the Mesa Offshore Trust (the "Trust"), which was formerly pending before the Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas (334th Judicial District) (the "Court").

In April, 2009, the Company and all parties in the lawsuit reached an agreement to settle the lawsuit. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the Company will pay to the Trust the sum of \$13 million in exchange for a full and final release of all claims made or that could

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have been made in the lawsuit (the Claims ). The Company will also contribute to the Trust any proceeds obtained from the Company's sale of its complete interest, including its working interest, in the Brazos Block A-39 tract, which will be offered for sale in conjunction with the Trust's sale of its assets.

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The settlement agreement is subject to customary conditions, including a condition that the settlement is not final until it is approved by the Court and the Court issues a final, non-appealable judgment disposing of all Claims. In September, 2009, the Court entered a final judgment approving the settlement and dismissing all Claims. Subsequently, certain unit-holders in the Trust filed an appeal in Texas state court seeking to reverse the Court's final judgment. The settlement will not be final and completed until such appeal is dismissed and any other post-judgment proceedings are exhausted. Pioneer expects to prevail with respect to any such appeal or any other post-judgment proceedings attempting to avoid the settlement.

*Colorado Notice of Violation.* On May 13, 2008, the Company was served with a Notice of Violation/Cease and Desist Order by the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environmental Water Quality Control Division. The Notice alleges violations of stormwater discharge permits in the Company's Raton Basin and Lay Creek operations, specifically deficiencies in the Company's stormwater management plans, failure to implement and maintain best management practices to protect stormwater runoff and failure to conduct inspections of the stormwater management system. The Company has filed an answer to the Notice asserting defenses to the allegations. The Company does not believe that the outcome of this proceeding will materially impact the Company's liquidity, financial position or future results of operations.

*Obligations following divestitures.* In April 2006, the Company provided the purchaser of its Argentine assets certain indemnifications. The Company remains responsible for certain contingent liabilities related to such indemnifications, subject to defined limitations. The Company does not believe that these obligations, which primarily pertain to matters of litigation, environmental contingencies, royalty obligations and income taxes, are probable of having a material impact on its liquidity, financial position or future results of operations.

The Company has also retained certain liabilities and indemnified buyers for certain matters in connection with other divestitures, including the sale in 2007 of its Canadian assets.

**NOTE K. Earnings Per Share From Continuing Operations**

Basic earnings per share from continuing operations is computed by dividing earnings from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. The computation of diluted earnings per share from continuing operations reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock that are dilutive to income from continuing operations were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that would then share in the earnings of the Company. During periods that the Company realizes a loss from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders, securities or other contracts to issue common stock would not be dilutive to loss per share and conversion into common stock is assumed not to occur.

The Company's earnings from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders is computed as income (loss) from continuing operations less participating share-based earnings. The following table is a reconciliation of the Company's income (loss) from continuing operations to income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(in thousands)			
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (10,274)	\$ 2,860	\$ (110,365)	\$ 280,088
Participating share-based earnings (a)			(94)	(3,440)

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Income (loss) from continuing operations available to common stockholders	\$ (10,274)	\$ 2,860	\$ (110,459)	\$ 276,648
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- (a) In accordance with ASC 260 (formerly FSP EITF 03-6-1), unvested restricted stock share awards and restricted stock unit awards represent participating securities because they participate in nonforfeitable dividends with the Company's common stock. Participating share-based earnings represent the distributed and undistributed earnings of the Company attributable to the participating securities. Unvested restricted stock awards and restricted stock unit awards do not participate in undistributed net losses as they are not contractually obligated to do so.

The following table is a reconciliation of basic weighted average common shares outstanding to diluted weighted average common shares outstanding for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>			
Weighted average common shares outstanding (a):				
Basic	114,123	118,110	114,118	118,136
Dilutive common stock options (b)				312
Contingently issuable - performance shares (b)				120
Convertible notes dilution (c)				197
Diluted	114,123	118,110	114,118	118,765

- (a) In 2007, the Company's board of directors ( Board ) approved a \$750 million share repurchase program of which \$355.8 million remained available for purchase as of September 30, 2009. During the first nine months of 2009 and 2008, the Company purchased \$16.3 million and \$12.8 million of common stock pursuant to the program, respectively.
- (b) Diluted earnings per share were calculated using the two-class method for the three- and nine-months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008. The following common stock equivalents were excluded from the diluted loss per share calculations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 because they would have been anti-dilutive to the calculations: 1,194,518 and 768,049 unvested restricted shares or restricted stock units, respectively; 180,124 and 154,946 outstanding options to purchase the Company's common stock, respectively; and 203,835 and 126,091 performance units, respectively. Additionally, 1,594,793 unvested restricted shares or restricted stock units, 277,034 outstanding options to purchase the Company's common stock and 276,544 performance units were excluded from the diluted loss per share calculation for the three months ended September 30, 2008 because they would have been anti-dilutive to the calculation.
- (c) During January 2008, the Company issued \$500 million of 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes. Weighted average common shares outstanding have been increased to reflect the dilutive effect that would have resulted if the 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes had qualified for and been converted during the nine-months ended September 30, 2008. The 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes were not dilutive to the per share calculations of 2009 or the three months ended September 30, 2008.

**NOTE L. Geographic Operating Segment Information**

The Company's only operations are oil and gas exploration and producing activities; however, the Company is organizationally structured along geographic operating segments or regions. The Company has reportable operations in the United States, South Africa and Tunisia.

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The following tables provide the Company's geographic operating segment data for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008. Geographic operating segment income tax (provisions) benefits have been determined based on statutory rates existing in the various tax jurisdictions where the Company has oil and gas producing activities. The Headquarters table column includes income and expenses that are not routinely included in the earnings measures internally reported to management on a geographic operating segment basis and operations in Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria, where the Company concluded exploration activities during 2007.

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	United States	South Africa	Tunisia (in thousands)	Headquarters	Consolidated Total
<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>					
Revenues and other income:					
Oil and gas	\$ 350,034	\$ 20,836	\$ 39,099	\$	\$ 409,969
Interest and other				503	503
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	80			(465)	(385)
	350,114	20,836	39,099	38	410,087
Costs and expenses:					
Oil and gas production	84,083	822	5,489		90,394
Production and ad valorem taxes	28,089				28,089
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	128,954	20,813	5,639	7,199	162,605
Exploration and abandonments	19,908	114	4,910	141	25,073
General and administrative				34,799	34,799
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations				2,754	2,754
Interest				43,438	43,438
Hurricane activity, net	1,830				1,830
Derivative losses, net				15,222	15,222
Other	9,702			11,661	21,363
	272,566	21,749	16,038	115,214	425,567
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	77,548	(913)	23,061	(115,176)	(15,480)
Income tax benefit (provision)	(28,693)	265	(12,227)	45,861	5,206
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 48,855	\$ (648)	\$ 10,834	\$ (69,315)	\$ (10,274)

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	United States	South Africa	Tunisia (in thousands)	Headquarters	Consolidated Total
<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>					
Revenues and other income:					
Oil and gas	\$ 499,606	\$ 33,418	\$ 67,389	\$	\$ 600,413
Interest and other				2,285	2,285
Gain on disposition of assets, net				190	190
	499,606	33,418	67,389	2,475	602,888
Costs and expenses:					
Oil and gas production	91,933	10,389	4,837		107,159
Production and ad valorem taxes	46,124				46,124
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	106,085	4,109	3,739	7,332	121,265
Impairment of oil and gas properties	89,753				89,753
Exploration and abandonments	99,613		8,074	1,733	109,420
General and administrative				31,622	31,622
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations				1,981	1,981
Interest				41,176	41,176
Hurricane activity, net	541				541
Derivative losses, net				3,858	3,858
Other	5,079			28,885	33,964
	439,128	14,498	16,650	116,587	586,863
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	60,478	18,920	50,739	(114,112)	16,025
Income tax benefit (provision)	(22,377)	(5,487)	(29,268)	43,967	(13,165)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 38,101	\$ 13,433	\$ 21,471	\$ (70,145)	\$ 2,860



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	United States	South Africa	Tunisia (in thousands)	Headquarters	Consolidated Total
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009:</b>					
Revenues and other income:					
Oil and gas	\$ 991,849	\$ 50,801	\$ 105,862	\$ 99,761	\$ 1,148,512
Interest and other				99,761	99,761
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	87			(534)	(447)
	991,936	50,801	105,862	99,227	1,247,826
Costs and expenses:					
Oil and gas production	257,580	4,763	23,274		285,617
Production and ad valorem taxes	79,503				79,503
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	414,135	57,812	15,706	21,769	509,422
Impairment of oil and gas properties	21,091				21,091
Exploration and abandonments	61,276	403	15,458	724	77,861
General and administrative				102,728	102,728
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations				8,259	8,259
Interest				128,051	128,051
Hurricane activity, net	18,280				18,280
Derivative losses, net				85,583	85,583
Other	48,852		3,768	36,847	89,467
	900,717	62,978	58,206	383,961	1,405,862
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	91,219	(12,177)	47,656	(284,734)	(158,036)
Income tax benefit (provision)	(33,751)	3,531	(26,911)	104,802	47,671
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 57,468	\$ (8,646)	\$ 20,745	\$ (179,932)	\$ (110,365)

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	United States	South Africa	Tunisia (in thousands)	Headquarters	Consolidated Total
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008:</b>					
Revenues and other income:					
Oil and gas	\$ 1,496,590	\$ 100,983	\$ 180,006	\$	\$ 1,777,579
Interest and other				33,697	33,697
Gain on disposition of assets, net	513			4,255	4,768
	1,497,103	100,983	180,006	37,952	1,816,044
Costs and expenses:					
Oil and gas production	254,464	28,738	14,097		297,299
Production and ad valorem taxes	129,670				129,670
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	294,009	13,152	9,116	21,876	338,153
Impairment of oil and gas properties	89,753				89,753
Exploration and abandonments	144,249	52	21,074	7,339	172,714
General and administrative				103,739	103,739
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations				5,885	5,885
Interest				123,124	123,124
Hurricane activity, net	2,400				2,400
Derivative losses, net				1,451	1,451
Other	19,657			34,496	54,153
	934,202	41,942	44,287	297,910	1,318,341
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	562,901	59,041	135,719	(259,958)	497,703
Income tax benefit (provision)	(208,273)	(17,122)	(80,517)	88,297	(217,615)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 354,628	\$ 41,919	\$ 55,202	\$ (171,661)	\$ 280,088

**September 30, 2009      December 31, 2008**  
(in thousands)

**Segment Assets:**

United States	\$ 8,171,882	\$ 8,524,622
South Africa	207,819	241,619
Tunisia	251,036	299,168
Headquarters	50,331	96,376
Total consolidated assets	\$ 8,681,068	\$ 9,161,785

**NOTE M. Impairment of Oil and Gas Properties**

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*Oil and gas properties assessments.* During the first quarter of 2009 and the third quarter of 2008, the downward adjustments to economically recoverable resource potential in the Company's Uinta/Piceance area associated with declines in commodity prices and well performance led to the impairment of the net assets in that area. The Company's estimates of the undiscounted future cash flows attributed to the assets indicated that their carrying amounts were not expected to be recovered. Consequently, the Company recorded noncash charges during the first quarter of 2009 and the third quarter of 2008 of \$21.1 million and \$89.8 million, respectively, to reduce the carrying value of the Uinta/Piceance area oil and gas properties. The impairment charges reduced the oil and gas properties' carrying values to their estimated fair values on those dates, represented by the estimated discounted future cash flows attributable to the assets, which were derived from Level 3 fair value inputs.

The Company's primary assumptions of the estimated future cash flows attributable to oil and gas properties are based on (i) proved reserves and risk-adjusted probable and possible reserves and (ii) management's commodity price outlook.

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*Goodwill assessments.* The Company's goodwill is attributable to a business combination that was completed in 2004 and is entirely attributable to United States reporting unit. In accordance with ASC 350 (formerly SFAS 142), the Company assesses its goodwill for impairment annually, during the third quarter using a July 1 assessment date, and whenever facts or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of its goodwill may be impaired. The Company's assessments of goodwill during the third quarters of 2009 and 2008 indicated that it was not impaired. As a result of declines in commodity prices and a significant decline in the Company's market capitalization during the second half of 2008, the Company assessed whether the carrying value of the United States reporting unit's goodwill was impaired at December 31, 2008, March 31, 2009 and June 30, 2009 and concluded that it was not impaired based on those assessments. During 2009, commodity prices and the Company's market capitalization increased, providing an indicator that the carrying value of goodwill is not impaired.

The Company's assessments of goodwill for impairment include estimates of the fair value of its United States reporting unit and comparisons of those fair value estimates with the United States reporting unit's carrying value. The Company's estimates of the fair value of its United States reporting unit entail estimating the fair values of the reporting unit's assets and liabilities. The primary component of those assets and liabilities is comprised of the reporting unit's oil and gas properties, whose estimated values were based on the estimated discounted future net cash flows expected to be recovered from the properties. The Company's primary assumptions in preparing the estimated discounted future net cash flows expected to be recovered from the properties are based on (i) proved reserves and risk-adjusted probable reserves, (ii) management's price outlook, including assumptions as to inflation of costs and expenses, (iii) the estimated discount rate that would be used by purchasers to assess the fair value of the assets and liabilities attributable to the United States reporting unit and (iv) future income tax expense attributable to the net cash flows.

Due to the significant decline in the Company's market capitalization during the second half of 2008, the Company expanded its assessment of goodwill impairment to consider the fair value of the United States reporting unit as determined using both the previously described discounted future net cash flow approach and a market approach. The Company assessed market capitalization over the 30-day and 60-day periods prior to July 1, 2009, June 30, 2009, March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 and performed sensitivity valuations of the United States reporting unit's net assets based on varying valuation combinations of future discounted cash flow assumptions (including assessing future cash flows from proved properties only), market capitalization, control premiums, price inflation assumptions and discount rate assumptions. The Company will assess its goodwill for impairment when facts and circumstances indicate that it may be impaired, but no less often than annually, and such assessments may be affected by (i) additional United States reserve adjustments, both positive and negative, (ii) results of drilling activities, (iii) changes in management's outlook on commodity prices and costs and expenses, (iv) changes in the Company's market capitalization, (v) changes in the Company's weighted average cost of capital and (vi) changes in income taxes.

**NOTE N. Volumetric Production Payments**

During 2005, the Company sold 27.8 MMBOE of proved reserves by means of three VPP agreements for net proceeds of \$892.6 million, including the assignment of the Company's obligations under certain derivative hedge agreements. Proceeds from the VPPs were used to reduce outstanding indebtedness. The first VPP sold 58 Bcf of gas volumes over an expected five-year term that began in February 2005. The second VPP sold 10.8 MMBbls of oil volumes over an expected seven-year term that began in January 2006. The third VPP sold 6.0 Bcf of gas volumes over an expected 32-month term from May 2005 through December 2007, and 6.2 MMBbls of oil volumes over an expected five-year term that began in January 2006.

The Company's VPPs represent limited-term overriding royalty interests in oil and gas reserves that: (i) entitle the purchaser to receive production volumes over a period of time from specific lease interests, (ii) are free and clear of all associated future production costs and capital expenditures associated with the reserves, (iii) are nonrecourse to the Company (i.e., the purchaser's only recourse is to the reserves acquired), (iv) transfer title of the reserves to the purchaser and (v) allow the Company to retain the remaining reserves after the VPPs volumetric quantities have been delivered.

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The Company (i) removed the proved reserves associated with the VPPs, (ii) recognized VPP proceeds as deferred revenue which are being amortized on a unit-of-production basis to oil and gas revenues over the term of each VPP, (iii) retained responsibility for 100 percent of the production costs and capital costs related to VPP interests and (iv) no longer recognizes production associated with the VPP volumes.

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The following table provides information about the deferred revenue carrying values of the Company's VPPs.

	<b>Gas</b>	<b>Oil (in thousands)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Deferred revenue at December 31, 2008	\$ 49,435	\$ 275,706	\$ 325,141
Less: 2009 amortization	(36,975)	(73,926)	(110,901)
<b>Deferred revenue at September 30, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 12,460</b>	<b>\$ 201,780</b>	<b>\$ 214,240</b>

The above deferred revenue amounts will be recognized in oil and gas revenues in the consolidated statements of operations as noted below, assuming the related VPP production volumes are delivered as scheduled (in thousands):

Remaining 2009	\$ 37,005
2010	90,215
2011	44,951
2012	42,069
	<b>\$ 214,240</b>

**NOTE O. Interest and Other Income**

The following table provides the components of the Company's interest and other income:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>			
Alaskan Petroleum Production Tax credits (a)	\$	\$	\$ 94,989	\$ 17,770
Interest income	108	445	1,289	1,305
Other income (expense)	(36)	(72)	1,122	1,199
Deferred compensation plan income	52	96	913	1,642
Foreign currency remeasurement and exchange gains (b)	174	1,508	790	4,033
Credit card rebate	205	308	658	862
Change in asset retirement estimate				4,391
Legal settlements				2,495
<b>Total interest and other income</b>	<b>\$ 503</b>	<b>\$ 2,285</b>	<b>\$ 99,761</b>	<b>\$ 33,697</b>

- (a) The Company earns Alaskan Petroleum Production Tax ( PPT ) credits on qualifying capital expenditures. The Company recognizes income from PPT credits at the time they are realized through a cash refund or sale.
- (b) The Company s operations in Africa periodically recognize monetary assets and liabilities in currencies other than their functional currencies. Associated therewith, the Company realizes foreign currency remeasurement and transaction gains and losses.

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The following table provides the components of the Company's other expense:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30, 2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>September 30, 2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	(in thousands)			
Idle rig related costs (a)	\$ 9,702	\$ 5,079	\$ 52,620	\$ 19,657
Transportation commitment loss (b)	29		6,811	
Contingency and environmental accrual adjustments	913	8,123	6,998	4,342
Well servicing operations (c)	5,169	(319)	10,551	1,320
Foreign currency remeasurement and exchange losses (d)	1,249	(256)	5,982	82
Inventory impairment (e)	291		1,894	
Other	2,025	1,346	3,370	2,152
Bad debt expense	1,985	19,991	1,241	23,218
Rig impairment				3,382
<b>Total other expense</b>	<b>\$ 21,363</b>	<b>\$ 33,964</b>	<b>\$ 89,467</b>	<b>\$ 54,153</b>

- (a) Represents stacked drilling rig costs under contractual drilling rig commitments and costs incurred to terminate contractual drilling rig commitments prior to their contractual maturities.
- (b) Primarily represents transportation contract deficiency payment obligations not supported by future production.
- (c) Represents idle well servicing costs.
- (d) The Company's operations in Africa periodically recognize monetary assets and liabilities in currencies other than their functional currencies. Associated therewith, the Company realizes foreign currency remeasurement and transaction gains and losses.
- (e) Represents impairment charges to reduce the carrying value of excess lease and well equipment and supplies inventories to their estimated net realizable values.

**NOTE Q. Insurance Claims**

As a result of Hurricane Rita in September 2005, the Company's East Cameron facility, located in the Gulf of Mexico shelf, was destroyed. As of September 30, 2009, the Company estimates that it will cost approximately \$4 million to \$5 million to complete the reclamation and abandonment of the East Cameron facility. The operations to reclaim and abandon the East Cameron facilities began in January 2007. The estimate of the remaining costs to reclaim and abandon the East Cameron facility is based upon an estimate by the Company.

The Company has expended approximately \$196.2 million on the reclamation and abandonment of the East Cameron facility through September 30, 2009. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company recorded charges of \$1.2 million and \$16.2 million, respectively, to hurricane activity, net in the accompanying statements of operations to increase its estimate of the total costs to reclaim and abandon the East Cameron facility.



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The Company filed a claim with its insurance providers regarding the loss at East Cameron. Under the Company's insurance policies, the East Cameron facility had the following coverages: (a) \$14 million of scheduled property value for the platform, which was received in 2005, (b) \$4 million of scheduled business interruption insurance after a deductible waiting period, which was received in 2006, (c) \$100 million of well restoration and safety, in total, for all assets per occurrence and (d) \$400 million for debris removal coverage for all assets per occurrence.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company received \$29.7 million from one of its insurance providers related to debris removal, for which the Company had previously recorded a receivable. At the present time, no recoveries have been reflected related to certain costs associated with plugging and abandonment and the well restoration and safety coverages. In 2007, the Company commenced legal actions against its insurance carriers regarding policy coverage issues, primarily related to debris removal, certain costs associated with plugging and abandonment, and the well restoration and safety coverages. The Company believes that a substantial portion of the loss will be recoverable from insurance.

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During the three months ended June 30, 2009, the Company committed to a plan to sell its shelf properties in the Gulf of Mexico and sold its Mississippi assets. The Company completed the sale of substantially all of its shelf properties in the Gulf of Mexico on August 6, 2009. As of September 30, 2009, the Company had \$1.8 million of asset retirement obligations attributable to certain unsold shelf properties in the Gulf of Mexico that are classified as discontinued operations available for sale in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2009. The Company had no asset carrying values attributable to these unsold properties as of September 30, 2009, and expects to complete its plans to divest the properties during the fourth quarter of 2009 or the first half of 2010. The Company has reflected the results of operations of these properties as discontinued operations, rather than as a component of continuing operations, in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Additionally, in April 2006 and November 2007, the Company completed the sale of its Argentine assets and Canadian subsidiaries. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company continued to realize certain net costs and expense increments associated with these divestitures. The following table represents the components of the Company's discontinued operations for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>	
	<b>2008</b>		<b>2008</b>	
	<b>(in thousands)</b>			
<b>Revenues and other income:</b>				
Oil and gas	\$ 2,000	\$ 11,787	\$ 13,722	\$ 46,406
Interest and other		146		2,135
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net (a)	17,823		18,129	(6)
	19,823	11,933	31,851	48,535
<b>Costs and expenses:</b>				
Oil and gas production	477	2,384	5,126	5,659
Production and ad valorem taxes	(155)	95	(37)	309
Depletion, depreciation and amortization (a)	1	6,202	3,863	13,620
Exploration and abandonments (a)	7	1,655	290	7,127
General and administrative	144	225	108	440
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations (a)	89	199	531	597
Other		338		(51)
	563	11,098	9,881	27,701
<b>Income from discontinued operations before income taxes</b>	<b>19,260</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>21,970</b>	<b>20,834</b>
<b>Income tax provision:</b>				
Current		(135)		(306)
Deferred (a)	(7,153)	(373)	(8,102)	(5,811)
<b>Income from discontinued operations</b>	<b>\$ 12,107</b>	<b>\$ 327</b>	<b>\$ 13,868</b>	<b>\$ 14,718</b>

(a) Represents the significant noncash components of discontinued operations.

**NOTE S. Subsequent Events**

In accordance with ASC 855 (formerly SFAS 165), the Company has evaluated subsequent events through November 5, 2009, the date of issuance of the unaudited consolidated financial statements. The Company is not aware of any reportable subsequent events through November 5, 2009, except as disclosed in Note J.

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

The Company's financial and operating performance for the third quarter of 2009 included the following highlights:

Earnings attributable to common stockholders was a net loss of \$7.2 million (\$.06 per diluted share), as compared to net loss attributable to common stockholders of \$5.2 million (\$.04 per diluted share) for the third quarter of 2008. The decrease in earnings attributable to common stockholders is primarily due to:

A decline in oil and gas revenues due to NGL and gas price declines, partially offset by increases in oil price and sales volumes,

\$13.4 million of third quarter 2009 net unrealized derivative losses recorded under the mark-to-market accounting method and

Negative price revisions to proved reserves associated with the commodity price declines, which increased depreciation, depletion and amortization expense, partially offset by

Oil and gas production cost declines resulting from the Company's cost reduction initiatives,

Production and ad valorem tax declines, primarily due to commodity price declines and

A decline in impairment of oil and gas properties, associated with impairment of the Company's Uinta/Piceance assets during the third quarter of 2008.

Daily sales volumes from continuing operations increased on a per-BOE basis by two percent to 112,623 BOEPD during the third quarter of 2009, as compared to 110,538 BOEPD during the third quarter of 2008. The increase in third quarter 2009 sales volumes, as compared to the third quarter of 2008, was primarily due to September 2008 production curtailments as a result of damage caused by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike to third-party NGL fractionation facilities.

Average reported oil, NGL and gas prices from continuing operations decreased during the third quarter of 2009 to \$78.20 per Bbl, \$33.13 per Bbl and \$3.64 per Mcf, respectively, as compared to respective prices of \$80.37 per Bbl, \$62.23 per Bbl and \$7.98 per Mcf during the third quarter of 2008.

Average oil and gas production costs and total ad valorem and production taxes per BOE from continuing operations decreased during the third quarter of 2009 to \$8.72 and \$2.71, respectively, as compared to respective costs of \$10.55 and \$4.53 per BOE during the third quarter of 2008, primarily as a result of cost reduction initiatives and commodity price declines.

**Commodity prices.** During the second half of 2008, the United States and other industrialized countries experienced a significant economic slowdown, which led to a substantial decline in worldwide energy demand. During this same time period, North American gas supply was increasing as a result of the rise in domestic unconventional gas production. The combination of lower energy demand due to the economic

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slowdown and higher North American gas supply resulted in significant declines in oil, NGL and gas prices during the second half of 2008 and continued into early 2009. Beginning in the second quarter of 2009, oil and NGL prices have generally been increasing, while gas prices have remained volatile. Although the Company has entered into derivative contracts on a large portion of its production volumes through 2011, a sustained lower commodity price environment would result in lower realized prices for unprotected volumes and reduce the prices at which the Company could enter into derivative contracts on additional volumes in the future. As a result, the Company's internal cash flows would be reduced for affected periods. The timing and magnitude of commodity price declines or recoveries cannot be predicted. A sustained decline in commodity prices could result in a shortfall in expected cash flows, which could negatively impact the Company's liquidity, financial position and future results of operations. See Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk and Note G of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for additional information about the Company's derivative contracts.

**Cost reduction initiatives.** During the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company implemented initiatives to reduce capital spending, operating costs and administrative expenses to support its goal of delivering net cash flow from operating activities in excess of capital requirements in 2009 and to enhance and preserve financial flexibility. These initiatives include minimizing drilling activities until margins improve as a result of (i) commodity prices increasing and/or (ii) well cost reductions. As a result, the Company significantly reduced its 2009 rig activity and has realized and continues to pursue reductions in operating expenses and well costs to align costs with a lower commodity price environment. Rigs have been terminated or stacked in the Spraberry, Raton, Edwards Trend and

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Barnett Shale areas and in Tunisia. Since the third quarter of 2008, when drilling and completion costs peaked, the Company has achieved an average reduction of approximately 30 percent in the cost of drilling and completing a well in the Spraberry field of West Texas. The Company's asset teams have also implemented initiatives that have reduced 2009 lease operating expense per BOE from continuing operations by 22 percent during the third quarter of 2009, as compared to the third quarter of 2008. The cost savings reflect reductions in electricity, water disposal and compression rental costs and an expansion of the Company's use of internal well services.

As a result of the successes realized from the aforementioned cost reduction initiatives and increases in 2009 oil prices, the Company is implementing a plan to resume oil- and liquids-rich-gas-focused drilling activities during 2010 and has preliminarily targeted its 2010 capital budget to be in a range of \$800 million to \$900 million (excluding acquisitions, effects of asset retirement obligations, capitalized interest and geological and geophysical administrative costs). The Company's 2009 annual capital costs (excluding acquisitions, effects of asset retirement obligations, capitalized interest and geological and geophysical administrative costs) are expected to total approximately \$300 million. During the first nine months of 2009, the Company's capital costs (excluding acquisitions, effects of asset retirement obligations, capitalized interest and geological and geophysical administrative costs) were \$224 million, as compared to \$947 million during the first nine months of 2008, representing a 76 percent decrease.

**Fourth Quarter 2009 Outlook**

Based on current estimates, the Company expects that fourth quarter 2009 production will average 105,000 to 110,000 BOEPD, reflecting reduced 2009 drilling activity, downtime associated with a gas plant maintenance shutdown in South Africa and gas pipeline repairs and variability in the timing of oil cargo shipments in Tunisia.

Fourth quarter production costs (including production and ad valorem taxes and transportation costs) are expected to average \$11.50 to \$13.50 per BOE, based on NYMEX strip prices for oil, NGLs and gas. Production costs are expected to be impacted by higher production, lower production volumes and increased workover activity. Depletion, depreciation and amortization (DD&A) expense is expected to average \$15.50 to \$17.00 per BOE based on the new SEC reserve pricing methodology that is expected to be implemented during the fourth quarter of 2009.

Total exploration and abandonment expense for the quarter is expected to be \$20 million to \$30 million, primarily related to exploration wells, including related acreage costs, and seismic and personnel costs. General and administrative expense is expected to be \$35 million to \$39 million. Interest expense is expected to be \$42 million to \$45 million. Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations is expected to be \$2 million to \$4 million.

Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiaries' net income is expected to be \$8 million to \$10 million, primarily reflecting the public ownership in Pioneer Southwest.

The Company also expects to recognize \$5 million to \$10 million of charges in other expense associated with certain drilling rigs being stacked as a result of the low commodity price environment.

The Company's fourth quarter effective income tax rate is expected to range from 40 percent to 50 percent, assuming current capital spending plans, higher tax rates in certain foreign jurisdictions and no significant mark-to-market changes in the Company's derivative position. Cash income taxes are expected to range from \$10 million to \$15 million, principally related to Tunisian income taxes.

Fourth quarter 2009 amortization of deferred hedge gains on discontinued and terminated oil and gas hedges is expected to be \$25 million.

**Operations and Drilling Highlights**

The Company intends to limit 2009 capital expenditures, excluding acquisitions, effects of asset retirement obligations, capitalized interest and geological and geophysical administrative costs, to internally-generated operating cash flow. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2009, cash flow from operating activities was \$410.8 million and the Company's capital expenditures, excluding acquisitions, effects of asset retirement obligations, capitalized interest and geological and geophysical administrative costs, were \$224.2 million.



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The following table summarizes by geographic area the Company's finding and development costs incurred during the nine month period ended September 30, 2009:

	Acquisition Costs		Exploration Costs (in thousands)	Development Costs (in thousands)	Asset Retirement Obligations	Total
	Proved	Unproved				
<b>United States:</b>						
Permian Basin	\$ 3,586	\$ 5,971	\$ 6,686	\$ 72,971	\$ 1	\$ 89,215
Mid-Continent			352	2,852		3,204
Rocky Mountains	58	1,038	10,854	19,220		31,170
Barnett Shale	367	1,368	12,048	446		14,229
Gulf of Mexico			304	(36)		268
Onshore Gulf Coast	4,224	33,685	24,105	856	328	63,198
Alaska		(347)	2,876	79,072	38	81,639
	8,235	41,715	57,225	175,381	367	282,923
<b>South Africa</b>						
	65		403	910		1,378
<b>Tunisia</b>						
			16,521	10,291		26,812
<b>Other</b>						
	65		724			724
	65		17,648	11,201		28,914
<b>Total Worldwide</b>	<b>\$ 8,300</b>	<b>\$ 41,715</b>	<b>\$ 74,873</b>	<b>\$ 186,582</b>	<b>\$ 367</b>	<b>\$ 311,837</b>

The following table summarizes the Company's development and exploration/extension drilling activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2009:

	Beginning Wells in Progress	Wells Spud	Development Drilling		Ending Wells in Progress
			Successful Wells	Unsuccessful Wells	
United States	7	22	27		2
Tunisia		1			1
<b>Total Worldwide</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>3</b>

	Beginning Wells in Progress	Wells Spud	Exploration/Extension Drilling		Ending Wells in Progress
			Successful Wells	Unsuccessful Wells	
United States	10	9	8	2	9
Tunisia	5	1		3	3
<b>Total Worldwide</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>



*Permian Basin area.* In the Spraberry field, production averaged 31,827 BOEPD and 34,520 BOEPD during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, representing associated increases of six percent and thirteen percent, as compared to the same periods of 2008. As a result of the Company's reduced 2009 capital budget, the Company only completed four additional wells in the Spraberry field during the three months ended September 30, 2009. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company completed 21 Spraberry field wells. The Company expects to drill a total of 44 to 48 wells during 2009 in the Spraberry field. The Company resumed drilling in the Spraberry field in August and has three rigs operating in the area. The Company has plans to add 11 additional rigs by year end, increasing to 19 rigs by mid-2010 and 24 rigs by the end of 2010.

The Company plans to drill approximately 425 Spraberry wells during 2010. The majority of the Spraberry wells will be drilled deeper to add the Wolfcamp formation, which provides incremental production and proved reserve potential. Substantial declines in well costs, new oil price derivatives and forward market prices for oil exceeding \$70 per Bbl are supportive of the Company's plan to increase drilling activities during the fourth quarter of 2009 through 2010.

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During 2008, the Company initiated a program to test 20-acre well down spacing performance as part of its announced recovery improvement initiatives, which also include secondary recovery waterflood projects, shale/silt interval testing and horizontal well initiative opportunities in the Spraberry field. The Company continues to monitor the 20-acre pilot wells and their offsets with available data. The Company drilled a total of twenty 20-acre wells prior to 2009. With all 20 wells on production, the results are encouraging and will continue to be monitored before determining future plans for 20-acre drilling.

The Company also plans to implement a 7,000-acre waterflood project in the Spraberry field during 2010.

The 20-acre well spacing, waterflood project and other initiatives described above are being performed to enhance hydrocarbon recovery, as a percentage of oil in place, in those areas of the Spraberry field that are expected to be conducive for these undertakings. However, the ultimate incremental recovery rates associated with these initiatives cannot be predicted at this time.

*Mid-Continent area.* In the Hugoton and West Panhandle fields, 2009 daily production averaged 17,683 BOEPD and 18,215 BOEPD during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, representing respective decreases of six percent and seven percent, as compared to the same periods of 2008. Third quarter 2009 production was negatively impacted by unplanned third-party pipeline repairs. The Company continues to achieve production benefits in both the Hugoton and West Panhandle fields through gathering system efficiencies and improved system surveillance.

In the Hugoton field, the Company has completed its testing of both re-completed and new drill wells that are commingled in the Chase and Council Grove formations. Future development plans will incorporate further expansion of this activity in the field. In the West Panhandle field, the Company is not planning any 2009 development drilling in support of the Company's cost reduction initiatives. The Company is planning to maximize operating results in the field through well recompletions, fracture stimulations and continued replication of its successful lateral well cleanout program.

*Rocky Mountain area.* The Company's Raton Basin production volumes averaged 31,525 BOEPD and 31,426 BOEPD during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, representing respective declines of six percent and four percent, as compared to the same periods of 2008. The Company has been able to maintain relatively stable production, with low rates of decline, through initiatives such as compressor upgrades and optimization of compressor configurations. Future drilling operations will resume once gas prices and drilling costs stabilize allowing the Company to achieve targeted rates of return.

*South Texas area.* In South Texas, the Company's production volumes averaged 10,833 BOEPD and 12,688 BOEPD during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively. Production volumes during the third quarter of 2009 decreased by 16 percent, as compared to the third quarter of 2008, primarily due to reduced drilling expenditures in support of the aforementioned cost reduction initiatives and normal well declines. Production volumes for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 increased by four percent as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

The Company has a substantial number of Edwards play locations in inventory for development of the previously discovered Moray, Sawfish, Skipjack and Amberjack fields, as well as several as yet undrilled exploration prospects. Drilling activity in the Edwards play will resume when forecasted operating margins increase to a level that provides adequate economic returns on drilling. In the meantime, the Company continues to maintain its strong position in South Texas through both the renewal of existing leases and the acquisition of new leases.

During the third quarter of 2009, the Company began drilling the recently announced Sinor#5 well. This well was designed to delineate the potential of the Eagle Ford play in an unexplored area while taking advantage of the technical knowledge gained through the Edwards wells in the area that were drilled through the Eagle Ford shale horizon. The well flowed at an initial rate of approximately 11.3 MMcf-equivalent per day ( MMCFEPD ) of gas (approximately 8.3 MMCFEPD of liquids-rich gas and 500 BOEPD of higher-valued condensate). As a result of the success of the well, the Company intends to expand its multi-well Eagle Ford drilling program to continuously operate one rig in the play through 2010 and test the benefits of longer laterals and additional fracture-stimulation stages. The Company is also exploring joint venture opportunities to accelerate Eagle Ford Shale development operations. The Eagle Ford Shale play is prospective over much of the 310,000 acres that the Company currently holds.

In order to accommodate its Edwards Trend and Eagle Ford Play growth, the Company added additional gas gathering and processing infrastructure during 2008. The expansion includes over 28 miles of gathering system pipeline, three additional operated gas treatment plants

and two additional non-operated gas treatment plants.

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*Barnett Shale.* In the Barnett Shale area of Texas, the Company's production volumes averaged 2,937 BOEPD and 3,061 BOEPD during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, representing respective increases of 46 percent and 44 percent, as compared to the same periods of 2008. During the third quarter of 2009, the Company continued to improve operational performance including multiple successful well workovers and an increase in the capacity of the Company's water disposal system. During 2009, the Company participated in four non-operated successful wells, with three additional wells drilled and awaiting completion at quarter end, and is preparing to commence a 3-D seismic shoot over a portion of its acreage in the fourth quarter of 2009.

*Alaska area.* During the first three quarters of 2009, the Company continued drilling activities at its Oooguruk development project. The Company's production from the project, which began in June 2008, averaged 5,530 BOPD and 4,271 BOPD during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively. The Company drilled five horizontal wells within the project's Nuiqsut reservoir during the second and third quarters, of which three were fracture-stimulated production wells and two were unstimulated water injection wells. Early results from the first three fracture-stimulated production wells, which had a combined initial flow rate of 7,400 BOPD, suggest that stabilized production may be as much as two-to-three times that of an unstimulated injector.

On the Company's Cosmopolitan Unit project in the Cook Inlet, the Company drilled a lateral sidetrack during 2007 from an existing wellbore on an onshore site to further appraise the resource potential of the unit. The initial un-stimulated production test results were encouraging. The Company plans workover operations on the well in the fourth quarter of 2009 to repair the casing. The well may be fracture-stimulated in 2010, contingent upon the results of the casing repair and subsequent flow testing. The Company will continue to conduct permitting activities and facilities planning during the fourth quarter of 2009 and may drill another appraisal well during 2010.

*South Africa.* In South Africa, the Company's production averaged 5,803 BOEPD and 5,674 BOEPD during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, representing increases of 52 percent and 51 percent, as compared to the same periods of 2008. The substantial increases in production are reflective of the commencement of production from the most prolific well in Pioneer's South Coast Gas project during the fourth quarter of 2008. First production from the Company's Sable gas well was initiated in mid-October 2008 and the other wells in the South Coast Gas project resumed production in late-October. The operator of the South Coast Gas project began a major plant maintenance shutdown on September 24, 2009 at the Mossel Bay gas-to-liquids plant where the gas production is sold. The plant turnaround is expected to be completed and the plant back to full production capacity in early November. As a result, fourth quarter forecasted production is expected to be reduced by approximately 2,000 BOEPD.

In addition, the operator has also notified the Company that past production volumes reported for the South Coast Gas project were (in the operator's view) overstated due to potential meter measurement errors. During June 2009, the operator commenced reporting volumes for the Company's account from the South Coast Gas project at the reduced amount. The Company is awaiting further technical information from the operator in order to assess the extent of the errors, if any, and will be working closely with the operator and metering specialists during the fourth quarter of 2009 and early 2010 to validate the operator's position and better understand any metering errors to ensure that the Company has received, and will receive, its appropriate share of gas production from the South Coast Gas project. The Company does not expect that the resolution of this matter will have a material impact on its liquidity, results of operations or financial position.

*Tunisia.* The Company's two production concessions in Southern Tunisia averaged 6,485 BOEPD and 6,890 BOEPD of production during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, representing a decrease of 12 percent in the quarter-to-quarter comparison and an increase of 13 percent in the year-to-date comparison. In the Company-operated Cherouq Concession, production averaged 4,359 BOEPD during the nine months ended September 30, 2009, representing an increase of 58 percent, as compared to the same period of 2008. During 2009, the Company is completing the processing of the 295 square kilometers of 3-D seismic data acquired in 2008. The geosciences work program includes the integration of existing geologic data sets into a comprehensive basin modeling project targeted at reducing uncertainty and high-grading prospective exploration and development locations. Plans are currently underway to drill three wells in early-2010. Additionally, the Company is in the process of upgrading its existing production facilities by installing permanent equipment that is expected to reduce production costs.

During the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company plans to continue its exploratory and appraisal activities on the Adam Concession by participating in up to two non-operated wells. The Company also plans to begin a 3-D seismic acquisition program on the Borj El Khadra Permit during 2010.



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In the Anaguid permit, the Company has prepared a plan of development in order to request approval to convert 308 square kilometers of the existing exploration permit into a production concession. Additionally, the Company plans to complete the interpretation of the previously acquired seismic data and drill an additional exploration well during early-2010.

**Results of Operations**

**Oil and gas revenues.** Oil and gas revenues totaled \$410.0 million and \$1.1 billion for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to \$600.4 million and \$1.8 billion for the same respective periods of 2008.

The decrease in oil and gas revenues from continuing operations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the same periods of 2008, is reflective of decreases in revenues for all geographic operating segments. The decrease in revenues in the United States was due to decreases in average reported NGL and gas prices, partially offset by increases in average reported oil prices and sales volume increases. United States average daily sales volumes increased during the three months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to a six percent decrease in scheduled VPP deliveries. United States average daily sales volumes during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 increased as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008, primarily as a result of successful 2008 drilling activity, sales of approximately 876 BOEPD of NGLs that were in storage as of December 31, 2008 and a seven percent reduction in scheduled VPP deliveries. Revenues in Tunisia decreased due to decreases in average reported oil and gas prices during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008. Tunisian sales volumes also declined during the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to decreases in drilling activity in support of the Company's cost reduction initiatives and normal well declines. Tunisian average daily sales volumes increased during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to the 2008 drilling program. Revenues in South Africa decreased during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the same periods during 2008, due to decreases in average reported oil and gas prices, partially offset by increases in average daily gas sales volumes due to the initiation of gas production from the Sable field in the fourth quarter of 2008.

The following table provides average daily sales volumes from continuing operations, by geographic area and in total, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008	
Oil (Bbls):				
United States	24,754	19,824	24,989	19,919
South Africa	575	2,995	401	2,879
Tunisia	6,334	6,831	6,612	5,705
Worldwide	31,663	29,650	32,002	28,503
NGLs (Bbls):				
United States	18,602	18,884	20,044	19,568
Gas (Mcf):				
United States	341,874	364,357	360,896	365,438
South Africa	31,372	4,956	31,637	5,199
Tunisia	904	2,709	1,662	2,303
Worldwide	374,150	372,022	394,195	372,940
Total (BOE):				

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United States	100,335	99,434	105,182	100,394
South Africa	5,803	3,821	5,674	3,746
Tunisia	6,485	7,283	6,890	6,089
Worldwide	112,623	110,538	117,746	110,229

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The following table provides average daily sales volumes from discontinued operations, by geographic area and in total, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Oil (Bbls):</b>				
United States	266	756	741	1,093
<b>NGLs (Bbls):</b>				
United States	42	37	38	42
<b>Gas (Mcf):</b>				
United States	1,085	3,041	2,534	4,063
<b>Total (BOE):</b>				
United States	489	1,300	1,202	1,812

On a quarter-to-quarter BOE comparison, average daily sales volumes increased by one percent in the United States and by 52 percent in South Africa, but decreased by 11 percent in Tunisia. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008, average daily BOE sales volumes increased by 5 percent in the United States, by 51 percent in South Africa and by 13 percent in Tunisia.

During the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008, oil volumes delivered under the Company's VPPs decreased by 38 MBbl (5 percent) and 119 MBbl (5 percent), respectively, while gas volumes delivered under the Company's VPPs decreased by 230 MMcf (8 percent) and 713 MMcf (9 percent), respectively.

The oil, NGL and gas prices that the Company reports are based on the market price received for the commodities, adjusted by the results of the Company's cash flow hedging activities prior to February 1, 2009 and the amortization of deferred VPP revenue.



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The following table provides average reported prices from continuing operations (including the results of hedging activities and the amortization of deferred VPP revenue) and average realized prices from continuing operations (excluding the results of hedging activities and the amortization of deferred VPP revenue) by geographic area and in total, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
<b>Average reported prices:</b>				
Oil (per Bbl):				
United States	\$ 81.57	\$ 69.10	\$ 70.13	\$ 69.32
South Africa	\$ 70.30	\$ 107.89	\$ 63.08	\$ 113.39
Tunisia	\$ 65.76	\$ 101.01	\$ 56.83	\$ 109.38
Worldwide	\$ 78.20	\$ 80.37	\$ 67.29	\$ 81.79
NGL (per Bbl):				
United States	\$ 33.13	\$ 62.23	\$ 27.33	\$ 57.41
Gas (per Mcf):				
United States	\$ 3.42	\$ 7.92	\$ 3.69	\$ 8.09
South Africa	\$ 5.93	\$ 8.10	\$ 5.08	\$ 8.09
Tunisia	\$ 9.35	\$ 15.67	\$ 7.22	\$ 14.29
Worldwide	\$ 3.64	\$ 7.98	\$ 3.82	\$ 8.13
<b>Average realized prices:</b>				
Oil (per Bbl):				
United States	\$ 61.19	\$ 117.40	\$ 49.33	\$ 112.44
South Africa	\$ 70.30	\$ 107.89	\$ 63.08	\$ 113.39
Tunisia	\$ 65.76	\$ 101.01	\$ 56.83	\$ 109.38
Worldwide	\$ 62.27	\$ 112.67	\$ 51.05	\$ 111.92
NGL (per Bbl):				
United States	\$ 31.75	\$ 63.07	\$ 26.04	\$ 58.09
Gas (per Mcf):				
United States	\$ 2.95	\$ 8.36	\$ 3.10	\$ 8.40
South Africa	\$ 5.93	\$ 8.10	\$ 5.08	\$ 8.09
Tunisia	\$ 9.35	\$ 15.67	\$ 7.22	\$ 14.29
Worldwide	\$ 3.22	\$ 8.41	\$ 3.28	\$ 8.43

*Derivative activities.* The Company utilizes commodity swap, collar and 3-way collar contracts in order to (i) reduce the effect of price volatility on the commodities the Company produces and sells, (ii) support the Company's annual capital budgeting and expenditure plans and (iii) reduce commodity price risk associated with certain capital projects. Prior to February 1, 2009, the Company accounted for substantially all of its derivative activity using hedge accounting, which requires that the effective portions of changes in the fair values of the Company's commodity price hedges be deferred as increases or decreases to AOCI. Hedging until the underlying hedged transaction occurs. Consequently, changes in the effective portions of commodity price hedges added volatility to the Company's reported stockholders' equity until the hedge derivative either matured or was terminated. Effective February 1, 2009, the Company discontinued hedge accounting on all of its existing derivative instruments and since that date has accounted for its derivative instruments using the mark-to-market accounting method. See Note G of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for the scheduled amortization of net deferred gains and losses on discontinued commodity hedges that will be recognized as increases or decreases to future oil and gas revenues.

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The following table provides the net effect of settlements of oil, NGL and gas price hedges on oil and gas revenue from continuing operations for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>			
Increase (decrease) to oil revenue from hedging activity	\$ 21,668	\$ (114,203)	\$ 67,928	\$ (313,469)
Increase (decrease) to NGL revenue from hedging activity	2,364	(1,450)	7,042	(3,669)
Increase (decrease) to gas revenue from hedging activity	2,229	(28,377)	21,203	(71,106)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,261</b>	<b>\$ (144,030)</b>	<b>\$ 96,173</b>	<b>\$ (388,244)</b>

*Deferred revenue.* During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, the Company's amortization of deferred VPP revenue increased oil and gas revenues by \$37.2 million and \$110.9 million, respectively, as compared to increases of \$39.7 million and \$118.6 million during the same respective periods of 2008. See Notes G and N of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for specific information regarding the Company's VPPs.

*Interest and other income.* Interest and other income for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 was \$0.5 million and \$99.8 million, respectively, as compared to \$2.3 million and \$33.7 million for the same respective periods in 2008. The decrease in interest and other income from continuing operations during the three months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the same period in 2008, was primarily due to decreases in foreign currency remeasurement and exchange gains. The increase in interest and other income from continuing operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the same period in 2008, was primarily due to an increase of \$77.2 million in Alaskan petroleum production tax credits. See Note O of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for additional information regarding interest and other income.

*Oil and gas production costs.* The Company recorded oil and gas production costs of \$90.4 million and \$285.6 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, as compared to \$107.2 million and \$297.3 million during the same respective periods of 2008. In general, lease operating expenses and workover expenses represent the components of oil and gas production costs over which the Company has management control, while third-party transportation charges represent the cost to transport volumes produced to a sales point. Net natural gas plant/gathering charges represent the net costs to gather and process the Company's gas, reduced by net revenues earned from gathering and processing of third party gas in Company-owned facilities.

Total oil and gas production costs per BOE from continuing operations decreased by 17 percent and 10 percent during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2008. During 2008, the Company's oil and gas production costs increased throughout the first nine months of the year, primarily due to inflation of well servicing expense, electricity expense and water hauling costs. As a result of the Company's cost reduction initiatives that were started in late 2008 and continue in 2009, Pioneer has realized significant production cost reductions during the first three quarters of 2009, as compared to similar costs in 2008, and anticipates continued cost savings in the foreseeable future. The decrease in South Africa production costs is directly attributable to the shut in of the Sable oil field, which had a high fixed-cost component of production costs as compared to the South Coast Gas project, which has significantly lower production costs. The increase in Tunisia production costs is associated with the start-up of Cherouq production using rental facilities. Tunisia production costs are expected to decline with the installation of permanent facilities.

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The following tables provide the components of the Company's oil and gas production costs per BOE from continuing operations and total production costs per BOE from continuing operations by geographic area for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008
Lease operating expenses	\$ 6.91	\$ 8.87	\$ 7.09	\$ 8.14
Third-party transportation charges	0.91	1.14	0.93	1.08
Net natural gas plant/gathering charges	0.27	(0.34)	0.29	(0.16)
Workover costs	0.63	0.88	0.58	0.77
<b>Total production costs</b>	<b>\$ 8.72</b>	<b>\$ 10.55</b>	<b>\$ 8.89</b>	<b>\$ 9.83</b>

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008
United States	\$ 9.12	\$ 10.06	\$ 8.96	\$ 9.26
South Africa	\$ 1.54	\$ 29.55	\$ 3.08	\$ 28.00
Tunisia	\$ 9.20	\$ 7.22	\$ 12.38	\$ 8.45
Worldwide	\$ 8.72	\$ 10.55	\$ 8.89	\$ 9.83

**Production and ad valorem taxes.** The Company recorded production and ad valorem taxes of \$28.1 million and \$79.5 million during the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009, respectively, as compared to \$46.1 million and \$129.7 million for the same respective periods of 2008. In general, production taxes and ad valorem taxes are directly related to commodity price changes; however, Texas ad valorem taxes are based upon prior year commodity prices, whereas production taxes are based upon current commodity prices. Consequently, during the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009, the Company's production taxes per BOE have declined 56 percent and 63 percent, respectively, reflecting the year-to-year decline in commodity prices, while ad valorem taxes have also decreased during the same period.

The following table provides the Company's production and ad valorem taxes per BOE from continuing operations and total production and ad valorem taxes per BOE from continuing operations for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.58	\$ 1.42	\$ 1.44
Production taxes	1.31	2.95	1.05	2.85
<b>Total ad valorem and production taxes</b>	<b>\$ 2.71</b>	<b>\$ 4.53</b>	<b>\$ 2.47</b>	<b>\$ 4.29</b>

**Depletion, depreciation and amortization expense.** The Company's total DD&A expense was \$162.6 million (\$15.69 per BOE) and \$509.4 million (\$15.85 per BOE) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, as compared to \$121.3 million (\$11.92 per BOE) and \$338.2 million (\$11.20 per BOE) during the same respective periods of 2008. The increase in DD&A expense during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the same respective period of 2008, is primarily due to an increase in depletion of oil and gas properties.

In the reported results for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company reduced its DD&A expense by \$7.3 million to correct the overstatement of depletion expense attributable to oil and gas volumes sold during the three months ended June 30, 2009. See Note B of Notes to

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Depletion expense was \$15.00 per BOE and \$15.17 per BOE during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to \$11.20 per BOE and \$10.47 per BOE during the same respective periods of 2008. The 34 percent and 47 percent increases in per BOE depletion expense during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 are primarily due to (i) losing end-of-life reserves that became uneconomic as a result of commodity price declines since September 30, 2008, (ii) a generally increasing trend through 2008 in the Company's oil and gas properties' cost bases per BOE of proved and proved developed reserves as a result of cost inflation in drilling rig rates and drilling supplies and (iii) the relatively higher depletion rate per BOE associated with production from the Oooguruk development, which began first production in June 2008, and the South African South Coast Gas project, which became fully operational in October 2008.

The following table provides depletion expense per BOE from continuing operations by geographic area for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
United States	\$ 13.97	\$ 11.60	\$ 14.42	\$ 10.69
South Africa	\$ 38.98	\$ 11.69	\$ 37.33	\$ 12.81
Tunisia	\$ 9.45	\$ 5.58	\$ 8.35	\$ 5.46
Worldwide	\$ 15.00	\$ 11.20	\$ 15.17	\$ 10.47

**Impairment of oil and gas properties and other assets.** The Company reviews its long-lived assets to be held and used, including oil and gas properties, whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of those assets may not be recoverable. The Company recognized impairment charges of \$21.1 million and \$89.8 million to reduce the carrying value of the Company's oil and gas properties in the Uinta/Piceance areas during the three months ended March 31, 2009 and the three months ended September 30, 2008, respectively. Declines in gas prices and downward adjustments to the economically recoverable resource potential of the Company's Uinta/Piceance oil and gas properties during the first quarter of 2009 and the third quarter of 2008 led to the impairment charges.

Commodity price declines and a significant decrease in the Company's market capitalization during the second half of 2008 provided indications that the Company's \$310.6 million carrying value of goodwill may have been impaired as of December 31, 2008. The Company assessed the carrying value of goodwill for impairment as of December 31, 2008, March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and during the third quarter of 2009 and found it not to be impaired. However, goodwill remains at risk for impairment in future periods if commodity prices decline further or if other impairment indicators were to erode. See Note M of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for additional information regarding the Company's impairment assessments and the primary factors that impact the Company's assessments of goodwill and oil and gas properties for impairment.

**Exploration and abandonments expense.** The following tables provide the Company's geological and geophysical costs, exploratory dry holes expense and lease abandonments and other exploration expense by geographic area for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	United States	South Africa	Tunisia	Other	Total
<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>					
Geological and geophysical	\$ 9,766	\$ 114	\$ 2,160	\$ 141	\$ 12,181
Exploratory dry holes	4,048		2,750		6,798
Leasehold abandonments and other	6,094				6,094
	\$ 19,908	\$ 114	\$ 4,910	\$ 141	\$ 25,073

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**Three Months Ended September 30, 2008**

Geological and geophysical	\$ 16,541	\$	\$ 1,619	\$ 1,688	\$ 19,848
Exploratory dry holes	68,186		6,455	45	74,686
Leasehold abandonments and other	14,886				14,886
	\$ 99,613	\$	\$ 8,074	\$ 1,733	\$ 109,420

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	United States	South Africa	Tunisia	Other	Total
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>					
Geological and geophysical	\$ 29,051	\$ 403	\$ 6,291	\$ 724	\$ 36,469
Exploratory dry holes	6,757		9,167		15,924
Leasehold abandonments and other	25,468				25,468
	\$ 61,276	\$ 403	\$ 15,458	\$ 724	\$ 77,861
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>					
Geological and geophysical	\$ 56,826	\$ 52	\$ 13,369	\$ 6,851	\$ 77,098
Exploratory dry holes	69,300		7,705	488	77,493
Leasehold abandonments and other	18,123				18,123
	\$ 144,249	\$ 52	\$ 21,074	\$ 7,339	\$ 172,714

The Company's exploration and abandonment expense during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 is primarily attributable to geological and geophysical personnel costs, dry hole expense and unproved property abandonments. During the three months ended September 30, 2009, the Company's exploration and abandonment expense included exploratory dry holes and leasehold abandonment expenses of \$12.9 million, which is primarily comprised of \$5.9 million of U.S. unproved property abandonments and \$4.0 million and \$2.8 million of dry hole provisions in the U.S. and Tunisia, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company's exploration and abandonment expense included exploratory dry holes and leasehold abandonment expenses of \$41.4 million, which is primarily comprised of \$24.8 million of U.S. unproved property abandonments and \$6.8 million and \$9.2 million of dry hole provisions in the U.S. and Tunisia, respectively.

The Company's exploration and abandonment expense from continuing operations during the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 was primarily attributable to continued seismic activity in the Company's Rockies, Permian Basin, South Texas and Tunisian areas, and dry hole expense and unproved property abandonments. During the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008, the Company's exploration and abandonment expense included dry hole and leasehold abandonment and other exploration expenses of \$89.6 million and \$95.6 million, respectively, which were primarily comprised of the Company's unsuccessful Lay Creek CBM pilot project, the unsuccessful Delaware Basin exploration project and the unsuccessful exploration well in South Texas.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company drilled and evaluated 13 exploration/extension wells, eight of which were successfully completed as discoveries. During the same period in 2008, the Company drilled and evaluated 52 exploration/extension wells, 37 of which were successfully completed as discoveries. The decline in the number of exploration/extension wells drilled by the Company is primarily due to the Company's significant reduction in its capital budget in support of cost reduction initiatives.

**General and administrative expense.** General and administrative expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 was \$34.8 million and \$102.7 million, respectively, as compared to \$31.6 million and \$103.7 million during the same respective periods of 2008. The increase in general and administrative expense during the three months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2008, was primarily due to an increase in compensation expenses, including amortization of 2009 restricted stock awards, and a decline in administrative overhead recoveries from third parties. The decrease in general and administrative expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the same period in 2008, was primarily due to the Company's costs reduction initiatives, partially offset by an increase in compensation expenses and a decline in administrative overhead recoveries from third parties.

**Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations.** Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations was \$2.8 million and \$8.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, as compared to \$2.0 million and \$5.9 million during the same respective periods of 2008. The increase in accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations during 2009 is primarily due to the accretion of larger asset retirement obligations as a result of declining commodity prices having the effect of reducing the economic life of the Company's wells, thus accelerating their forecasted abandonment date, as well as new wells placed on production. See Note H of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1. Financial Statements for information regarding the Company's asset retirement obligations.





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**Interest expense.** Interest expense was \$43.4 million and \$128.1 million for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009, respectively, as compared to \$41.2 million and \$123.1 million during the same respective periods of 2008. The weighted average interest rate on the Company's indebtedness for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, including the effects of interest rate derivatives and capitalized interest, was 5.2 percent and 5.5 percent as compared to 5.5 percent for the same respective periods of 2008.

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the provisions of ASC 470 (formerly FSP ABP 14-1). The provisions of ASC 470 resulted in a retrospective adjustment to increase the Company's 2008 interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30 by \$3.5 million and \$9.7 million, respectively, and added \$3.6 million and \$10.7 million to the Company's interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively. See Notes B and F of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for additional information regarding the Company's adoption of ASC 470.

The \$2.3 million increase in interest expense during the three months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the same period of 2008, was primarily due to a \$2.0 million decrease in capitalized interest related to the Oooguruk project as completed wells are placed on production. The \$5.0 million increase in interest expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the same period of 2008, was primarily due to (i) a \$7.7 million decrease in capitalized interest related to the Oooguruk project as completed wells are placed on production and (ii) a \$5.3 million increase in interest rate hedge losses, partially offset by (iii) an \$8.0 million decrease in cash interest expense on long-term borrowings.

**Hurricane activity, net.** The Company recorded net hurricane related activity expenses of \$1.8 million and \$18.3 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, as compared to \$0.5 million and \$2.4 million during the same respective periods of 2008. Hurricane activity, net is associated with the Company's East Cameron platform facility, located on the Gulf of Mexico shelf, which was destroyed during 2005 by Hurricane Rita.

The Company estimates that it will expend approximately \$4 million to \$5 million to complete the operations to reclaim and abandon the East Cameron platform facilities during 2010. Since January 2007, the Company has expended approximately \$196.2 million on operations to reclaim and abandon the East Cameron platform facilities. The Company's remaining estimate to reclaim and abandon the East Cameron facilities is based upon an analysis prepared by the Company. During 2007, the Company commenced legal actions against its insurance carriers regarding certain policy coverage issues. The Company continues to expect that a substantial portion of the loss will be recoverable from insurance. During the first three quarters of 2009, the Company received \$29.7 million of insurance recoveries associated with East Cameron facilities that reduced the Company's recorded receivable for debris removal from one insurance carrier. The Company also received related insurance proceeds of \$5.3 million during October 2009 from the same carrier. See Note Q of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for specific information regarding the Company's East Cameron facility reclamation and abandonment.

**Derivative losses, net.** Effective February 1, 2009, the Company discontinued hedge accounting on all existing derivative instruments, and from that date forward has accounted for derivative instruments using the mark-to-market accounting method. Under the mark-to-market accounting method, the Company recognizes all changes in the fair values of its derivative contracts as gains or losses in the earnings of the periods in which the changes occur. During the three months ended September 30, 2009, the Company's commodity price derivatives increased derivative losses, net by \$15.2 million, of which amount \$13.4 million represented unrealized losses subject to continuing market risk, and \$1.8 million represented realized losses. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company's commodity price derivatives increased derivative losses, net by \$85.6 million, of which amount \$120.9 million represented unrealized losses subject to continuing market risk, and \$35.3 million represented realized gains.

**Other expense.** Other expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 was \$21.4 million and \$89.5 million, respectively, as compared to \$34.0 million and \$54.2 million for the same respective periods of 2008. The \$12.6 million decrease in other expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2009, is primarily attributable to an \$18.0 million decrease in bad debt expense, offset by a \$5.5 million increase in idle well servicing operations costs. The \$35.3 million increase in other expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008, is primarily attributable to (i) a \$33.0 million increase in stacked and termination charges associated with drilling rig commitments, (ii) a \$9.2 million increase in idle well servicing (iii) a \$6.8 million increase in transportation commitment loss and (iv) a \$5.9 million increase in foreign currency exchange losses, partially offset by (v) a \$22.0 million decrease in bad debt expense. See Note P of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for additional information.



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***Income tax provision.*** The Company recognized income tax benefits from continuing operations of \$5.2 million and \$47.7 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, as compared to income tax provisions of \$13.2 million and \$217.6 million during the same respective periods of 2008. The income tax benefits during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the income tax provisions of the respective 2008 periods, were primarily due to decreases in income from continuing operations before income taxes, reflecting the significant decline in commodity prices and noncash derivative losses associated with mark-to-market accounting. The Company's effective tax rates on continuing operations of 21 percent and 28 percent during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, differ from the combined United States federal and state statutory rate of approximately 37 percent primarily due to:

foreign tax rates,

statutes in foreign jurisdictions that differ from those in the U.S.,

a U.S. loss being consolidated with income in certain foreign jurisdictions with higher tax rates and

expenses in foreign locations where the Company does not expect to receive income tax benefits, principally attributable to well costs in Tunisia.

In the reported results for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company recognized an additional deferred provision of \$2.9 million and a current tax benefit of \$178 thousand related to the Company's correction of the understatement of reported earnings for the three months ended June 30, 2009. See Notes B and E of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for additional information regarding this correction.

See Note E of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for additional information regarding the Company's income taxes.

***Income from discontinued operations, net of tax.*** The Company reported income from discontinued operations, net of tax of \$12.1 million and \$13.9 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, as compared to \$0.3 million and \$14.7 million for the same respective periods of 2008. See Note R of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for specific information regarding the Company's discontinued operations.

***Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest.*** Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 was \$9.0 million and \$12.3 million, respectively, as compared to net income attributable to noncontrolling interest of \$8.4 million and \$15.4 million for the same respective periods of 2008. The \$0.6 million increase and \$3.1 million decrease in net income attributable to noncontrolling interest is primarily due to noncontrolling interests in the respective 2009 periods' net income of Pioneer Southwest. See Note B of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for additional information regarding Pioneer Southwest and the Company's noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiaries' net income.

**Capital Commitments, Capital Resources and Liquidity**

***Capital commitments.*** The Company's primary needs for cash are for capital expenditures and acquisition expenditures on oil and gas assets, payment of contractual obligations, dividends/distributions and working capital obligations. Funding for these cash needs, as well as funding for any stock or debt repurchases that the Company may undertake, may be provided by any combination of internally-generated cash flow, proceeds from the disposition of nonstrategic assets or external financing sources as discussed in Capital resources below. The Company expects that it will be able to fund its needs for cash (excluding acquisitions) with internal operating cash flows and with its liquidity under its Credit Facility. Acquisitions may be funded with internal operating cash flows, the proceeds from debt or equity offerings or availability under the Company's Credit Facility. Although the Company expects that internal operating cash flows will be adequate to fund capital expenditures and dividend/distribution payments, and that available borrowing capacity under the Company's Credit Facility will provide adequate liquidity to

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fund other needs, no assurances can be given that such funding sources will be adequate to meet the Company's future needs.

The worldwide economic slowdown has negatively impacted the demand for energy and as a result, commodity prices have declined significantly since their highs in mid-2008. As a result of the significant decline in commodity prices, the Company implemented cost reduction initiatives to reduce capital spending, operating costs and general

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and administrative expenses to support its goal of delivering net cash flow from operating activities in excess of capital requirements in 2009 and to enhance and preserve financial flexibility. Specifically, the Company significantly reduced its 2009 rig activity and has realized significant reductions in operating expenses and well costs to better align costs with a lower commodity price environment. Rigs have been terminated or stacked in the Spraberry, Raton, Edwards Trend and Barnett Shale areas and in Tunisia.

As a result of the successes realized from the Company's cost reduction initiatives and increases in 2009 oil prices, the Company is implementing a plan to resume oil- and liquids-gas-rich focused drilling activities during 2010 and has preliminarily targeted its 2010 capital budget to be in a range of \$800 million to \$900 million (excluding acquisitions, effects of asset retirement obligations, capitalized interest and geological and geophysical administrative costs). The Company's 2009 annual capital costs (excluding acquisitions, effects of asset retirement obligations, capitalized interest and geological and geophysical administrative costs) are expected to total approximately \$300 million. During the first three quarters of 2009, the Company's capital costs (excluding acquisitions, effects of asset retirement obligations, capitalized interest and geological and geophysical administrative costs) were \$224.2 million, as compared to \$947.2 million during the first three quarters of 2008, representing a 76 percent decrease.

*Investing activities.* Investing activities used \$313.0 million of cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to \$884.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The \$571.7 million decrease in net cash used in investing activities is primarily due to a \$676.8 million decrease in additions to oil and gas properties and a \$14.0 million decrease in additions to other assets and other property and equipment, net; partially offset by a \$119.1 million decrease in proceeds from the disposition of assets. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company's expenditures for additions to oil and gas properties were funded by net cash provided by operating activities. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company's expenditures for additions to oil and gas properties were funded by \$816.5 million of net cash provided by operating activities, \$143.4 million of proceeds from the disposition of assets and borrowings on the Company's Credit Facility.

*Dividends/distributions.* During March 2009 and 2008, the Company's board of directors (the Board) declared semiannual dividends of \$0.04 per common share and \$0.14 per common share, respectively. Associated therewith, the Company paid approximately \$4.7 million and \$16.9 million of aggregate dividends during April 2009 and 2008, respectively. During August 2009 and 2008, the Board declared semiannual dividends of \$0.04 per common share and \$0.16 per common share, respectively. Associated therewith, the Company paid approximately \$4.7 million and \$19.2 million during October 2009 and 2008, respectively. Future dividends are at the discretion of the Board, and, if declared, the Board may change the current dividend amount based on the Company's liquidity and capital resources at the time.

During January, April, July and October 2009, the Pioneer Southwest board of directors (the Pioneer Southwest Board) declared quarterly distributions of \$0.50 per limited partner unit. Associated therewith, Pioneer Southwest paid aggregate distributions to noncontrolling unitholders of \$4.7 million in each of February, May and August 2009 and will pay \$4.7 million on November 12, 2009 related to the October 2009 distribution declaration. During July and October 2008, the Pioneer Southwest Board declared \$0.31 and \$0.50 per limited partner unit distributions, respectively. Associated therewith, Pioneer Southwest paid aggregate distributions to noncontrolling unitholders of \$2.9 million and \$4.7 million in August 2008 and November 2008, respectively. Future distributions are at the discretion of the Pioneer Southwest Board, and, if declared, the Pioneer Southwest Board may change the current distribution amount based on Pioneer Southwest's liquidity and capital resources at the time.

*Share repurchases.* During February 2007, the Board approved a share repurchase program authorizing the purchase of up to \$750 million of the Company's common stock. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, the Company expended \$16.3 million to acquire 1.0 million shares of treasury stock and \$69.9 million to acquire 1.3 million shares of treasury stock, respectively, under share repurchase programs. As of September 30, 2009, \$355.8 million of stock may be purchased in the future under the \$750 million Board authorization.

*Contractual obligations, including off-balance sheet obligations.* The Company's contractual obligations include long-term debt, operating leases, drilling commitments, derivative obligations, other liabilities, transportation commitments and VPP obligations. From time-to-time, the Company enters into off-balance sheet arrangements and transactions that can give rise to material off-balance sheet obligations of the Company. As of September 30, 2009, the material off-balance sheet arrangements and transactions that the Company has entered into included (i) undrawn letters of credit, (ii) operating lease agreements, (iii) drilling and transportation commitments, (iv) VPP obligations (to physically deliver volumes and pay related lease operating expenses in the future) and (v) contractual obligations for which the ultimate settlement amounts are not fixed and determinable, such as derivative contracts that are sensitive to future changes in commodity prices. Other than the off-balance sheet arrangements described above, the Company has



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no transactions, arrangements or other relationships with unconsolidated entities or other persons that are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's liquidity or availability of or requirements for capital resources. Since December 31, 2008, the material changes in the Company's contractual obligations included a \$31.9 million decrease in outstanding long-term borrowings, a \$110.9 million decrease in the Company's VPP obligations, a \$142.7 million increase in the Company's net derivative liabilities and a decrease of \$52.6 million in the Company's rig commitments. See Note F of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for additional information regarding the Company's long-term debt and Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk for information regarding the interest on the Company's long-term debt and a table of changes in the fair value of the Company's open derivative obligations during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

In accordance with GAAP, the Company periodically measures and records certain assets and liabilities at fair value. The assets and liabilities that the Company periodically measures and records at fair value include trading securities, deferred compensation plan assets, commodity derivative contracts and interest rate derivative contracts. See Note D of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for additional information regarding these assets and liabilities and the valuation techniques used to measure their fair values.

The Company's commodity and interest rate derivative contracts that are periodically measured and recorded at fair value represent those derivatives that continue to be subject to market or credit risk. As of September 30, 2009, these contracts represented net liabilities of \$73.6 million, including \$25.4 million of terminated hedge liabilities that are no longer subject to market risk. The ultimate liquidation value of the Company's commodity and interest rate derivatives that are subject to market risk will be dependent upon actual future commodity prices and interest rates, which may differ materially from the inputs used to determine the derivatives' fair values as of September 30, 2009. See Note G of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements and Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk for additional information about the Company's derivative instruments and market risk.

**Capital resources.** The Company's primary capital resources are net cash provided by operating activities, proceeds from sales of nonstrategic assets and proceeds from financing activities (principally borrowings under the Company's Credit Facility). If internal cash flows do not meet the Company's expectations, the Company may further reduce its level of capital expenditures, reduce dividend payments, and/or fund a portion of its capital expenditures using borrowings under its Credit Facility, issuances of debt or equity securities or from other sources, such as asset sales.

**Operating activities.** Net cash provided by operating activities during the nine month period ended September 30, 2009 was \$410.8 million, as compared to \$816.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The decrease in net cash provided by operating activities for the nine month period ended September 30, 2009 is primarily due to decreased oil, NGL and gas prices from continuing operations, partially offset by an increase in commodity sales volumes.

**Asset divestitures.** During June and August 2009, the Company sold its Mississippi assets and its shelf properties in the Gulf of Mexico, respectively, for a net gain of \$17.8 million. Also during August 2009, Pioneer USA sold certain of its properties in the Spraberry Field in West Texas to Pioneer Southwest for proceeds of \$171.2 million before normal closing adjustments. The transaction value also included the assignment of 2009 through 2013 commodity price derivative positions to Pioneer Southwest. Pioneer Southwest is a partially-owned and consolidated subsidiary of the Company. Consequently, the sale of the properties from Pioneer USA to Pioneer Southwest represented a transfer among entities under common control and did not reduce the Company's oil and gas properties' carrying values.

In November 2007, the Company sold all of the common stock of its Canadian subsidiaries for net proceeds of \$525.7 million, \$132.8 million of which was deposited in a Canadian escrow account pending receipt from the Canada Revenue Agency of appropriate tax certifications. The tax certifications were received in January 2008 and the escrowed funds were subsequently released to the Company. Proceeds from disposition of assets of \$143.4 million for the first nine months of 2008 are primarily comprised of the receipt of the escrowed Canadian sales proceeds, net of foreign exchange differentials.

**Financing activities.** Net cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was \$90.6 million, as compared to \$122.9 million of net cash provided by financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The \$213.5 million increase in cash used by financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008, is primarily due to a \$166.0 million decrease in Pioneer Southwest net proceeds from the issuance of limited partnership units and a \$110.2 million decrease in net long-term borrowings, partially offset by a \$64.4 million decrease in treasury stock purchases.

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As the Company pursues its strategy, it may utilize various financing sources, including, to the extent available, fixed and floating rate debt, convertible securities, preferred stock or common stock. The Company may also issue securities in exchange for oil and gas properties, stock or other interests in other oil and gas companies or related assets. Additional securities may be of a class preferred to common stock with respect to such matters as dividends and liquidation rights and may also have other rights and preferences as determined by the Board.

**Liquidity.** The Company's principal sources of short-term liquidity are cash on hand and unused borrowing capacity under its Credit Facility. As of September 30, 2009, the Company had \$730 million of outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility. Including \$46 million of undrawn and outstanding letters of credit under the Credit Facility, the Company had approximately \$724 million of unused borrowing capacity as of September 30, 2009. If internal cash flows do not meet the Company's expectations, the Company may further reduce its level of capital expenditures, reduce dividend payments, and/or fund a portion of its capital expenditures using borrowings under its Credit Facility, issuances of debt or equity securities or from other sources, such as asset sales. The Company cannot provide any assurance that needed short-term or long-term liquidity will be available on acceptable terms or at all. Although the Company expects that internal cash flows will be adequate to fund capital expenditures and dividend payments, and that available borrowing capacity under the Company's Credit Facility will provide adequate liquidity, no assurances can be given that such funding sources will be adequate to meet the Company's future needs. For instance, the amount that the Company may borrow under the Credit Facility in the future could be reduced as a result of lower oil, NGL or gas prices, among other items.

The Company's Credit Facility is subject to certain covenants, including the maintenance of a PV Ratio. Effective April 29, 2009, the Company and its lenders amended the Credit Facility to provide the Company additional financial flexibility if longer-term commodity prices were to significantly deteriorate from current levels. The amendment reduced the required PV Ratio from 1.75 to 1.0 to 1.5 to 1.0 through the period ending March 31, 2011, after which time the ratio reverts to 1.75 to 1.0, and provides that the Company may include in the PV Ratio calculation 75 percent of the market value of its ownership of limited partner units of Pioneer Southwest.

**Debt ratings.** The Company receives debt credit ratings from Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, Inc. (S&P) and Moody's, which are subject to regular reviews. S&P's rating for the Company is BB+ with a negative outlook. Moody's rating for the Company is Ba1 with a negative outlook. The Company believes that S&P and Moody's consider many factors in determining the Company's ratings including: production growth opportunities, liquidity, debt levels, asset composition and proved reserve mix. A reduction in the Company's debt ratings could negatively impact the Company's ability to obtain additional financing or the interest rate, fees and other terms associated with such additional financing. As of September 30, 2009, the Company was in compliance with all of its debt covenants.

**Book capitalization and current ratio.** The Company's net book capitalization at September 30, 2009 was \$6.4 billion, consisting of \$55.6 million of cash and cash equivalents, debt of \$2.9 billion and stockholders' equity of \$3.5 billion. The Company's net debt to net book capitalization was 45 percent and 44 percent at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The Company's ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 0.82 to 1.00 at September 30, 2009 as compared to 0.70 to 1.00 at December 31, 2008.

**New accounting pronouncements.** The effects of new accounting pronouncements are discussed in Note B of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements.



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The following quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk are supplementary to the quantitative and qualitative disclosures provided in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. As such, the information contained herein should be read in conjunction with the related disclosures in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

The primary objective of the following information is to provide forward-looking quantitative and qualitative information about the Company's potential exposure to market risks. The term "market risks", insofar as it relates to currently anticipated transactions of the Company, refers to the risk of loss arising from changes in commodity prices, foreign exchange rates and interest rates. These disclosures are not meant to be precise indicators of expected future losses, but rather indicators of reasonably possible losses. This forward-looking information provides indicators of how the Company views and manages ongoing market risk exposures. All of the Company's market risk sensitive instruments are entered into for purposes other than speculative.

Effective February 1, 2009, the Company discontinued hedge accounting on all existing derivative instruments, and from that date forward has accounted for derivative instruments using the mark-to-market accounting method. Therefore, the Company will recognize all future changes in the fair values of its derivative contracts as gains or losses in the earnings of the period in which they occur.

The following table reconciles the changes that occurred in the fair values of the Company's open derivative contracts during the nine months ending 2009:

	Derivative Contract Net Assets (Liabilities)			
	Commodities (a)	Interest Rate (a)	Commodity Unwinds	Total
	(in thousands)			
Fair value of contracts outstanding as of December 31, 2008	\$ 112,286	\$ (9,903)	\$ (40,312)	\$ 62,071
Changes in contract fair value (b)	(82,463)	(3,120)		(85,583)
Contract maturities	(89,629)	6,072	15,621	(67,936)
Accretion of discount			(707)	(707)
Contract terminations	11,576			11,576
Fair value of contracts outstanding as of September 30, 2009	\$ (48,230)	\$ (6,951)	\$ (25,398)	\$ (80,579)

(a) Represents the fair values of open derivative contracts subject to market risk.

(b) At inception, derivative contracts entered into by the Company had no intrinsic value.

**Interest rate sensitivity.** See Note F of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements and Capital Commitments, Capital Resources and Liquidity included in Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for information regarding debt transactions.

The following table provides information about financial instruments to which the Company was a party as of September 30, 2009 and that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. For debt obligations, the table presents maturities by expected maturity dates, the weighted average interest rates expected to be paid on the debt given current contractual terms and market conditions and the debt's estimated fair value. For fixed rate debt, the weighted average interest rate represents the contractual fixed rates that the Company was obligated to periodically pay on the debt as of September 30, 2009. For variable rate debt, the average interest rate represents the average rates being paid on the debt projected forward proportionate to the forward yield curve for LIBOR on November 2, 2009.

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	Three Months		Year Ending December 31,					Liability
	Ending		2010	2011	2012	2013	Thereafter	Fair Value at September 30, 2009
	December 31, 2009							
<b>Total Debt:</b>								
Fixed rate principal maturities (a)	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6,110	\$ 480,000	\$ 1,639,985	\$ 2,126,095	\$ 1,990,684
Weighted average interest rate	5.74%	5.74%	5.74%	5.73%	5.74%	6.83%		
Variable rate principal maturities:								
Pioneer Natural Resources Credit Facility								
Weighted average interest rate	2.32%	3.00%	4.42%	5.44%			\$ 730,000	\$ 723,653
Pioneer Southwest Credit Facility								
Weighted average interest rate	1.20%	1.88%	3.29%	4.31%	4.79%		\$ 135,000	\$ 132,562
<b>Interest Rate Swaps (b):</b>								
Credit Facility:								
Notional debt amount (c)	\$ 450,000	\$ 277,222	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		\$ 6,951
Fixed rate payable (%)	2.87%	2.97%	3.00%					
Variable rate receivable (%)	0.32%	1.00%	2.42%					
Fixed rate receivable (%)	3.09%	3.09%	3.09%	3.09%	3.09%	3.09%		
Variable rate payable (%)	0.32%	1.00%	2.42%	3.44%	3.92%	4.13%		

- (a) Represents maturities of principal amounts excluding (i) debt issuance discounts and premiums and (ii) net deferred fair value hedge losses.
- (b) Subsequent to September 30, 2009, the Company terminated \$50 million notional amount of fixed-for-variable rate swap contracts and \$111 million notional amount of variable-for-fixed rate swap contracts.
- (c) Represents weighted average notional contract amounts of interest rate derivatives.

**Commodity price sensitivity.** The following tables provide information about the Company's oil, NGL and gas derivative financial instruments that were sensitive to changes in oil, NGL and gas prices as of September 30, 2009. Although mitigated by the Company's derivative activities, declines in commodity prices will reduce Pioneer's revenues and internal cash flows. Recent uncertainties in worldwide financial markets and recently proposed legislation restricting derivative activities may have the effect of reducing liquidity in the financial derivatives market, impeding the Company's ability to enter into derivative contracts under acceptable terms.

**Commodity derivative instruments.** The Company manages commodity price risk with derivative contracts, such as swap and collar contracts. Swap contracts provide a fixed price for a notional amount of sales volumes. Collar contracts provide minimum ( floor ) and maximum ( ceiling ) prices for the Company on a notional amount of sales volumes, thereby allowing some price participation if the relevant index price closes above the floor price. Collar contracts with short put options differ from other collar contracts by virtue of the short put option price, below which the Company's realized price will exceed the variable market prices by the long put-to-short put price differential. With collar contracts, if the relevant market price is above the ceiling price, the Company pays the derivative counterparty the difference between the market price and the ceiling price; if the relevant market price is between the ceiling price and the floor price, the derivative has no cash settlement value; and, if the relevant market price is below the floor price, the Company receives the difference between the floor price and the market price from the counterparty. Collar contracts with short puts are similar to collar contracts, except that if the relevant market price is below the short put price, the Company receives the difference between the floor price and short put price from the counterparty.

See Note G of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements for a description of the accounting procedures followed by the Company relative to its derivative financial instruments and for specific information regarding the terms of the Company's derivative financial instruments that are sensitive to changes in oil, NGL or gas prices.



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	Three Months Ending December 31, 2009	2010	Year Ending December 31,			Asset (Liability) Fair Value at September 30, 2009 (in thousands)
			2011	2012	2013	
<b>Oil Derivatives (a):</b>						
Average daily notional Bbl volumes:						
Swap contracts	11,250	2,500	750	3,000	3,000	\$ 9,356
Weighted average fixed price per Bbl	\$ 63.41	\$ 93.34	\$ 77.25	\$ 79.32	\$ 81.02	
Collar contracts	2,000		2,000			\$ 27,758
Weighted average ceiling price per Bbl	\$ 70.38	\$	\$ 170.00	\$	\$	
Weighted average floor price per Bbl	\$ 52.00	\$	\$ 115.00	\$	\$	
Collar contracts with short puts	15,000	25,000	25,000	1,000	1,250	\$ (54,116)
Weighted average ceiling price per Bbl	\$ 69.72	\$ 83.63	\$ 94.60	\$ 103.50	\$ 111.50	
Weighted average floor price per Bbl	\$ 51.47	\$ 66.24	\$ 72.80	\$ 80.00	\$ 83.00	
Weighted average short put price per Bbl	\$ 41.47	\$ 53.48	\$ 58.52	\$ 65.00	\$ 68.00	
Average forward NYMEX oil prices (b)	\$ 78.71	\$ 82.12	\$ 85.36	\$ 87.27	\$ 88.96	
<b>NGL Derivatives (a):</b>						
Average daily notional Bbl volumes:						
Swap contracts	3,750	1,250	750	750		\$ 1,407
Weighted average fixed price per Bbl	\$ 34.28	\$ 47.38	\$ 34.65	\$ 35.03	\$	
Average forward Mont Belvieu NGL prices (c)	\$ 41.41	\$ 40.89	\$ 41.36	\$ 42.16	\$	
<b>Gas Derivatives (a):</b>						
Average daily notional MMBtu volumes (b):						
Swap contracts	137,500	152,295	2,500	2,500	2,500	\$ 30,800
Weighted average fixed price per MMBtu	\$ 6.13	\$ 6.42	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.77	\$ 6.89	
Collar contracts	20,000	30,000				\$ 2,997
Weighted average ceiling price per MMBtu	\$ 5.90	\$ 7.52	\$	\$	\$	
Weighted average floor price per MMBtu	\$ 4.00	\$ 6.00	\$	\$	\$	
Collar contracts with short puts	150,000	95,000	175,000	50,000		\$ (5,374)
Weighted average ceiling price per MMBtu	\$ 5.35	\$ 7.94	\$ 8.69	\$ 8.81	\$	
Weighted average floor price per MMBtu	\$ 4.18	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.25	\$	
Weighted average short put price per MMBtu	\$ 3.18	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.93	\$ 4.50	\$	
Basis swap contracts	285,000	215,000	100,000	20,000	10,000	\$ (61,058)
Weighted average fixed price per MMBtu	\$ (0.96)	\$ (0.77)	\$ (0.71)	\$ (0.78)	\$ (0.71)	
Average forward NYMEX gas prices (b)	\$ 4.82	\$ 5.54	\$ 6.48	\$ 6.80	\$ 7.01	

- (a) Subsequent to September 30, 2009, the Company entered into additional oil collar contracts with short puts for (i) 2,000 Bbls per day of the Company's 2010 production with a ceiling price of \$86.50 per Bbl, a floor price of \$75.00 per Bbl and a short put price of \$60.00 per Bbl, (ii) 9,000 Bbls per day of the Company's 2011 production with a ceiling price of \$107.37 per Bbl, a floor price of \$75.00 per Bbl and a short put price of \$60.00 per Bbl and (iii) 4,000 Bbls per day of the Company's 2012 production with a ceiling price of \$107.50 per Bbl, a floor price of \$80.00 per Bbl and a short put price of \$65.00 per Bbl. Subsequent to September 30, 2009, the Company unwound gas swap contracts for 24,795 MMBtu per day of the Company's 2010 production at an average price of \$5.56 per MMBtu.
- (b) The average forward NYMEX oil and gas prices are based on November 2, 2009 market quotes.
- (c) Forward Mont Belvieu NGL prices are not available as formal market quotes. These forward prices represent estimates as of October 30, 2009 provided by third parties who actively trade in the derivatives.

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**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

***Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.*** The Company's management, with the participation of its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, have evaluated, as required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this Report. Based on that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective at a reasonable assurance level in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

***Changes in internal control over financial reporting.*** There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the Company's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

The Company is party to the legal proceedings that are described under "Legal actions" in Note J of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in "Item 1. Financial Statements." The Company is also party to other proceedings and claims incidental to its business. While many of these other matters involve inherent uncertainty, the Company believes that the amount of the liability, if any, ultimately incurred with respect to such other proceedings and claims will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position as a whole or on its liquidity, capital resources or future annual results of operations.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

In addition to the other information set forth in this Report, you should carefully consider the risks discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K under the headings "Item 1. Business - Competition, Markets and Regulations," "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk," as updated by the discussions in Part II of the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2009 and June 30, 2009, which risks could materially affect the Company's business, financial condition or future results. There has been no material change in the Company's risk factors from those described in the Annual Report on Form 10-K, as updated by those Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.

These risks are not the only risks facing the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to the Company or that it currently deems to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition or future results.

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**Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers**

The following table summarizes the Company's purchases of treasury stock during the three months ended September 30, 2009:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased (a)</b>	<b>Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased As Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>Approximate Dollar Amount of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased under Plans or Programs (b)</b>
July 2009	20,398	\$ 28.56		
August 2009	27,616	\$ 29.75		
September 2009	351	\$ 28.96		
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,365</b>	<b>\$ 29.24</b>		<b>\$ 355,789,018</b>

(a) Consists of shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding on employees' share-based awards.

(b) During 2007, the Board approved a share repurchase program authorizing the purchase of up to \$750 million of the Company's common stock.

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10.1	Indemnification Agreement between the Company and Scott D. Sheffield, together with a schedule identifying other substantially identical agreements between the Company and each of its executive officers and non-employee directors identified on the schedule and identifying the material differences between each of those agreements and the filed Indemnification Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 1-13245, filed with the SEC on August 27, 2009).
10.2	Limited Waiver Regarding Credit Agreement, entered into as of March 26, 2009, among Pioneer Southwest Energy Partners L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the Partnership), as the Borrower, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and the other lenders signatory thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 001-34032, filed with the SEC on March 31, 2009).
10.3(a)	Amendment No. 2 to the Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. 401(k) and Matching Plan, effective January 1, 2009.
10.4(a)	Amendment No. 3 to the Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. 401(k) and Matching Plan, executed October 28, 2009 effective as of the dates specified therein.
12.1 (a)	Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends
31.1 (a)	Chief Executive Officer certification under Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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- (a) Filed herewith.  
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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereto duly authorized.

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

Date: November 6, 2009

By: /s/ Richard P. Dealy  
Richard P. Dealy  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 6, 2009

By: /s/ Frank W. Hall  
Frank W. Hall  
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer



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