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

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008

OR

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

For the transition period from            to            .

Commission File Number 001-33147

**Constellation Energy Partners LLC**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State of organization)

**11-3742489**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**111 Market Place**

**Baltimore, Maryland**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**21202**  
(Zip Code)

**Telephone Number: (410) 468-3500**

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 is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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

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

**Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.**

Common Units outstanding on April 30, 2008: 21,915,110 units

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**Table of Contents****PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC and SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss****(Unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
	(In 000 s except unit data)	
<b>Revenues</b>		
Oil and gas sales	\$ 32,388	\$ 11,307
Loss from mark-to-market activities (see Note 5)	(2,956)	(2,782)
<b>Total revenues</b>	29,432	8,525
<b>Expenses:</b>		
<b>Operating expenses:</b>		
Lease operating expenses	9,064	1,595
Cost of sales	1,148	
Production taxes	1,665	459
General and administrative	3,335	1,619
Loss (gain) on sale of asset	(211)	95
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	9,533	1,959
Accretion expense	101	36
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	24,635	5,763
<b>Other expense (income)</b>		
Interest expense	2,560	559
Interest income	(241)	(51)
Other expense	14	
<b>Total other expenses (income)</b>	2,333	508
<b>Total expenses</b>	26,968	6,271
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 2,464	\$ 2,254
Other comprehensive loss	(48,249)	(9,780)
<b>Comprehensive loss</b>	\$ (45,785)	\$ (7,526)
<b>Earnings per unit</b>		
Earnings per unit Basic	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.20
Units outstanding Basic	22,347,682	11,320,300
Earnings per unit Diluted	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.20
Units outstanding Diluted	22,351,672	11,320,300
<b>Distributions declared and paid per unit</b>	\$ 0.5625	\$ 0.2111

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



**Table of Contents****CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC and SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Balance Sheets**

	March 31, 2008 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2007
	(In 000 s)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,787	\$ 18,689
Accounts receivable	22,421	18,519
Prepaid expenses	1,536	554
Risk management assets		7,734
Other	12	377
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>40,756</b>	<b>45,873</b>
<b>Natural gas properties (see Note 7)</b>		
Natural gas properties, equipment and facilities	735,856	675,144
Material and supplies	2,833	2,880
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(43,606)	(34,371)
<b>Net natural gas properties</b>	<b>695,083</b>	<b>643,653</b>
<b>Other assets</b>		
Debt issue costs (net of accumulated amortization of \$715 at March 31, 2008 and \$443 at December 31, 2007)	2,218	1,449
Risk management assets		2,185
Other non-current assets	13,103	13,495
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 751,160</b>	<b>\$ 706,655</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,685	\$ 1,933
Payable to affiliate	1,537	2,813
Accrued liabilities	12,703	12,315
Environmental liabilities	520	546
Risk management liabilities	25,798	
Royalty payable	5,329	2,944
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>48,572</b>	<b>20,551</b>
<b>Other liabilities</b>		
Asset retirement obligation	6,349	6,163
Risk management liabilities	26,430	10,539
Debt	212,000	153,000
<b>Total other liabilities</b>	<b>244,779</b>	<b>169,702</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>293,351</b>	<b>190,253</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies (see Note 9)</b>		
<b>Class D Interests</b>	<b>6,667</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b>Members equity</b>		

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Class A units, 447,247 and 447,022 shares authorized, issued and outstanding, respectively	9,903	10,104
Class B units, 22,348,763 and 22,348,763 shares authorized, respectively, and 21,915,110 and 21,904,106 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	485,264	495,074
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(44,025)	4,224
<b>Total members equity</b>	<b>451,142</b>	<b>509,402</b>
<b>Total liabilities and members equity</b>	<b>\$ 751,160</b>	<b>\$ 706,655</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC and SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In 000 s)</b>	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 2,464	\$ 2,254
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	9,533	1,959
Amortization of debt issuance costs	272	80
Accretion of plugging and abandonment liability	101	36
Equity earnings in affiliate	14	
(Gain) loss from disposition of property and equipment	(211)	95
Hedge ineffectiveness	251	(397)
Loss from mark-to-market activities	2,956	2,782
Long-term incentive plan	98	
<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities:</b>		
Change in net derivative activities	150	(1,307)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(3,460)	3,508
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	(651)	(160)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	367	3
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	751	(44)
(Decrease) increase in payable to affiliate	(1,276)	(1,923)
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	740	(160)
Increase (decrease) in royalty payable	2,385	(232)
Net cash provided by operating activities	14,484	6,494
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Cash paid for acquisitions, net	(52,204)	
Development of natural gas properties	(9,015)	(3,618)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	5	181
Distributions from equity affiliate	105	
Acquisition escrow deposit account		(10,020)
Net cash used in investing activities	(61,109)	(13,457)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Members distributions	(12,906)	(2,390)
Proceeds from issuance of debt	212,000	10,000
Repayment of debt	(153,000)	
Costs for shelf registration statement	(329)	
Debt issue costs	(1,042)	(67)
Net cash provided by financing activities	44,723	7,543
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(1,902)	580
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	18,689	7,485



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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 16,787	\$ 8,065
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### Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Non-cash items

Change in accrued capital expenditures	\$ (378)	\$ 1,319
Cash received during the period for interest	130	63
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ (3,500)	\$ (424)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC and SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Changes in Members' Equity****(Unaudited)**

	Class A		Class B		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Members Equity
	Units	Amount	Units	Amount		
	( In 000 s, except unit amounts)					
Balance, January 1, 2008	447,022	\$ 10,104	21,904,106	\$ 495,074	\$ 4,224	\$ 509,402
Distributions		(252)		(12,321)		(12,573)
Change in fair value of commodity hedges					(46,736)	(46,736)
Cash settlement of commodity hedges					1,894	1,894
Change in fair value of interest rate hedges					(3,407)	(3,407)
Long-term incentive program	225	2	11,004	96		98
Net income		49		2,415		2,464
Balance, March 31, 2008	447,247	\$ 9,903	21,915,110	\$ 485,264	\$ (44,025)	\$ 451,142

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****(Unaudited)****1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The consolidated financial statements are unaudited, but in the opinion of management include all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ) have been condensed or omitted under Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) rules and regulations. The results reported in these unaudited consolidated financial statements should not necessarily be taken as indicative of results that may be expected for the entire year.

The financial information included herein should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. Certain amounts in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been reclassified to conform to the 2008 financial statement presentation.

CBM Equity IV Holdings, LLC was organized as a limited liability company on February 7, 2005, under the laws of the State of Delaware and had no principal operations prior to our acquisition of our properties in the Black Warrior Basin from Everlast Energy LLC ( Everlast ) on June 13, 2005. On May 10, 2006, CBM Equity IV Holdings, LLC changed its name to Constellation Energy Resources LLC. On July 18, 2006, Constellation Energy Resources LLC changed its name to Constellation Energy Partners LLC ( CEP or the Company ). CEP completed its initial public offering on November 20, 2006, and is traded on the NYSE Arca under the symbol CEP . CEP is partially-owned by Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. ( CCG ), which is owned by Constellation Energy Group, Inc. (NYSE: CEG) ( Constellation or CEG ). As of March 31, 2008, affiliates of Constellation own all of the Company s Class A units, approximately 27% of the Company s common units, and all of the Company s Class D interests.

The Company is currently focused on the development and acquisition of natural gas properties in the Black Warrior Basin in Alabama, the Cherokee Basin in Kansas and Oklahoma, and the Woodford Shale in Oklahoma (collectively the Oil and Gas Properties ). CEP acquired its interests in the Black Warrior Basin in 2005, its interests in the Cherokee Basin in 2007 and its interests in the Woodford Shale in 2008.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Company s significant accounting policies are consistent with those discussed in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

**Earnings per Unit**

Basic earnings per unit ( EPS ) are computed by dividing net earnings attributable to unitholders by the weighted average number of units outstanding during each period. At March 31, 2008, we had 447,247 Class A units and 21,915,110 Class B units outstanding. Of the Class B units, 11,004 units are restricted unvested common units granted and outstanding.

The following table presents earnings per common unit amounts computed using SFAS 128:

	Income	Weighted Average Units	Per Unit Amount
	(In 000 s except unit and per unit data)		
<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2008</b>			
<b>Basic EPS:</b>			
Income allocable to unitholders	\$ 2,464	22,347,682	\$ 0.11
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Restricted common units Treasury stock method		3,990	

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Diluted EPS:

Income allocable to common unitholders	\$ 2,464	22,351,672	\$ 0.11
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	Income	Weighted Average Units	Per Unit Amount
	(In 000 s except unit and per unit data)		
<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2007</b>			
<b>Basic EPS:</b>			
Income allocable to unitholders	\$ 2,254	11,320,300	\$ 0.20
<b>Effect of dilutive securities:</b>			
Restricted common units Treasury stock method			
<b>Diluted EPS:</b>			
Income allocable to common unitholders	\$ 2,254	11,320,300	\$ 0.20

**3. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS 161, *Disclosures About Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. SFAS 161 is effective beginning January 1, 2009 and requires entities to provide expanded disclosures about derivative instruments and hedging activities including (1) the ways in which an entity uses derivatives, (2) the accounting for derivatives and hedging activities, and (3) the impact that derivatives have (or could have) on an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. SFAS 161 requires expanded disclosures and does not change the accounting for derivatives. CEP is currently evaluating the impact of SFAS No. 161, but we do not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on our financial results.

In March 2008, the Emerging Issues Task Force reached a consensus on Issue No. 07-4, or EITF 07-4, *Application of the Two-Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128, Earnings per Share, to Master Limited Partnerships*. EITF 07-4 provides guidance for how current period earnings should be allocated between limited partners and a general partner when the partnership agreement contains incentive distribution rights. This Issue is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 (January 1, 2009 for us), and interim periods within those fiscal years. Earlier application is not permitted, and the guidance in this Issue is to be applied retrospectively for all financial statements presented. CEP is currently evaluating the impact of this Issue on our financial statements.

**4. ACQUISITIONS***CoLa Acquisition*

On March 31, 2008, the Company acquired 83 non-operated producing oil and natural gas wells in the Woodford Shale in the Arkoma Basin in Oklahoma from CoLa Resources LLC (CoLa) for \$53.4 million, subject to purchase price adjustments (CoLa Acquisition). CoLa is an affiliate of CEG, the Company's sponsor. The transaction was reviewed and approved by the Company's conflicts committee. In its review, the Company's conflicts committee considered various economic factors (including historical and estimated future production, estimated proved reserves, future pricing estimates and operating cost estimates) regarding the transaction, and determined that it was fair and in the best interests of the Company. The 83 wells, located in Coal and Hughes Counties, Oklahoma, have an average gross working interest of 11.5% and an average net revenue interest per well of 9.2%. The acquired oil and natural gas reserves associated with the wells are 100% proved developed producing. The results of operations will include the results of the CoLa wells after the date of acquisition.

To fund the purchase of CoLa, the Company borrowed \$53.0 million under its reserve-based credit facilities.

Upon the announcement of the acquisition, the Company entered into derivative transactions to hedge a portion of the future expected production associated with these wells. See Note 5 for a discussion of mark-to-market activities.

The total consideration paid was \$53.3 million which consisted of \$53.4 million in cash and transaction costs and assumed liabilities of approximately \$0.1 million, primarily associated with asset retirement obligations on the properties. The following table summarizes the preliminary allocation of the purchase price to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

<b>Acquired March 31, 2008</b>	<b>(in millions)</b>
Natural gas properties, equipment and facilities	\$ 53.4

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Total assets acquired	53.4
Asset retirement obligations	(0.1)
Net assets acquired	\$ 53.3

The preliminary purchase price allocation is based on evaluations of proved oil and natural gas reserves, discounted cash flows, quoted market prices, and other estimates by management. The purchase price allocation related to the CoLa acquisition is preliminary and subject to change, pending finalization of the valuation of the assets and liabilities acquired and any post-closing or title adjustments.

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A post-closing adjustment will occur on or before July 29, 2008, to settle certain items including the revenue distributions and certain expenses associated with the oil and gas properties on or after the effective date of January 1, 2008. In addition, under the purchase agreement, the Company will have the right to assert, and CoLa will have the right to attempt to cure, any title defects to the acquired wells until July 31, 2009. CoLa's post-closing payment obligations with respect to title defects and indemnities under the purchase agreement is secured, in part, by a guaranty from CCG delivered at closing. The maximum amount of the CCG guaranty is limited to (i) 20% of the purchase price, with respect to indemnity obligations, and (ii) with respect to title defect obligations, the amount of such title defects, such amount to be calculated as provided in the purchase agreement. The amount of CCG's guaranty with respect to title defect obligations will decrease as title curative is received or CoLa receives proceeds of production from wellbores as to which payments of production proceeds had not commenced as of the closing date and which are attributable to periods prior to the effective time of the purchase agreement. Under certain circumstances, identified title defects may result in a purchase price adjustment.

*Pro Forma Results*

The unaudited pro forma results presented below for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 have been prepared to give effect to the CoLa Acquisition described above and our 2007 acquisitions of oil and natural gas properties and other interests from EnergyQuest Resources LP ( EnergyQuest Acquisition ), Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc. ( Newfield Acquisition ) and our 2007 acquisition of Amvest Osage, Inc. ( Amvest Acquisition ) on our results of operations as if it had been consummated at the beginning of the period presented. The unaudited pro forma results do not purport to represent what our results of operations actually would have been if this acquisition had been completed on such date or to project our results of operations for any future date or period.

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
	<b>(In 000 s, except per share data)</b>	
Pro forma:		
Revenue	\$ 32,766	\$ 28,790
Income from operations	5,559	6,235
Net income	2,464	2,657
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.12
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.12

**5. DERIVATIVE AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS***Hedging Activities*

The Company has hedged a portion of its expected natural gas sales from currently producing wells through December 2012. The value of the cash flow hedges for natural gas included in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on the Consolidated Balance Sheets was an unrecognized loss on derivative activities of approximately \$37.9 million and an unrecognized gain of \$1.5 million at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. The Company expects that \$22.6 million of the unrecognized loss will be reclassified from Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to the income statement in the next twelve months. There was approximately \$0.3 million of expense and \$0.4 million of income as a result of hedge ineffectiveness for the three months ended March 31, 2008, and March 31, 2007, respectively.

At March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company had debt outstanding of \$212.0 million and \$153.0 million, respectively, under its reserve-based credit facilities. The Company entered into hedging arrangements in the form of interest rate swaps to reduce the impact of volatility of changes in the London interbank offered rate ( LIBOR ) on \$109.5 million of the outstanding debt through October 2010. The interest rate swaps have termination dates between February 20, 2010 and October 19, 2010. The swaps have been designated as cash flow hedges of the risk associated with changes in the designated benchmark interest rate (in this case, LIBOR) related to forecasted payments associated with interest on the reserve-based credit facilities. The Company assesses and records ineffectiveness for the interest rate swaps in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. There was no hedge ineffectiveness identified related to the interest rate swaps. The value of the Company's cash flow hedges for interest rates included in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) was an unrecognized loss of approximately \$6.1 million at March 31, 2008 and an unrecognized loss of \$2.7 million at December 31, 2007.





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### ***Mark-to-Market Activities***

The Company has the following derivative transactions that are considered mark-to-market activities:

In February 2008, the Company entered into a series of swaps in connection with the CoLa Acquisition. These swaps were accounted for as mark-to-market activities until March 31, 2008 when the swaps were designated as cash flow hedges.

In November 2007, the Company entered into basis swaps in connection with Cherokee Basin production. The majority of these swaps were designated as basis cash flow hedges in December 2007.

In August 2007, the Company entered into a combination of swaps and swaptions in connection with the Newfield Acquisition. These swaps derivative positions were accounted for as mark-to-market activities until January 2008, when the swaps were designated as cash flow hedges. The swaptions continue to be accounted for as mark-to-market activities.

In July 2007, the Company entered into a series of swaps in connection with the Amvest Acquisition. These swaps were accounted for as mark-to-market activities until August 2007, when the swaps were designated as cash flow hedges.

In March 2007, the Company entered into a combination of swaps and puts in connection with the EnergyQuest Acquisition. These derivative positions were accounted for as mark-to-market activities until June 2007, when the swaps were designated as cash flow hedges. The puts continue to be accounted for as mark-to-market activities.

For the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized an unrealized loss of approximately \$3.0 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, in connection with these positions. At March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the fair value of the derivatives accounted for as mark-to-market activities amounted to a net liability of approximately \$0.7 million and a net asset of approximately \$2.2 million, respectively.

### ***SFAS 157***

Effective January 1, 2008, we adopted SFAS 157, *Fair Value Measurements* for financial assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires certain disclosures about fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued FSP No. 157-2, which delayed the effective date of SFAS 157 by one year for non-financial assets and liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). We have elected to utilize this deferral and have only partially applied SFAS 157 (to financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as described above). Accordingly, we will apply SFAS 157 to our nonfinancial assets and liabilities for which we disclose or recognize at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, such as asset retirement obligations and other assets and liabilities in the first quarter of 2009. Fair value is the exit price that we would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

SFAS 157 also establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 Quoted prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date.

Level 2 Pricing inputs other than quoted prices in active markets included in Level 1 which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date. Level 2 consists primarily of non-exchange traded commodity derivatives.

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Level 3 Pricing inputs include significant inputs that are generally less observable from objective sources.

We classify assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement of each individual asset and liability taken as a whole. Certain of our derivatives are classified as Level 3 because observable market data is not available for all of the time periods for which we have derivative instruments. As observable market data becomes available for all of the time periods, these derivative positions will be reclassified as Level 2. The income valuation approach, which involves discounting estimated cash flows, is primarily used to determine recurring fair value measurements of our derivative instruments classified as Level 2 or Level 3. We prioritize the use of the highest level inputs available in determining fair value.

The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the classification of assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy. Because of the long-term nature of certain assets and liabilities measured at fair value as well as differences in the availability of market prices and market liquidity over their terms, inputs for some assets and liabilities may fall into any one of the three levels in the fair value hierarchy. While SFAS 157 requires us to classify these assets and liabilities in the lowest level in the hierarchy for which inputs are significant to the fair value measurement, a portion of that measurement may be determined using inputs from a higher level in the hierarchy.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the Company's assets and liabilities that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2008.

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At March 31, 2008	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3 <i>(In thousands)</i>	Netting and Cash Collateral*	Total Net Fair Value
Risk management assets					
Risk management liabilities		\$ 42,982	\$ 9,246		\$ 52,228
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 42,982</b>	<b>\$ 9,246</b>		<b>\$ 52,228</b>

\* All of our derivative instruments are either secured by our reserve-based credit facilities or covered by credit guarantees from Constellation so no cash collateral is required.

Risk management assets and liabilities in the table above represent the current fair value of all open derivative positions, including swaps, options, swaptions, and basis swaps. We classify all of our derivative instruments as Risk management assets or Risk management liabilities in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The valuation of our derivatives is performed by Constellation under the management services agreement. In order to determine the fair value amounts presented above, Constellation utilizes various factors, including market data and assumptions that market participants would use in pricing assets or liabilities as well as assumptions about the risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. These factors include not only the credit standing of the counterparties involved and the impact of credit enhancements (such as cash deposits, letters of credit and parental guarantees), but also the impact of our nonperformance risk on our liabilities. We use our reserve-based credit facilities, or guarantees from Constellation, to provide credit support for our derivative transactions. As a result, we do not post cash collateral with our counterparties.

In certain instances, Constellation may utilize models to measure the fair value of these instruments. Generally, Constellation uses similar models to value similar instruments. Valuation models utilize various inputs which include 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, other observable inputs for the assets or liabilities, and market-corroborated inputs, which are inputs derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of risk management assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

	<i>(In thousands)</i>
Balance as of January 1, 2008	\$ (3,591)
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)	
Included in earnings	(218)
Included in other comprehensive income	(5,806)
Purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements	369
Transfers into and out of Level 3	0
<b>Balance as of March 31, 2008</b>	<b>\$ (9,246)</b>
Change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to derivatives still held as of March 31, 2008	\$ (5,847)

**Credit Support Fee Agreements**

In February 2008, in connection with the CoLa Acquisition, we entered into a credit support fee agreement with Constellation under which Constellation guaranteed credit support up to \$8.5 million for certain financial derivatives that we entered into with BNP and SocGen. These guarantees were obtained because we did not own the assets at the time the derivatives were entered into and we could not use our existing reserve-based credit facility to provide collateral for the derivative transactions. These guarantees were released in April 2008. Through March 31, 2008, Constellation charged us \$0.1 million for this credit support.

*Fair Value of Non-Risk Management Assets and Liabilities*

At March 31, 2008, the carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other current assets, and current liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets approximate fair value because of their short term nature. The Company believes the carrying value of long-term debt approximates its fair value because the interest rates on the debt approximate market interest rates for debt with similar terms.

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### 6. DEBT

#### *Reserve-Based Credit Facilities*

On March 28, 2008, the Company entered into a new credit agreement and an amended and restated credit agreement, each as discussed below. The two agreements contain similar commercial terms with the same lenders participating in the same applicable percentages. A cross-default feature provides that an event of default under one agreement constitutes an event of default under the other. Each credit agreement is secured by distinct mortgages of properties as well as guarantees by the Company's subsidiaries.

#### *New Credit Agreement*

On March 28, 2008, the Company entered into a new \$500.0 million secured credit agreement (Credit Facility) with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc as administrative agent (the Administrative Agent) and a syndicate of lenders. The amount available for borrowing at any one time is limited to the borrowing base for the Company's properties other than in the State of Alabama, which is initially set at \$150.0 million. The borrowing base will be re-determined semi-annually by the lenders in their sole discretion based on reserve reports as prepared by reserve engineers, together with, among other things, the natural gas and oil prices at such time. Any increase in each borrowing base must be approved by all of the lenders. Under certain conditions, the credit facility may be increased up to an additional \$250.0 million. The Credit Facility matures on October 31, 2010.

Borrowings under the Credit Facility are available for acquisition, exploration, operation and maintenance of natural gas and oil properties located in states other than Alabama, payment of expenses incurred in connection with the credit facilities, working capital and general limited liability company purposes. The Credit Facility has a sub-limit of \$20.0 million which may be used for the issuance of letters of credit.

At the Company's election, interest for borrowings under the Credit Facility is determined by reference to (i) the London interbank rate, or LIBOR, plus an applicable margin between 1.25% and 2.00% per annum based on utilization or (ii) a domestic bank rate plus an applicable margin between 0.25% and 1.00% per annum based on utilization. Interest on borrowings under the Credit Facility is generally payable quarterly for domestic bank rate loans and at the applicable maturity date for LIBOR loans.

The Credit Facility contains various covenants that limit, among other things, the Company's, and certain of the Company's subsidiaries', ability to incur certain indebtedness, grant certain liens, merge or consolidate, sell all or substantially all of the Company's assets, make certain loans, acquisitions, capital expenditures and investments, and make distributions other than from available cash.

In addition, the Company is required to maintain (i) a ratio of debt to Adjusted EBITDA (defined as, for any period, the sum of consolidated net income for such period plus the following expenses or charges to the extent deducted from consolidated net income in such period: interest expense, depreciation, depletion, amortization, write-off of deferred financing fees, impairment of long-lived assets, (gain) loss or sale of assets, (gain) loss from equity investment, accretion of asset retirement obligation, unrealized (gain) loss on natural gas derivatives and realized (gain) loss on cancelled natural gas derivatives, and other similar charges) of not more than 3.50 to 1.00; (ii) Adjusted EBITDA to cash interest expense of not less than 2.5 to 1.0; and (iii) consolidated current assets, including the unused amount of the total commitments but excluding current non-cash assets, to consolidated current liabilities, excluding non-cash liabilities, of not less than 1.0 to 1.0, all calculated pursuant to the requirements under SFAS 133 and SFAS 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations* (including the current liabilities in respect of the termination of natural gas and interest rate swaps). All financial covenants are calculated using CEP's consolidated financial information.

The Credit Facility also includes customary events of default, including events of default relating to non-payment of principal, interest or fees, inaccuracy of representations and warranties in any material respect when made or when deemed made, violation of covenants, cross-defaults, bankruptcy and insolvency events, certain unsatisfied judgments, guaranties not being valid under the Credit Facility and a change of control. If an event of default occurs under the credit facility, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of the Credit Facility and exercise other rights and remedies.

Borrowings under the Credit Facility are secured by various mortgages of properties that the Company owns in states other than Alabama as well as a security and pledge agreement among the Company and certain of its subsidiaries and the Administrative Agent.

On March 28, 2008, the Company borrowed \$131.0 million under the term loan portion of the Credit Facility. A portion of the proceeds of the borrowings (less associated transaction costs) were used to finance the aggregate consideration for the acquisition of CoLa, and a portion of the proceeds of the borrowings (less associated transaction costs) were used to repay existing indebtedness.



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### *Amended and Restated Credit Agreement*

On March 28, 2008, the Company amended and restated its existing \$200.0 million credit facility by entering into an amended and restated credit agreement with the Administrative Agent and a syndicate of lenders (the Amended and Restated Credit Facility). The amount available for borrowing at any one time is limited to the borrowing base for the Company's properties in the State of Alabama, which is initially set at \$90.0 million. The borrowing base will be re-determined semi-annually by the lenders in their sole discretion based on reserve reports as prepared by reserve engineers, together with, among other things, the natural gas and oil prices at such time. Any increase in each borrowing base must be approved by all of the lenders. The Amended and Restated Credit Facility matures on October 31, 2010.

Borrowings under the Amended and Restated Credit Facility are available for acquisition, exploration and the operation and maintenance of natural gas and oil properties located in the State of Alabama, payment of expenses incurred in connection with the credit facilities, working capital and general limited liability company purposes. The Amended and Restated Credit Facility has a sub-limit of \$20.0 million which may be used for the issuance of letters of credit.

At the Company's election, interest for borrowings under the Amended and Restated Credit Facility is determined by reference to (i) the London interbank rate, or LIBOR, plus an applicable margin between 1.25% and 2.00% per annum based on utilization or (ii) a domestic bank rate plus an applicable margin between 0.25% and 1.00% per annum based on utilization. Interest on borrowings under the Amended and Restated Credit Facility is generally payable quarterly for domestic bank rate loans and at the applicable maturity date for LIBOR loans.

The Amended and Restated Credit Facility contains various covenants that limit, among other things, the Company's, and certain of the Company's subsidiaries', ability to incur certain indebtedness, grant certain liens, merge or consolidate, sell all or substantially all of the Company's assets, make certain loans, acquisitions, capital expenditures and investments, and make distributions other than from available cash.

In addition, the Company is required to maintain (i) a ratio of debt to Adjusted EBITDA (defined as, for any period, the sum of consolidated net income for such period plus the following expenses or charges to the extent deducted from consolidated net income in such period: interest expense, depreciation, depletion, amortization, write-off of deferred financing fees, impairment of long-lived assets, (gain) loss or sale of assets, (gain) loss from equity investment, accretion of asset retirement obligation, unrealized (gain) loss on natural gas derivatives and realized (gain) loss on cancelled natural gas derivatives, and other similar charges) of not more than 3.50 to 1.00; (ii) Adjusted EBITDA to cash interest expense of not less than 2.5 to 1.0; and (iii) consolidated current assets, including the unused amount of the total commitments but excluding current non-cash assets, to consolidated current liabilities, excluding non-cash liabilities, of not less than 1.0 to 1.0, all calculated pursuant to the requirements under SFAS 133 and SFAS 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations* (including the current liabilities in respect of the termination of natural gas and interest rate swaps). All financial covenants are calculated using CEP's consolidated financial information.

The Amended and Restated Credit Facility also includes customary events of default, including events of default relating to non-payment of principal, interest or fees, inaccuracy of representations and warranties in any material respect when made or when deemed made, violation of covenants, cross-defaults, bankruptcy and insolvency events, certain unsatisfied judgments, guaranties not being valid under the Amended and Restated Credit Facility and a change of control. If an event of default occurs under the credit facility, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of the Amended and Restated Credit Facility and exercise other rights and remedies.

Borrowings under the Amended and Restated Credit Facility are secured by various mortgages of properties the Company owns in Alabama as well as a security and pledge agreement among the Company and certain of its subsidiaries and the Administrative Agent.

On March 28, 2008, the Company borrowed \$81.0 million under the term loan portion of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, the proceeds of which (less associated transaction costs) were used to repay existing indebtedness.

CEP's obligations under these two credit facilities are secured by mortgages on our natural gas properties, as well as a pledge of all ownership interests in our subsidiaries. Debt issue costs incurred through March 31, 2008 were approximately \$2.9 million and will be amortized over the life of the facilities. As of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company had \$212.0 million and \$153.0 million, respectively, in outstanding debt under its credit facilities. As of March 31, 2008, the Company had \$28.0 million in available borrowing capacity under the reserve-based credit facilities.

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Natural gas properties consist of the following:

	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
	(In 000 s)	
Oil and natural gas properties and related equipment (successful efforts method)		
Property (acreage) costs		
Proved property	\$ 695,916	\$ 635,224
Unproved property	39,038	39,018
<b>Total property costs</b>	<b>\$ 734,954</b>	<b>674,242</b>
Materials and supplies	2,833	2,880
Land	902	902
<b>Total</b>	<b>738,689</b>	<b>678,024</b>
Less: Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(43,606)	(34,371)
<b>Oil and natural gas properties and equipment, net</b>	<b>\$ 695,083</b>	<b>\$ 643,653</b>

In the first quarter 2008, a fire damaged the Company's field office located in Dewey, Oklahoma. The net book value of the building was \$0.2 million. An insurance receivable of \$0.4 million and a gain of \$0.2 million were recorded for the involuntary conversion. The insurance proceeds of \$0.4 million were collected in April 2008.

In February 2007, CEP sold a surplus compressor for \$0.2 million and recorded a \$0.1 million loss on the sale.

**8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS*****Management Services Agreement***

In November 2006, CEP entered into a management services agreement with Constellation Energy Partners Management, LLC (CEPM), a subsidiary of Constellation, to provide certain management, technical and administrative services. These services include legal, accounting and finance, engineering and technical, risk management, information technology and tax services, as well as acquisition services related to opportunities to acquire oil and natural gas reserves and related midstream assets. CEPM and its affiliates do not have any obligation to provide acquisition services or other services under the management services agreement, provided that CEPM may receive added compensation for providing CEP with services as a result of the management incentive interests it holds in CEP. Each quarter, CEPM charges CEP an amount for services provided to CEP. This amount is agreed to annually and includes a portion of the compensation paid by CEPM and its affiliates to such persons. The allocation of compensation expense for the chief executive officer, chief financial officer and chief accounting officer is fixed by agreement between the parties. The allocation of compensation expense for other personnel of CEPM and its affiliates is determined based on the percentage of time spent by such personnel on CEP's business and affairs. The conflicts committee of the Company's board of managers approves annually the services to be provided by CEPM and the costs to be charged to CEP under the management services agreement and reviews the cost allocation quarterly. During the year, the cost allocation may be adjusted upwards to reflect additional services provided by CEPM and its affiliates or downwards to reflect the transition of services to CEP employees. These costs totaled approximately \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The costs charged to CEP under the management services agreement may be greater or less than the actual costs CEP would incur if the services were performed by an unaffiliated third party.

CEP had a related party payable to CEPM of \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million and to CCG of \$1.1 million and \$2.4 million as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. This related party payable balance is included in current liabilities in the accompanying balance sheets. CEP also had a current accounts receivable balance from CCG of \$1.0 million as of March 31, 2008. This related party receivable is included in accounts receivable in the accompanying balance sheet.

***Credit Support Fee Agreement***



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As described further in Note 5, CEG and CEP entered into a credit support fee agreement under which CEG guarantees credit support for certain financial derivatives with two financial institutions. Through March 31, 2008, CEG charged CEP \$0.1 million for the credit support, which is being amortized over the life of the credit support fee agreement.

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### ***Natural Gas Purchases***

Beginning in September 2007, CCG began purchasing natural gas from CEP in the Cherokee Basin. The arrangement was reviewed by the conflicts committee of CEP's board of managers. The committee found that the arrangement was fair to and in the best interests of CEP. Through March 31, 2008, CCG paid CEP \$3.3 million for natural gas purchases.

### ***Management Incentive Interests***

CEPM holds the management incentive interests in the Company. These management incentive interests represent the right to receive 15% of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus after the Target Distribution (as defined in the Company's limited liability company agreement) has been achieved and certain other tests have been met. For the three months ended March 31, 2008, none of these applicable tests have been met, and, as a result, CEPM was not entitled to receive any management incentive interest distributions. For the first quarter 2007, the Company increased its distribution rate to \$0.4625 per unit. This increase in the distribution rate commenced a management incentive interest vesting period under the Company's operating agreement. A cash reserve of \$0.2 million has been established to fund future distributions on the management incentive interests. After the May 15, 2008 distribution, the reserve will be increased from \$0.2 million to \$0.3 million.

### ***CoLa Acquisition***

As further described in Note 4, on March 31, 2008, the Company acquired 83 non-operated producing oil and natural gas wells in the Woodford Shale in the Arkoma Basin in Oklahoma from CoLa for \$53.4 million, subject to purchase price adjustments. CoLa is an affiliate of CEG, the Company's sponsor. The transaction was reviewed and approved by the Company's conflicts committee. In its review, the Company's conflicts committee considered various economic factors (including historical and estimated future production, estimated proved reserves, future pricing estimates and operating cost estimates) regarding the transaction, and determined that the transaction was fair to and in the best interests of the Company.

## **9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

In the course of its normal business affairs, the Company is subject to possible loss contingencies arising from federal, state and local environmental, health and safety laws and regulations and third-party litigation. As of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, other than the matters discussed below, there were no matters which, in the opinion of management, would have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of CEP.

The Black Warrior Basin is subject to a net profits interest ( NPI ) held by Torch Energy Royalty Trust (the Trust ) (See Note 11). The royalty payment to the Trust is calculated using a sharing arrangement with a pricing formula that has had the effect of keeping our payments to the Trust lower than if such payments had been calculated based on prevailing market prices. CEP is uncertain of the financial impact of the NPI over the life of the Black Warrior Basin as it has volumetric and price risk variables. However, in order to address a portion of the risk of the potential adverse impact on CEP's operating results from a termination of the sharing arrangement, Constellation Holdings, Inc. ( CHI ) contributed \$8.0 million to CEP in exchange for all of CEP's Class D interests at the closing of its initial public offering to be used to protect the distributions to the common unit holders in the event the sharing arrangement is terminated. This contribution will be returned to CHI in 24 special quarterly distributions as long as the sharing agreement remains in effect for the distribution period. Distributions of \$0.3 million were paid to the holder of the Company's Class D interests on May 15, 2007, August 14, 2007, November 14, 2007, and February 14, 2008, respectively. As a result of the initiation of arbitration proceedings discussed in Note 11, the Class D interest special quarterly distributions have been suspended beginning with the special quarterly cash distributions for the three months ending March 31, 2008 and extending until such arbitration proceedings are finally resolved.

For CEP's 2008 drilling program, CEP has committed to purchase approximately \$1.0 million in pipe from a vendor. As of March 31, 2008, CEP had purchased approximately \$0.3 million of pipe related to this commitment.

## **10. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION**

The Company follows SFAS 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*. SFAS 143 requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation ( ARO ) be recognized in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The associated asset retirement cost ( ARC ) is capitalized as part of the carrying amount of the long-lived asset. Subsequently, the ARC is allocated to expense using a systematic and rational method over the asset's useful life. The ARO recorded by CEP relates to the plugging and abandonment of natural gas wells, and decommissioning of the gas gathering and processing facilities.

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Inherent in the fair value calculation of ARO are numerous assumptions and judgments including ultimate settlement amounts, inflation factors, credit adjusted discount rates, timing of settlement and changes in the legal, regulatory, environmental and political environments. To the extent future revisions to these assumptions impact the fair value of the existing ARO, a corresponding adjustment is made to the gas property balance.

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The following table is a reconciliation of the ARO:

	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
	(In 000 s)	
Asset retirement obligation, beginning balance	\$ 6,163	\$ 2,730
Liabilities incurred from acquisition of the properties (Note 4)	56	3,056
Liabilities incurred	29	65
Accretion expense	101	312
<b>Asset retirement obligation, ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,349</b>	<b>\$ 6,163</b>

At March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, there were no assets legally restricted for purposes of settling existing ARO s. Additional retirement obligations increase the liability associated with new natural gas wells and other facilities as these obligations are incurred.

**11. NET PROFITS INTEREST**

Certain of the Company s wells in the Robinson s Bend Field are subject to a non-operating NPI. The holder of the NPI, the Trust, does not have the right to receive production from the applicable wells in the Robinson s Bend Field. Instead, the Trust only has the right to receive a specified portion of the future contractual cash flows from specified wells as defined by the Net Overriding Royalty Conveyance Agreement. The Company records the NPI as an overriding royalty interest net in revenue in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Amounts due to the Trust with respect to NPI are comprised of the sum of the Net Proceeds and the Infill Net Proceeds, which are described below.

The Net Proceeds equal the lesser of (i) 95% of the net proceeds from 393 producing wells in the Robinson s Bend Field and (ii) the net proceeds from the sale of 912.5 MMcf of natural gas for the quarter. Net proceeds equal gross proceeds, currently calculated by reference to the gas purchase contract (for a description of the gas purchase contract, please read Item 1. Business Natural Gas Data Torch Royalty NPI The Gas Purchase Contract in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006), less specified costs attributable to the Robinson s Bend Assets. The specified costs deducted for purposes of calculating net proceeds for purposes of clause (i) of the first sentence of this paragraph (the NPI Net Proceeds Calculation) include: (a) delay rentals, shut-in royalties and similar payments, (b) property, production, severance and similar taxes and related audit charges, (c) specified refunds, interest or penalties paid to purchasers of hydrocarbons or governmental agencies, (d) certain liabilities for environmental damage, personal injury and property damage, (e) certain litigation costs, (f) costs of environmental compliance, (g) specified operating costs incurred to produce hydrocarbons, (h) specified development costs (including costs to increase recoverable reserves or the timing of recovery of such reserves), (i) costs of specified lease renewals and extensions and unitization costs and (j) the unrecovered portion, if any, of the foregoing costs for preceding time periods plus interest on such unrecovered portion at a rate equal to the base rate (compounded quarterly) as announced from time to time by Citibank, N.A. The specified costs deducted for purposes of calculating net proceeds for purposes of clause (ii) of the first sentence of this paragraph include: (a) property, production, severance and similar taxes, (b) specified refunds, interest or penalties paid to purchasers of hydrocarbons or governmental agencies and (c) the unrecovered portion, if any, of the foregoing costs for preceding time periods plus interest on such unrecovered portion at a rate equal to the base rate (compounded quarterly) as announced from time to time by Citibank, N.A. Net proceeds are calculated quarterly and any negative balance (expenses in excess of revenues) within the net proceeds calculation accumulates and is charged interest as described above.

The cumulative Net NPI Proceeds balance must be greater than \$0 before any payments are made to the Trust. The cumulative Net Proceeds was a deficit for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007. As a result, no payments were made to the Trust with respect to the NPI for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007.

The calculation of the Infill Net Proceeds uses the same methodology as the NPI Net Proceeds Calculation described above except that the proceeds and costs are attributable not to the NPI Net Proceeds Wells, but to the remaining wells in the Robinson s Bend Field that are subject to the NPI and that have been drilled since the Trust was formed and wells that will be drilled (other than wells drilled to replace damaged or destroyed wells), in each case on leases subject to the NPI. The NPI in the Infill Wells entitles the Trust to receive 20% of the Infill Net Proceeds. There has never been a payout on the Infill Net Proceeds.



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### *Termination of the Trust*

On January 29, 2008, the unitholders of the Trust voted to terminate the Trust and the trust agreement and authorized the Trustee to wind up, liquidate, and distribute the assets held by the Trust under the terms of the trust agreement. The Oil and Gas Purchase Contract dated as of October 1, 1993 (the "Gas Purchase Contract") by and between Torch Energy Marketing, Inc. ("TEMI"), Torch Royalty Company ("Torch Royalty"), and Velasco Gas Company Ltd., including the portion assigned to us, by its terms, was also terminated on January 29, 2008 as a result of the termination of the Trust.

With the Gas Purchase Contract terminated, we are no longer obligated to sell gas produced from our interest in the Black Warrior Basin pursuant to the Gas Purchase Contract. Notwithstanding the termination of the gas purchase contract, the NPI will continue to burden the Trust Wells, and it should continue to be calculated as if the Gas Purchase Contract were still in effect, regardless of what proceeds may actually be received by us as the seller of the gas. Originally, the Trust indicated that it believed that the net profits interest would continue to be calculated as if the Gas Purchase Contract was still in effect. The Trust, however, has in recent months indicated that the documents creating the NPI are not clear as to this point. As a result, on January 25, 2008, Torch Royalty, Torch E&P Company ("Torch E&P") and CEP (collectively, the "Claimants") sent notice of a demand for arbitration before Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services ("JAMS") to Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee ("Trustee") for the Trust, and to Capital One, NA, as successor to Hibernia National Bank, as trustee for Torch Energy Louisiana Royalty Trust, pursuant to the operative dispute resolution provisions of the agreement governing the Trust, the NPI and the Conveyances (as defined below). The Claimants are working interest owners in certain oil and gas fields located in Texas, Louisiana and Alabama. The working interests owned by the other Claimants are similarly subject to net profit interests (the "Other NPIs") contained in three net overriding royalty conveyances (the "Conveyances") that are also based on the Gas Purchase Contract. In the arbitration demand, we and the other Claimants are seeking a declaratory judgment that the NPI payments as well as the payments owed in respect of the Other NPIs will continue to be calculated using the sharing arrangement under the Gas Purchase Contract even though the Trust and the Gas Purchase Contract have been terminated. In its response to the Claimants' arbitration demand, the Trustee has taken the position that the sharing arrangement under the Gas Purchase Contract terminated upon the termination of that contract. Arbitrators have been selected and the arbitration proceedings are currently scheduled for the end of the second quarter of 2008.

The outcome of arbitration is highly uncertain and unpredictable and there can be no assurance that the arbitrators will accept CEP's factual assertions, factual defenses or legal positions or of its factual or expert witnesses in the arbitration or other proceedings. If it is finally determined that the NPI is to be calculated based on the actual proceeds received for sale of the gas or otherwise without regard to the sharing arrangement, our obligations to the Trust for the NPI could be significantly higher, which would adversely affect our revenues, results of operations and our ability to pay cash distributions.

## **12. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY**

The Company is subject to costs resulting from an increasing number of federal, state and local laws and regulations designed to protect human health and the environment. These laws and regulations can result in increased capital, operating and other costs as a result of compliance, remediation, containment and monitoring obligations. As of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, accrued environmental obligations were \$0.5 million, which were classified as current liabilities on CEP's Consolidated Balance Sheet.

## **13. DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS**

### *Distributions in 2008*

On February 14, 2008, the Company paid a distribution for the fourth quarter of 2007 to the unitholders of record at February 7, 2008. The distribution was paid to holders of common units and Class A units at a rate of \$0.5625 per unit.

A distribution of \$0.3 million was paid to the holder of the Company's Class D interests on February 14, 2008.

### *Distributions in 2007*

On February 14, 2007, the Company paid a distribution for the fourth quarter of 2006 to the unitholders of record at February 7, 2007, prorated from the date of the Company's initial public offering on November 20, 2006. The distribution was paid to holders of common units and Class A units at a rate of \$0.2111 per unit.

## **14. Unit-Based Compensation**

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The Company granted 5,343 restricted common unit awards on September 14, 2007, to the independent, non-employee members of the Board of Managers. These units had a total fair market value of \$225,000 at the grant date. This amount was recognized over the vesting period. The 5,343 restricted common unit awards granted on September 14, 2007, to the independent, non-employee members of the Board of Managers vested in full on March 1, 2008.

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The Company granted 11,004 restricted common unit awards on March 1, 2008, to the independent, non-employee members of the Board of Managers. These units had a total fair market value of \$225,000 at the grant date. These service-based restricted units will vest in full on March 1, 2009.

The Company recognized approximately \$98,000 of expense in the three months ended March 31, 2008.

### **15. MEMBERS EQUITY**

At March 31, 2008, we had 447,247 Class A units and 21,915,110 Class B units outstanding, which included 11,004 restricted unvested common units.

At March 31, 2008, we had granted 16,347 units of the 450,000 units available under our long-term incentive plan. Of these grants, 5,343 have vested.

### **16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

#### ***Distribution***

On April 24, 2008, the Company declared a distribution for the first quarter of 2008 at a rate of \$0.5625 per common unit and Class A unit to the unitholders of record at May 8, 2008. The distribution will be paid on May 15, 2008.

As of May 15, 2008, a cash reserve of \$0.3 million has been established to fund future distributions on the management incentive interests.

#### ***Management Services Agreement***

In April 2008, the conflicts committee of the Company's board of managers approved the services to be provided under the management services agreement with CEPM for 2008 and the amount of costs to be charged to CEP for the remainder of 2008, subject to upward adjustment to reflect additional services provided by CEPM and its affiliates or downward adjustment to reflect the transition of services to CEP employees. The maximum amount charged to CEP for management, technical and administrative services in 2008 will in no event exceed \$3.4 million.

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

*The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the summary of significant accounting policies and notes included herein and in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.*

### **Overview**

We are a limited liability company formed by Constellation Energy Group, Inc. ( Constellation ) on February 7, 2005 to acquire oil and natural gas properties ( E&P properties ) as well as related midstream assets. At March 31, 2008, our oil and natural gas reserves were located in the Black Warrior Basin of Alabama, in the Cherokee Basin of Kansas and Oklahoma, and in the Woodford Shale in Oklahoma. Our primary business objective is to generate stable cash flows allowing us to make quarterly cash distributions to our unitholders and over time to increase the amount of our future quarterly distributions. Our strategies for achieving this objective are to:

make accretive acquisitions of E&P properties characterized by a high percentage of proved developed reserves with long-lived, stable production and low-risk drilling opportunities, which may include associated midstream assets such as gathering systems, compression, dehydrating and treating facilities and other similar facilities;

organically grow our business by increasing reserves and production through what we believe to be low-risk development drilling that focuses on capital efficient production growth;



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realize value by opportunistically forming partnerships, participating in farm-out arrangements, joint operating agreements or other capital-efficient ventures to take advantage of our significant undeveloped acreage positions in the Cherokee Basin; and

reduce the volatility in our revenues resulting from changes in oil and natural gas commodity prices through efficient hedging programs.

Our future oil and natural gas reserves and production and, therefore, our cash flow and income are highly dependent on our success in efficiently developing our current reserves and economically finding, developing and acquiring additional recoverable reserves. We may not be able to find, develop or acquire additional reserves to replace our current and future production at acceptable costs, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and our ability to pay quarterly cash distributions to our unitholders.

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We also face the challenge of natural gas production declines. As a given well's initial reservoir pressures are depleted, natural gas production decreases. We attempt to overcome this natural decline both by drilling on our properties and acquiring additional reserves. We will continue to focus on reducing our costs to add reserves through drilling, well recompletions and acquisitions, as well as the corresponding costs necessary to produce such reserves. Our ability to add reserves through drilling is dependent on our capital resources and can be limited by many factors, including our ability to timely obtain drilling permits and regulatory approvals. In accordance with our business plan, we intend to invest the capital necessary to maintain our production and our asset base over the long term. We will seek to maintain or grow our production and our asset base by pursuing both organic growth opportunities and acquisitions of producing reserves that are suitable for us.

We completed our initial public offering on November 20, 2006 and our common units, representing Class B limited liability company interests, are listed on the NYSE Arca, Inc. under the symbol "CEP".

We have expanded our operations by completing the following acquisitions that we have included in our results of operations and cash flows beginning with the period of acquisition:

In March 2008, we completed an acquisition of 83 non-operated producing wells located in the Woodford Shale in Oklahoma (the CoLa Assets or CoLa Acquisition).

In September 2007, we completed the acquisition of additional coalbed methane properties in the Cherokee Basin of Oklahoma (the Newfield Assets or Newfield Acquisition).

In July 2007, we completed an acquisition of additional oil and natural gas properties located in the Cherokee Basin in Oklahoma (the Amvest Acquisition).

In April 2007, we completed an acquisition of oil and natural gas properties located in the Cherokee Basin in Kansas and Oklahoma (the EnergyQuest Assets or EnergyQuest Acquisition).

These acquisitions have provided us with the option to pursue organic growth by drilling on proved undeveloped and unproved locations primarily in Osage County, Oklahoma.

Unless the context requires otherwise, any reference in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to Constellation Energy Partners, we, our, us, CE, the successor company or the Company means Constellation Energy Partners LLC and its subsidiaries. References in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to Constellation, CCG and CEPM are to Constellation Energy Group, Inc., Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. and Constellation Energy Partners Management, LLC, respectively.

### **How We Evaluate our Operations**

We use a variety of financial and operations measures to assess our performance, including a non-GAAP financial measure, Adjusted EBITDA. This measure is not calculated or presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) adjusted by:

interest (income) expense;

depreciation, depletion and amortization;

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write-off of deferred financing fees;

impairment of long-lived assets;

(gain) loss on sale of assets;

(gain) loss from equity investment;

accretion of asset retirement obligation;

unrealized (gain) loss on natural gas derivatives;

realized loss (gain) on cancelled natural gas derivatives.; and

other similar charges.

Adjusted EBITDA is a significant performance metric used by our management to indicate (prior to the establishment of any cash reserves by our board of managers) the cash distributions we expect to pay to our unitholders. Specifically, this financial measure indicates to investors whether or not we are generating cash flow at a level that can sustain or support an increase in our quarterly distribution rates. Adjusted EBITDA is also used as a quantitative standard by our management and by external users of our financial statements such as investors, research analysts and others to assess:

the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis;

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the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to pay interest costs and support our indebtedness; and

our operating performance and return on capital as compared to those of other companies in our industry, without regard to financing or capital structure.

Our Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as a substitute for net income, operating income, cash flows from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Our Adjusted EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and operating income and these measures may vary among other companies. Therefore, our Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income, our most directly comparable GAAP performance measure, to Adjusted EBITDA for each of the periods presented:

	For the Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2007
	( In 000 s )	
<b>Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA:</b>		
Net income	\$ 2,464	\$ 2,254
Adjusted by:		
Interest expense (income), net	2,319	508
Depreciation, depletion and amortizations	9,533	1,959
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	101	36
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	(211)	95
Loss on mark-to-market activities	2,956	2,782
Long-term incentive plan	98	
Unrealized loss (gain) on natural gas derivatives	251	(397)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 17,511	\$ 7,237

**Significant Operational Factors since December 31, 2007**

*Realized Prices.* Our average realized price for the three months ended March 31, 2008, including hedges, was \$7.28 per Mcfe. This realized price includes the impact of \$2.9 million of losses on mark-to-market derivatives that were entered into in anticipation of closing our acquisitions of additional coalbed methane properties in the Cherokee Basin and the Woodford Shale. Excluding the impact of the mark-to-market losses, the average realized price for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was \$7.91 per Mcfe. Further excluding the cost of sales associated with third party gathering, average realized prices were \$7.73 including hedges and \$7.62 excluding hedges.

*Production.* Our production during the first three months of 2008 was approximately 4.0 Bcfe, or an average of 44,429 Mcfe per day.

*Capital Expenditures and Drilling Results.* For the three months ended March 31, 2008, we incurred approximately \$9.0 million in capital expenditures for development activities and \$52.2 million for acquisition activities. We accelerated our 2008 drilling program in the Black Warrior Basin and have drilled and completed 9 of 15 planned net wells with a 100% drilling success rate. We have also drilled 20 net wells and performed 11 net recompletions in the Cherokee Basin as of March 31, 2008.

In the Cherokee Basin, we began a two rig drilling program where one rig was dedicated to drilling traditional vertical wells while one rig was dedicated to drilling horizontal and long reach wells. In other coalbed methane basins, horizontal drilling technology has been successfully used to increase production and to increase economic returns. As the costs for horizontal drilling have declined and techniques have improved, we believe this type of drilling technology may be suitable in the Cherokee Basin. We expect that the costs for the horizontal wells should be marginally higher than our traditional vertical wells with higher production rates and reserves recoveries. As we complete our 2008 drilling

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program in the Black Warrior Basin, we expect to expand our drilling program in the Cherokee Basin to three rigs in the second quarter 2008. The initial drilling results from the horizontal program in the Cherokee Basin will begin to be available in the third quarter 2008.

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*Operating Expenses.* Operating expenses increased from 2007, reflecting the addition of the Cherokee Basin assets acquired from EnergyQuest, Amvest, and Newfield. Additionally, we experienced increased costs in the Cherokee Basin in connection with weather-related maintenance and repairs following a severe winter ice storm, a fire at our Dewey, Oklahoma field office, and additional costs of integrating and reorganizing our field offices surrounding Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our new technical office in Tulsa will be opened in May 2008 and will be the center of our operations in the Cherokee Basin. We do not expect these atypical costs to continue into the second half of 2008.

In April 2008, the conflicts committee of our board of managers agreed to the charges to be paid to CEPM for the remainder of 2008 under the management services agreement. The payments to CEPM are due quarterly and may not exceed \$3.4 million for all of 2008. In the first quarter of 2008, the actual fees invoiced by CEPM were \$0.4 million. The charges to be invoiced during the remainder of 2008 are expected to be approximately \$2.1 million, but may be adjusted to reflect additional services provided by CEPM and its affiliates or the transition of services to CEP employees.

*Insured Loss.* In January 2008, we experienced a fire at our field office in Dewey, Oklahoma. Both the facility and certain inventory and equipment were damaged. Substantially all of the damage to the building and equipment is expected to be covered by insurance, less a \$5,000 deductible. However, certain expenses as a result of the business interruption resulting from the fire are not covered by insurance. These costs, such as temporary office space and other incremental expenses incurred as a result of the fire at the field office, will be expensed as they are incurred. As of March 31, 2008, we recorded an insurance receivable of \$0.4 million and a gain of \$0.2 million as the proceeds exceeded the net book value of the building. The insurance proceeds were collected in April 2008.

*CoLa Acquisition.* On March 31, 2008, we acquired the interests in 83 non-operated producing wells located in the Woodford Shale in Coal and Hughes counties in Oklahoma for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$53.4 million, subject to purchase price adjustments. The acquisition included approximately 12.7 Bcfe of proved developed producing reserves with an estimated current daily net production of 4.9 MMcfe. The wells have an average gross working interest of 11.5% and a net revenue interest per well of 9.2%. Approximately 90% of the wells are operated by affiliates of Devon Energy Company and Newfield Exploration Company, with the remaining wells operated by three additional companies. The average annual decline rate for these reserves associated with these wells is estimated at 7 to 8 percent over 10 years.

*Hedging Activities.* We have implemented a hedging program that uses derivatives to reduce the impact of commodity price volatility on our anticipated cash flows. Our current intention is to hedge up to 80% of our forecasted production for up to a five year period. Our management, however, may modify the hedging percentages and strategies as it deems appropriate for market conditions, the cost associated with the derivatives and other business strategies. In April 2008, to take advantage of increases in natural gas prices, we added additional derivative positions for our expected future natural gas production. All of our current outstanding derivative positions are outlined starting on page 28.

We entered into derivative transactions to hedge certain of the future expected production associated with each of our EnergyQuest, Amvest, Newfield, and CoLa Acquisitions. These positions are accounted for as mark-to-market activities until they can be designated as cash flow hedges under SFAS 133. This accounting treatment can cause earnings volatility as the positions for future natural gas production are marked-to-market. These non-cash unrealized gains or losses are included in our current Statement of Operations until the derivatives are designated as cash flow hedges or are settled as the commodities are produced and sold. The swaps associated with the EnergyQuest, Amvest, Newfield, and CoLa Acquisitions are now being accounted for using cash flow hedge accounting, while the put options, swaptions, and certain basis swaps continue to be accounted for using the mark-to-market accounting method. The income impact for all of our derivative positions as they are cash settled when the commodities are produced and sold is included in our Statement of Operations as Oil and Gas Sales. A further detail of our derivative positions and their accounting treatment are outlined starting on page 28.

*Debt.* We entered into a new reserve-based credit facility and amended our existing credit facility during the first quarter 2008. The combined borrowing base under these two facilities is \$240.0 million. The two agreements contain similar commercial terms with the same lenders participating in the same applicable percentages. A cross-default feature provides that an event of default under one agreement constitutes an event of default under the other. Each credit agreement is secured by distinct mortgages of properties as well as guarantees by certain of our operating subsidiaries. The credit facilities will mature in October 2010. As of March 31, 2008, we had \$212.0 million in outstanding debt under our reserve-based credit facilities.



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The following table sets forth the selected financial and operating data for the periods indicated:

	For the Three Months Ended (in 000 \$)			
	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2007	Variance \$	%
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Oil and gas sales	\$ 32,388	\$ 11,307	\$ 21,081	186.4%
Loss from mark-to-market activities	(2,956)	(2,782)	(174)	6.3%
Total revenues	29,432	8,525	20,907	245.2%
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Lease operating expenses	9,064	1,595	7,469	468.3%
Cost of sales	1,148		1,148	100%
Production taxes	1,665	459	1,206	262.7%
General and administrative expenses	3,335	1,619	1,716	106.0%
Loss (gain) on sale of asset	(211)	95	(306)	322.1%
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	9,533	1,959	7,574	386.6%
Accretion expenses	101	36	65	180.6%
Total operating expenses	24,635	5,763	18,872	327.5%
<b>Other expenses (income):</b>				
Interest expense	2,560	559	2,001	358.0%
Interest income	(241)	(51)	(190)	372.5%
Other expense	14		14	100.0%
Total other expenses (income)	2,333	508	1,825	359.3%
Total expenses	26,968	6,271	20,697	330.0%
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 2,464</b>	<b>\$ 2,254</b>	<b>\$ 210</b>	<b>9.3%</b>
<b>Net production:</b>				
Total production (MMcfe)	4,043	1,227	2,816	229.5%
Average daily production (Mcf/d)	44,429	13,633	30,796	225.9%
<b>Average sales prices:</b>				
Price per Mcfe including hedges	\$ 7.28 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 6.95 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 0.33	4.8%
Price per Mcfe excluding hedges	\$ 7.91	\$ 6.97	\$ 0.94	13.5%
<b>Average unit costs per Mcfe:</b>				
Field operating expenses <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 2.65	\$ 1.67	\$ 0.98	58.5%
Lease operating expenses	\$ 2.24	\$ 1.30	\$ 0.94	72.5%
Production taxes	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.04	10.1%
General and administrative expenses	\$ 0.82	\$ 1.32	\$ (0.50)	(37.5)%
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	\$ 2.36	\$ 1.60	\$ 0.76	47.7%

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes the impact of mark-to-market losses on derivatives that do not qualify for cash flow hedging.

<sup>(b)</sup> Field operating expenses include lease operating expenses and production taxes.

*Three months ended March 31, 2008 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2007*



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*Oil and gas sales.* Oil and natural gas sales increased \$21.1 million, or 186.4%, to \$32.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2007. Of this increase, \$19.6 million was attributable to increased production volumes and \$3.8 million was attributable to higher market prices for oil and natural gas, offset by a \$2.3 million decrease attributable to our hedge program. Production for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was 4.0 Bcfe, which was higher than the three months ended March 31, 2007 as a result of our drilling program and operational improvements, along with the acquisition of our properties in the Cherokee Basin. The acquisition of properties in the Cherokee Basin contributed 2.8 Bcfe of the increase. We hedged approximately 85% of our actual production from January 2008 through March 2008 and approximately 80% of our actual production from January 2007 through March 2007.

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As discussed below, the loss from our mark-to-market activities increased \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008, as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2007. Our realized prices increased from 2007 to 2008 primarily due to higher market prices for oil and natural gas offset by our hedging program and the mark-to-market loss discussed below.

*Hedging and mark-to-market activities.* In conjunction with the EnergyQuest, Amvest, Newfield, and CoLa Acquisitions, we entered into derivative transactions to hedge a portion of the future expected production associated with these acquisitions before the acquisitions closed. These derivatives were accounted for as mark-to-market derivatives and were recorded at fair value in our financial statements until June 18, 2007 for EnergyQuest, until August 20, 2007 for Amvest, January 31, 2008 for Newfield and March 31, 2008 for CoLa, at which time a majority of the derivatives were designated as cash flow hedges and began receiving cash flow accounting treatment. The put options, swaptions, and certain basis swap transactions are still accounted for as mark-to-market derivatives. For the quarter ended March 31, 2008, the mark-to-market loss was approximately \$3.0 million. This non-cash unrealized loss represents the impact of higher expected future natural gas prices on these derivative transactions that were being accounted for as mark-to-market activities.

We have entered into cash flow hedges in an effort to reduce our exposure to short-term fluctuations in natural gas prices. For the three months ended March 31, 2008, we recognized a loss of approximately \$0.2 million related to hedge ineffectiveness primarily related to our hedges of production in the Cherokee Basin.

Cash hedge settlements received for all of our derivatives were \$0.7 million and \$2.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, respectively.

*Field operating expenses.* Our field operating expenses generally consist of lease operating expenses, labor, vehicle, supervision, transportation, minor maintenance, tools and supplies expenses, as well as production and ad valorem taxes. Production taxes are a function of volumes and revenues generated from production. Ad valorem taxes vary by county and are based on the value of our wells, equipment and reserves. We assess our field operating expenses by monitoring the expenses in relation to the volume of production and the number of producing wells.

For the three months ended March 31, 2008, lease operating expenses increased \$7.5 million, or 468.3%, to \$9.1 million, compared to expenses of \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007. This increase was primarily the result of the costs of operating the properties acquired in the EnergyQuest, Amvest, and Newfield Acquisitions. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, our lease operating expenses in the Cherokee Basin were impacted by \$0.5 million in repair costs to restore production after a significant winter ice storm in Oklahoma, \$0.8 million of field reorganization expenses in Tulsa, \$0.3 million in costs associated with the final Newfield settlement under the transition services agreement, and \$0.1 million in incremental expenses associated with the Dewey office fire, surface damages, shut-in payments, and environmental costs. We also incurred \$0.2 million in higher workover expenses, power and fuel costs, and insurance expenses in the Black Warrior Basin in 2008 as compared to 2007.

For the three months ended March 31, 2008, per unit operating costs in 2008 were \$2.24 per Mcfe. These weather-related and specific field office events, which are not expected to be ongoing, contributed to the per unit increase in operating expenses experienced in the Cherokee Basin compared to 2007. We expect our lease operating expenses to be approximately \$1.90 to \$2.10 per Mcfe for the remainder of 2008.

For the three months ended March 31, 2008, production taxes increased \$1.2 million, or 262.7%, to \$1.7 million, compared to expenses of \$0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007. This increase was primarily the result of the additional taxes resulting from oil and gas production in Oklahoma and Kansas as a result of the EnergyQuest, Amvest, and Newfield Acquisitions and higher market prices for oil and natural gas.

Cost of sales was \$1.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 which represents the cost of purchased natural gas in the Cherokee Basin.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses include the costs of our employees, related benefits, field office expenses, professional fees, costs billed by CEPM under our management services agreement and other costs not directly associated with field operations. We monitor general and administrative expenses in relation to our production volumes and the number of producing wells.

General and administrative expenses increased \$1.7 million, or 106.0%, to \$3.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008, as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2007. This increase was primarily due to our acquisitions in the Cherokee Basin and \$0.5 million in increased costs associated with audit and tax-related services resulting from the issuance of new units and our acquisitions, \$0.4 million in costs associated with Schlumberger providing outsourced



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accounting services for our properties in the Cherokee Basin, \$0.2 million in legal fees associated with the Torch arbitration, \$0.1 million in non-cash expenses associated with restricted unit grants under our long-term incentive program and \$0.1 million in credit support fees to Constellation. In the first quarter of 2008 and 2007, CEPM allocated \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, in expenses to us for labor and other charges.

Our per unit costs were \$0.82 per Mcfe in 2008 compared to \$1.32 per Mcfe in 2007. This decrease is attributable to increased production volumes as a result of our acquisitions in the Cherokee Basin and the economies of scale associated with spreading fixed administrative expenses over a larger base of properties.

*Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense.* Depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses include the depreciation, depletion and amortization of acquisition costs and equipment costs. Depletion is calculated using units-of-production. Assuming everything else remains unchanged, as natural gas production changes, depletion changes in the same direction.

Our depreciation, depletion and amortization expense for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was \$9.5 million, or \$2.36 per Mcfe, compared to \$2.0 million, or \$1.60 per Mcfe, for the three months ended March 31, 2007. This increase reflects the increased basis in our assets resulting from the cost of our asset acquisitions in the Cherokee Basin, additional capital expenditures for our development drilling programs, and a 2.8 Bcfe increase in production volumes for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2007.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2008 increased \$2.0 million to \$2.6 million as compared to approximately \$0.6 million in interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2007. This increase was due to the borrowings under our reserve-based credit facilities to finance the acquisitions of our Cherokee Basin properties, investment capital expenditures and the accelerated amortization of \$0.1 million in debt issue costs as a result of amending our credit facility. At March 31, 2008, we had an outstanding balance under our credit facilities of \$212.0 million as compared to \$32.0 million at March 31, 2007.

*Interest income.* Interest income was \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007. During the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, we earned interest income by utilizing overnight investments on our excess cash balances. In March 2008, we received \$0.1 million in interest on payment balances from receivables related to the sales of natural gas included in the Torch NPI escrow account. Effective with the termination of the Trust, the escrow account arrangement has also terminated and all payments for natural gas sales will be directly received by us.

*Accumulated other comprehensive income.* Accumulated other comprehensive income, shown on our consolidated balance sheets, reflects the changes in the fair market value of our open hedge positions. At March 31, 2008, the balance was an unrealized loss of \$44.0 million compared to an unrealized gain of \$4.2 million at December 31, 2007. This decrease reflects the increase in the market prices for natural gas in conjunction with an increase of the amount of future expected production to be hedged as a result of our acquisitions.

The change in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) is shown in our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) as a loss of \$48.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008, and as a loss of \$9.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007.

We classify our open hedge positions as Level 2 or Level 3 under SFAS 157. Certain of our derivatives are classified as Level 3 because observable market data is not available for all of the time periods for which we have derivative instruments. As observable market data becomes available for all of the time periods, these derivative positions will be reclassified as Level 2. The income valuation approach, which involves discounting estimated cash flows, is primarily used to determine recurring fair value of our derivatives. The market price for natural gas is the primary driver for the determination of the fair value of our derivatives. Before the cash settlement of our derivatives, increases and decreases in the fair value of our derivatives have no impact on our liquidity, capital resources, and cash flows because all our derivative positions are secured by our reserve-based credit facilities or done with guarantees with Constellation such that we do not post collateral with our counterparties. Our derivative instruments are settled in cash according the terms of the derivative agreements at the time the commodity being hedged is produced and sold. We do not enter into speculative trading positions.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we utilized proceeds from credit facility borrowings and cash flow from operations as our primary sources of capital. As of March 31, 2008, our primary use of capital has been for the development of existing oil and natural gas properties and the acquisition of additional oil and natural gas properties in the Woodford Shale. As we pursue our growth strategy, we will be monitoring the capital resources available to us to meet our future financial obligations and planned capital expenditures. Our future success in

growing reserves and production will be

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highly dependent on the capital resources available to us and our success in drilling for or acquiring additional reserves and managing the costs associated with our operations. Based upon our current expectations, we expect to continue to generate cash flow sufficient to support our projected maintenance capital expenditures and operations of our business.

In addition, our reserve-based credit facilities may be used to help finance future expansion capital expenditures, such as drilling and recompletions beyond that required to maintain production, as well as acquisitions. As of March 31, 2008, our borrowing base on our reserve-based credit facilities was \$240.0 million. At March 31, 2008, we had \$212.0 million of debt outstanding under the reserve-based credit facilities and \$28.0 million in unused borrowing capacity. During 2008, we expect to expand our borrowing base to \$265.0 million by including our Woodford Shale properties under the new credit facility. In the first quarter of 2008, we filed a shelf registration statement with the SEC to register up to \$1.0 billion of debt or equity securities to fund future expansion capital expenditures. This registration statement is now effective. There is no guarantee that securities can or will be issued under the registration statement. Additionally, our credit facilities allow us the ability to issue up to \$300 million of unsecured debt.

In each of the next two years, we expect to utilize our cash flow from operations and borrowings under our reserve-based credit facilities to fund a portion of our drilling expenditures. We expect to fund our remaining 2008 and 2009 maintenance capital expenditures and other working capital needs with cash flow from operations supplemented by occasional borrowings under our credit facilities. We expect to fund all of our 2008 and 2009 investment capital expenditures and any expansion capital expenditures that we might incur with borrowings under our reserve-based credit facilities and issuances of additional units subject to market conditions. We estimate that we will have sufficient cash flow from operations after funding our acquisitions and our maintenance capital expenditures to enable us to make our quarterly cash distributions to unitholders through December 31, 2009.

CEPM currently holds management incentive interests in us that represent the right to receive 15% of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus after the Target Distribution (as defined in our limited liability company agreement) has been achieved and certain other tests have been met. Based on our distribution level, beginning in the fourth quarter 2007, we commenced the management incentive interest vesting period under our operating agreement. Although the management incentive vesting period has commenced, we are not able to predict whether we will ultimately be required to make distributions in respect of the management incentive interests or, if we do make such distributions in the future, how much they will ultimately be. A cash reserve has been established to fund future distributions on the management incentive interests. After the May 15, 2008 distribution, the reserve will be increased from \$0.2 million to \$0.3 million.

In the event the cost of acquiring additional oil or natural gas properties exceeds our existing capital resources, we expect that we will finance those acquisitions with a combination of expanded or new debt facilities or new equity issuances subject to market conditions. The ratio of debt and equity issued will be determined by our management and our board of managers.

***Reserve-Based Credit Facilities***

On March 28, 2008, we entered into a new \$500.0 million secured credit facility with The Royal Bank of Scotland as administrative agent and a syndicate of lenders. The amount available for borrowing at any one time is limited to the borrowing base for our properties other than in the State of Alabama, which is initially set at \$150.0 million. As of March 31, 2008, we have borrowed \$131.0 million under the facility and have a remaining capacity of \$19.0 million. On March 28, 2008, we also amended and restated our existing \$200.0 million credit facility by entering into an amended and restated credit agreement with the The Royal Bank of Scotland as administrative agent and a syndicate of lenders. The amount available for borrowing at any one time is limited to the borrowing base for our properties in the State of Alabama, which is initially set at \$90.0 million. As of March 31, 2008, we have borrowed \$81.0 million and have a remaining capacity of \$9.0 million. Both of our credit facilities will mature on October 31, 2010. The amount available for borrowing at any one time is limited to the borrowing base. The borrowing base will be re-determined semi-annually, and may be re-determined at our request more frequently and by the lenders in their sole discretion based on reserve reports prepared by reserve engineers, together with, among other things, the natural gas and oil prices at such time. Any increase in the borrowing base will have to be approved by all of the lenders in the syndicate and any decrease in the borrowing base will have to be approved by lenders holding at least 66 2/3% of the commitments.

The two agreements contain similar commercial terms with the same lenders participating in the same applicable percentages. A cross-default feature provides that an event of default under one agreement constitutes an event of default under the other. Our obligations under our credit facilities are secured by mortgages on our natural gas properties, as well as a pledge of all ownership interests in our subsidiaries. We are required to maintain the mortgages on properties representing at least 85% of our proved producing and proved non-producing reserves. Additionally, the obligations under the credit facilities are guaranteed by all of our operating subsidiaries and any future material subsidiaries.

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Borrowings under our credit facilities are available to us for acquisition, exploration, operation and maintenance of natural gas and oil properties, payment of expenses incurred in connection with the credit facility, working capital and general limited liability company purposes. A sub-limit of \$20.0 million of the facility applies for letters of credit.

At our election, interest will be determined by reference to:

LIBOR plus an applicable margin between 1.25% and 2.00% per annum based on utilization; or

a domestic bank rate plus an applicable margin between 0.25% and 1.00% per annum based on utilization.

Interest will generally be payable quarterly for domestic bank rate loans and at the applicable maturity date for LIBOR loans.

Our credit facilities contain various covenants that limit our ability to:

incur indebtedness;

grant certain liens;

make certain loans, acquisitions, capital expenditures and investments;

make distributions other than from available cash;

merge or consolidate; or

engage in certain asset dispositions, including a sale of all or substantially all of our assets.

Our credit facilities also contain covenants that, among other things, require us to maintain specified ratios or conditions as follows:

debt to Adjusted EBITDA (defined as, for any period, the sum of consolidated net income for such period plus the following expenses or charges to the extent deducted from consolidated net income in such period: interest expense, depreciation, depletion, amortization, write-off of deferred financing fees, impairment of long-lived assets, (gain) loss on sale of assets, (gain) loss from equity investment, accretion of asset retirement obligation, unrealized (gain) loss on natural gas derivatives and realized (gain) loss on cancelled natural gas derivatives, and other similar charges) of not more than 3.5 to 1.0; and

Adjusted EBITDA to cash interest expense of not less than 2.5 to 1.0; and

consolidated current assets, including the unused amount of the total commitments but excluding current non-cash assets, to consolidated current liabilities, excluding non-cash liabilities, of not less than 1.0 to 1.0, all calculated pursuant to the requirements under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) 133 and SFAS 143 (including the current liabilities in respect of the termination of natural gas and interest rate swaps).

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A failure to maintain the foregoing ratios could result in an acceleration of any indebtedness in excess of \$1.0 million and would constitute an event of default that would prohibit us from making distributions.

We have the ability to borrow under our credit facilities to pay distributions to unitholders as long as there has not been a default or event of default and if the amount of borrowings outstanding under our credit facilities is less than 90% of the borrowing base.

If an event of default exists under our credit facilities, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of the credit facility and exercise other customary rights and remedies. Each of the following is an event of default:

failure to pay any principal when due or any interest, fees or other amount within certain grace periods;

a representation or warranty made under the loan documents or in any report or other instrument furnished there under is incorrect when made; and

failure to perform or otherwise comply with the covenants in the credit facility or other loan documents, subject, in certain instances, to certain grace periods, which include covenants that:

Constellation and its affiliates maintain the right to elect our Class A Managers; and

we obtain the approval of the administrative agent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) of any management services plan upon the termination of the management services agreement with CEPMP;

any event occurs that permits or causes the acceleration of the indebtedness;

bankruptcy or insolvency events involving us or our subsidiaries;



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the entry of, and failure to pay, one or more adverse judgments in excess of \$1.0 million or one or more non-monetary judgments that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect and for which enforcement proceedings are brought or that are not stayed pending appeal;

specified events relating to our employee benefit plans that could reasonably be expected to result in liabilities in excess of \$1.0 million in any year; and

a change of control, generally defined as the first date on which the following two conditions occur: (i) a decrease by CEPH and CEPM of their combined ownership of our outstanding membership interests to less than 20%, and (ii) the ownership by any person (other than a wholly-owned subsidiary of Constellation) of more than 35% of our outstanding membership interests.

At March 31, 2008, we believe that we are in compliance with the debt covenants contained in our credit facilities.

We enter into hedging arrangements to reduce the impact of changes in the LIBOR interest rate on our interest payments for our reserve-based credit facility. Currently, we have outstanding interest rate swaps that fix the LIBOR rate at 4.74%, 4.964%, 4.805%, 4.58%, and 4.56% on \$16.5 million, \$45.0 million, \$29.5 million, \$11.0 million, and \$7.5 million, respectively, of our outstanding debt through February 20, 2010, September 20, 2010, October 19, 2010, August 20, 2010, and October 22, 2010, respectively.

### **Cash Flow from Operations**

Our net cash flow provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was \$14.5 million, compared to net cash flow provided by operating activities of \$6.5 million for the same period in 2007. This increase in operating cash flow was primarily attributable to higher sales of oil and natural gas as a result of our acquisitions in the Cherokee Basin. Our change in working capital was impacted by a \$3.9 million increase in accounts receivable and a \$1.3 million decrease in amounts payable to affiliates. The accounts receivable increase primarily relates to \$1.6 million in post-close receivables from the Newfield Acquisition which were subsequently collected in April 2008, an insurance receivable of \$0.4 million subsequently collected in April 2008, and \$1.0 million in receivables from affiliates of Constellation that we expect to collect in May 2008. The accounts payable decrease primarily resulted from the timing of the payment for 2007 expenses accrued under the management services agreement with CEPM. We expect to begin receiving cash flows from the CoLa Acquisition in the second quarter of 2008.

Our cash flow from operations is subject to many variables, the most significant of which is the volatility of oil and natural gas prices. Oil and natural gas prices are determined primarily by prevailing market conditions, which are dependent on regional and worldwide economic activity, weather and other factors beyond our control. Our future cash flow from operations will depend on our ability to maintain and increase production through our production, development and exploration program and acquisitions, as well as the prices of oil and natural gas and the extent and effectiveness of our hedging program.

We enter into hedging arrangements to reduce the impact of natural gas price volatility on our operations. By removing the price volatility from a significant portion of our natural gas production, we have mitigated, but not eliminated, the potential effects of changing prices on our cash flow from operations for those periods. While mitigating negative effects of falling commodity prices, these derivative contracts also limit the benefits we would receive from increases in commodity prices. Our operating cash flows are also impacted by the cost of oilfield services. In the event of inflation increasing service costs or administrative expenses, our hedging program will limit our ability to have increased operating cash flows to recoup these higher costs.

It is our policy to enter into derivative contracts only with counterparties that are creditworthy financial institutions deemed by management as competent and competitive market makers. We do not post collateral under any of these agreements as they are secured under our reserve-based credit facilities or guaranteed by Constellation.

The following table summarizes, for the periods indicated, our hedges currently in place through December 31, 2012. Currently, we use fixed-price swaps and put options as our mechanisms for hedging commodity prices. All derivatives settle based on NYMEX Henry Hub prices unless otherwise noted. Our basis swaps hedge the basis differentials associated with natural gas production in the Cherokee Basin.

Our derivative positions accounted for as cash flow hedges at March 31, 2008 were:



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*Fixed Price Swaps*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2008		\$	3,385,001	\$ 8.42	3,405,001	\$ 8.42	3,405,001	\$ 8.42	10,195,003	\$ 8.42
2009	2,662,500	\$ 8.29	2,676,250	\$ 8.29	2,690,000	\$ 8.29	2,690,000	\$ 8.29	10,718,750	\$ 8.29
2010	2,340,000	\$ 8.06	2,360,000	\$ 8.06	2,380,000	\$ 8.06	2,380,000	\$ 8.06	9,460,000	\$ 8.06
2011	1,800,000	\$ 8.37	1,820,000	\$ 8.37	1,840,000	\$ 8.37	1,840,000	\$ 8.37	7,300,000	\$ 8.37
2012	1,592,500	\$ 8.32	1,592,500	\$ 8.32	1,610,000	\$ 8.32	1,610,000	\$ 8.32	6,405,000	\$ 8.32
									44,078,753	

*Basis Swaps*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$
2008			2,036,000	\$ 1.00	1,849,000	\$ 1.00	1,753,000	\$ 1.00	5,638,000	\$ 1.00
2009	1,462,500	\$ 1.00	1,473,750	\$ 1.00	1,297,750	\$ 1.00	1,201,000	\$ 1.00	5,435,000	\$ 1.00
2010	1,287,000	\$ 1.00	1,292,000	\$ 1.00	1,099,000	\$ 1.00	1,000,000	\$ 1.00	4,678,000	\$ 1.00
									15,751,000	

Our derivative positions accounted for as mark-to-market derivatives at March 31, 2008 were:

*Put Options*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2008		\$	120,000	\$ 7.78	120,000	\$ 7.78	120,000	\$ 8.48	360,000	\$ 8.01
2009	120,000	\$ 8.83	120,000	\$ 7.50	120,000	\$ 7.50	40,000	\$ 7.50	400,000	\$ 7.90
									760,000	

*Basis Swaps*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$	Volume	Weighted Average \$
2008		\$	227,500	\$ 1.00					227,500	\$ 1.00
2009	150,000	\$ 1.00	150,000	\$ 1.00	150,000	\$ 1.00	150,000	\$ 1.00	600,000	\$ 1.00
2010	60,000	\$ 1.00	60,000	\$ 1.00	60,000	\$ 1.00	60,000	\$ 1.00	240,000	\$ 1.00

1,067,500

*Swaptions*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)								Total Average Price	
	March 31, Average Price		June 30, Average Price		Sept 30, Average Price		Dec 31, Average Price			
	Volume	Price	Volume	Price	Volume	Price	Volume	Price	Volume	Price
2009	450,000	\$ 8.69	455,000	\$ 8.69	460,000	\$ 8.69	460,000	\$ 8.69	1,825,000	\$ 8.69

1,825,000

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In February 2008, we entered into natural gas swaps in connection with the CoLa Acquisition. These derivative positions were accounted for as mark-to-market activities until the final closing of the acquisition at which time they were designated as cash flow hedges. These derivatives are primarily settled on CEGT East Inside FERC. We have not executed any basis swaps associated with these positions.

The positions are as follows:

*Fixed Price Swaps*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2008		\$	400,000	\$ 8.36	360,000	\$ 8.29	360,000	\$ 8.29	1,120,000	\$ 8.32
2009	225,000	\$ 8.11	227,500	\$ 8.11	230,000	\$ 8.11	230,000	\$ 8.11	912,500	\$ 8.11
2010	180,000	\$ 7.91	180,000	\$ 7.91	180,000	\$ 7.91	180,000	\$ 7.91	720,000	\$ 7.91
2011	180,000	\$ 7.93	180,000	\$ 7.93	180,000	\$ 7.93	180,000	\$ 7.93	720,000	\$ 7.93
									3,472,500	

In April 2008, the company entered into derivative positions hedges with BNP Paribas, The Royal Bank of Scotland and Societe General for the purpose of reducing the impact of lower natural gas pricing on our operations and cash flows. The derivatives are settled on a combination of NYMEX, CEGT East Inside FERC, ONEOK Gas Transportation Oklahoma, Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Texas, Oklahoma and Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. The derivatives are connected to future production for the years 2008 through 2013 and are accounted for as mark-to-market activities.

The positions are as follows:

*Fixed Price Cash Flow Swaps*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2008		\$		\$	230,000	\$ 10.40	230,000	\$ 10.40	460,000	\$ 10.40
2009	450,000	\$ 9.68	455,000	\$ 9.68	460,000	\$ 9.68	460,000	\$ 9.68	1,825,000	\$ 9.68
									2,285,000	

*Fixed Price Basis Swaps*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2008		\$		\$	230,000	\$ 1.42	230,000	\$ 1.42	460,000	\$ 1.42
2009	450,000	\$ 1.09	455,000	\$ 1.09	460,000	\$ 1.09	460,000	\$ 1.09	1,825,000	\$ 1.09
									2,285,000	



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	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2008		\$	100,000	\$ 10.87	(35,000)	\$ 14.263	(220,000)	\$ 11.986	(155,000)	\$ 13.220
2009	205,000	\$ 11.772	70,000	\$ 10.76	(60,000)	\$ 10.395	(190,000)	\$ 10.405	25,000	\$ 22.638
2010	610,000	\$ 9.283	515,000	\$ 9.013	290,000	\$ 8.690	320,000	\$ 8.804	1,735,000	\$ 9.015
2011	600,000	\$ 9.116	605,000	\$ 9.116	380,000	\$ 8.884	380,000	\$ 8.884	1,965,000	\$ 9.026
2012	635,000	\$ 8.385	635,000	\$ 8.385	640,000	\$ 8.384	640,000	\$ 8.384	2,550,000	\$ 8.384
2013	450,000	\$ 9.160	455,000	\$ 9.160	460,000	\$ 9.160	460,000	\$ 9.160	1,825,000	\$ 9.160
									7,945,000	

*MTM Basis Swaps*

	For the quarter ended (in MMBtu)									
	March 31,		June 30,		Sept 30,		Dec 31,		Total	
	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price	Volume	Average Price
2008		\$	152,500	\$ 1.308	230,000	\$ 1.308	230,000	\$ 1.308	612,500	\$ 1.308
2009	225,000	\$ 0.888	227,500	\$ 0.888	230,000	\$ 0.888	230,000	\$ 0.888	912,500	\$ 0.888
									1,525,000	

**Investing Activities Acquisitions and Capital Expenditures**

Cash used in investing activities was \$61.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008, compared to \$13.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007. Our capital expenditures were \$61.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008, which primarily related to \$9.0 million for drilling and development of oil and natural gas properties and \$53.1 million for the CoLa Acquisition offset by \$0.9 million in post-closing adjustments related to our 2007 acquisitions in the Cherokee Basin. These post-closing adjustments were primarily related to the receipt of revenues between the effective date of the transaction and the closing date. In the first quarter of 2008, we drilled and completed 9 net wells in the Black Warrior Basin and 20 net wells and 11 net recompletions in the Cherokee Basin. In the first quarter of 2007, we drilled and completed 8 net wells in the Black Warrior Basin. For the three months ended March 31, 2007, we also established an escrow account of \$10.0 million related to the definitive purchase agreement for the EnergyQuest Acquisition.

We currently anticipate our capital budget will be \$44.5 million for the twelve months ending December 31, 2008, excluding the impact of additional acquisitions. This capital budget, which primarily consists of capital for drilling, also includes amounts for infrastructure projects, equipment, and inventory. We expect to spend this entire budget in the Black Warrior Basin and the Cherokee Basin. As the recent acquisition in the Woodford Shale was for proved developed producing reserves, no material capital expenditures are planned on the wells. As allowed under our limited liability company agreement, maintenance capital associated with production in the Woodford Shale can be and will be redeployed to the Cherokee Basin. The amount and timing of our capital expenditures is largely discretionary and within our control. If natural gas prices decline to levels below acceptable levels, we could choose to defer a portion of these planned capital expenditures until later periods. We routinely monitor and adjust our capital expenditures in response to changes in natural gas prices, drilling and acquisition costs, industry conditions and internally generated cash flow. Matters outside our control that could affect the timing of our capital expenditures include obtaining required permits and approvals in a timely manner and the availability of rigs and crews. Based upon current natural gas price expectations for the twelve months ending December 31, 2008, we anticipate that our cash flow from operations, and available borrowing capacity under our reserve-based credit facilities will exceed our planned capital expenditures and other cash requirements for the twelve months ending December 31, 2008. However, future cash flows are subject to a number of variables, including the level of natural gas production and prices. There can be no assurance that operations and other capital resources will provide cash in sufficient amounts to maintain planned levels of capital expenditures. Our capital expenditures are also impacted by drilling and service costs. In the event of inflation increasing drilling and service costs, our hedging program will limit our ability to have increased revenues recoup the higher costs, which could impact our planned

capital spending.

**Financing Activities**

Our net cash provided by financing activities was \$44.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008, compared to \$7.5 million used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2007. In the first quarter of 2008, we borrowed \$59.0 million to fund the CoLa Acquisition, to fund debt issue costs, and to finance capital expenditures. This net new borrowing occurred under our new reserve-based credit facility secured by our properties outside of Alabama and our



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amended and restated credit facility secured by properties in Alabama. These two credit facilities are not only secured by our oil and gas properties but also by our operating subsidiaries. We also paid distributions of \$12.4 million to our common and Class A unitholders and on the Class D interests in February 2008 and incurred \$0.3 million in costs associated with our shelf registration statement.

In the first quarter of 2007, we borrowed \$10.0 million from our reserve-based credit facility in order to establish an escrow account in connection with the EnergyQuest Acquisition. We also paid distributions of \$2.4 million to our common and Class A unitholders and on the Class D interests in February 2007.

**Contractual Obligations**

At March 31, 2008, we had the following contractual obligations or commercial commitments:

	2008	2009	Payments Due By Year <sup>(1)(2)</sup>				Total
			2010	2011	2012	Thereafter	
			(In 000 s)				
Management Services Agreement (3)	\$ 3,378	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,378
Reserve-Based Credit Facility			212,000				212,000
Support Services Agreement	642						642
Purchase Obligation	733						733
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,753</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 212,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 216,753</b>

- (1) This table does not include any liability associated with derivatives.
- (2) This table does not include interest as interest rates are variable.
- (3) Represents the maximum annual amount approved by the conflicts committee of our board of managers in April 2008. At March 31, 2008, our asset retirement obligation was \$6.4 million.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no guarantees or off-balance sheet debt to third parties, and we maintain no debt obligations that contain provisions requiring accelerated payment of the related obligations in the event of specified levels of declines in credit ratings.

**Credit Markets and Counterparty Risk**

Bear Energy LP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bear Stearns Companies, Inc., purchases the majority of our natural gas production in Alabama. In March 2008, JP Morgan Chase assumed the counterparty risk and now exercises management control over Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. We have received a guarantee from JP Morgan Chase for the obligations of Bear Energy LP. As of March 31, 2008, we have no past due receivables from Bear Energy LP.

All of our derivatives are with BNP Paribas, The Royal Bank of Scotland, and Societe Generale. These banks are lenders who participate in our reserve-based credit facilities. All of our derivatives are collateralized by our reserve-based credit facilities or are guaranteed by Constellation. As of March 31, 2008, each of these financial institutions has an investment grade credit rating.

**Outlook**

During the remainder of 2008, we expect that our business will continue to be affected by the factors described in Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors, as well as the following key industry and economic trends. Our expectation is based upon key assumptions and information currently available to us. To the extent that our underlying assumptions about or interpretations of available information prove to be incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from our expected results.

*Production, Drilling, and Capital Expenditures*

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In 2008, we expect our net production to be between 17 Bcfe and 20 Bcfe. This is based on our estimates of the production decline rate on our existing wells and our 2008 drilling program for newly drilled wells and recompletions. Excluding the impact of additional acquisitions, we expect to spend approximately \$44.5 million in capital expenditures in 2008. Of this \$44.5 million, \$29.0 million is estimated to be maintenance capital expenditures to maintain our production, reserves, and asset base and \$15.5 million is estimated to be investment capital expenditures to support moderate organic growth. Our

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total 2008 program contains between 200 to 230 newly drilled wells and recompletions. We expect to drill between 115 and 130 wells and perform 85 to 100 recompletions. Our 2008 program in the Black Warrior Basin consists of 15 newly drilled wells and was completed as of April 30, 2008. The remainder of our 2008 program will be concentrated in the Cherokee Basin. We plan to spend the \$0.5 million that has been accrued for environmental liabilities during the remainder of 2008.

### *Natural Gas Prices and Hedging Activities*

We have entered into derivative positions to mitigate the impact of lower natural gas prices on our operations and cash flows. Our derivative positions are outlined on page 28. All of our derivative positions, except our puts, swaptions, and certain swaps, are treated as cash flow hedges for accounting purposes. The puts, swaptions, and certain swaps derivatives are accounted for as mark-to-market activities. We also have hedged our exposure to changes in LIBOR on the interest payments associated with \$109.5 million of our outstanding debt. For accounting purposes, our interest rate swaps are treated as cash flow hedges.

### *Operating Expenses: Lease Operating Expenses, Production Taxes and General and Administrative Expenses*

Our operating expenses include such items as lease operating expenses (labor, vehicle expenses, supervision, transportation, minor maintenance, ad valorem taxes, tools and supplies), production taxes and general and administrative expenses. Due to the current environment of relatively high commodity prices, we anticipate that during 2008, service and labor costs, as well as costs of equipment and raw materials, will remain at or exceed the levels we experienced in 2007. We currently expect our operating expenses for 2008 to be between \$54.5 million and \$57.5 million. This amount does not include any expenses associated with cost of sales for gas purchases and gathering charges, which are generally offset by third-party oil and gas revenues. Our production taxes are directly correlated to our revenues, as they are a fixed percentage of sales revenue before the impact of our hedging program. These estimated costs assume that we do not make any further acquisitions in 2008, and that we do not reimburse CEPM under the management services agreement for any acquisition services.

### *Adjusted EBITDA*

For 2008, we expect our Adjusted EBITDA to be between \$94.0 million and \$105.0 million.

Higher natural gas and oil prices have led to higher demand for drilling rigs, operating personnel and field supplies and services and have caused increases in the costs of these goods and services. To date, our realized sales prices for natural gas have more than offset the higher drilling and operating costs we have incurred since 2005. Given the inherent volatility of natural gas prices, which are influenced by many factors beyond our control, we plan our activities and budgets based on sales price assumptions that reflect our forward price curve. We focus our efforts on increasing natural gas reserves and maintaining natural gas production levels while controlling costs at a level that is appropriate for long-term operations. Our future cash flow from operations is dependent on our ability to manage our overall cost structure and to maintain or increase our production levels over time. Our growth also depends on the ability to complete additional acquisitions which is dependent upon access to attractive debt and equity financing. In 2008, our operating and financial performance will be impacted by the success and costs of our drilling program in replacing reserves and managing the natural decline rates of our existing production in the Black Warrior Basin and in the Cherokee Basin.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Certain accounting policies involve judgments and uncertainties to such an extent that there is reasonable likelihood that materially different amounts could have been reported under different conditions, or if different assumptions had been used. We evaluate our estimate and assumptions on a regular basis. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of our financial statements.

As of March 31, 2008, there have been no changes with regard to the critical accounting policies disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. The policies disclosed included the accounting for natural gas properties, natural gas reserve quantities, net profits interest, revenue recognition and hedging activities. Please read Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements for a discussion of additional accounting policies and estimates made by management.



**Table of Contents****New Accounting Pronouncements**

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS 161, *Disclosures About Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. SFAS 161 is effective beginning January 1, 2009 and requires entities to provide expanded disclosures about derivative instruments and hedging activities including (1) the ways in which an entity uses derivatives, (2) the accounting for derivatives and hedging activities, and (3) the impact that derivatives have (or could have) on an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. SFAS 161 requires expanded disclosures and does not change the accounting for derivatives. CEP is currently evaluating the impact of SFAS 161, but we do not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on our financial results.

In March 2008, the Emerging Issues Task Force reached a consensus on Issue No. 07-4, or EITF 07-4, *Application of the Two-Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128, Earnings per Share, to Master Limited Partnerships*. EITF 07-4 provides guidance for how current period earnings should be allocated between limited partners and a general partner when the partnership agreement contains incentive distribution rights. This Issue is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 (January 1, 2009 for us), and interim periods within those fiscal years. Earlier application is not permitted, and the guidance in this Issue is to be applied retrospectively for all financial statements presented. CEP is currently evaluating the impact of this Issue on our financial statements.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

The primary objective of the following information is to provide forward-looking quantitative and qualitative information about our potential exposure to market risks. The term *market risk* refers to the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in natural gas prices and interest rates. The 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 we view and manage our ongoing market risk exposures. All of our market risk sensitive instruments were entered into for purposes other than speculative trading.

**Commodity Price Risk**

Our major market risk exposure is in the pricing applicable to our natural gas production. Realized pricing is primarily driven by the SONAT Inside FERC Price with respect to our properties in the Black Warrior Basin in Alabama and the ONEOK and PEPL Inside FERC Prices with respect to our properties in the Cherokee Basin in Oklahoma and Kansas and the spot market prices applicable to our natural gas production. Pricing for natural gas production has been volatile and unpredictable for several years, and we expect this volatility to continue in the future. The prices we receive for production depend on many factors outside our control.

We have entered into hedging arrangements with respect to a portion of our projected natural gas production through various transactions that hedge the future prices received. These hedging activities are intended to support natural gas prices at targeted levels and to manage our exposure to natural gas price fluctuations. We do not hold or issue derivative instruments for speculative trading purposes. The table below presents the hypothetical changes in fair values arising from potential changes in the quoted market prices of the commodity underlying the derivative instruments used to mitigate these market risks. Any gain or loss on these derivative commodity instruments would be substantially offset by a corresponding gain or loss on the sale of the hedged natural gas production, which are not included in the table. These derivatives do not hedge all of our commodity price risk related to our forecasted sales of natural gas production and as a result, we are subject to commodity price risks on our remaining unhedged natural gas production.

**Fair Value Derivatives**

	Fair Value	10 Percent Increase Fair Value	10 Percent Decrease (Decrease) Fair Value	10 Percent Increase Fair Value	10 Percent Decrease Increase
	(in 000 s)				
Impact of changes in commodity prices on derivative commodity instruments					
March 31, 2008	\$ (46,148)	\$ (66,553)	\$ (20,405)	\$ (24,662)	\$ 21,486

**Interest Rate Risk**

At March 31, 2008, we had debt outstanding of \$212.0 million, which incurred interest at a rate of LIBOR plus an applicable margin between 1.25% and 2.00% based on utilization. At March 31, 2008, the three-month LIBOR interest rate was 2.69%. We enter into hedging arrangements to reduce the impact of volatility of changes in the LIBOR interest rate on our interest payments for our debt. Currently, we have outstanding

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interest rate swaps that fix the LIBOR rate at 4.74%, 4.964%, 4.805%, 4.58%, and 4.56% on \$16.5 million, \$45.0 million, \$29.5 million, \$11.0 million, and \$7.5 million, respectively, of our outstanding debt through February 20, 2010, September 20, 2010, October 19, 2010, August 20, 2010, and October 22, 2010, respectively. At September 30, 2008, the carrying value and fair value of our debt is \$212.0 million.

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The table below presents the hypothetical changes in fair values arising from potential changes in the quoted interest rate underlying the derivative instruments used to mitigate these market risks.

	Fair Value	10 Percent Increase Fair Value	Increase (in 000 s)	10 Percent Decrease Fair Value	(Decrease)
Impact of changes in LIBOR on derivative interest rate instruments					
March 31, 2008	\$ (6,080)	\$ (6,363)	\$ (283)	\$ (5,797)	\$ 283

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, with CEP have been detected. These inherent limitations include error by personnel in executing controls due to faulty judgment or simple mistakes, which could occur in situations such as when personnel performing controls are new to a job function or when inadequate resources are applied to a process. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons or by collusion of two or more people.

The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no absolute assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or personnel, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of CEP have evaluated the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)) as of the end of the fiscal quarter covered by this quarterly report (the Evaluation Date). Based on such evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, CEP's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

*Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.* During the quarter ended March 31, 2008, there were no changes in CEP's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, CEP's internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

Although we may, from time to time, be involved in litigation and claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business, we are not currently a party to any material legal proceedings other than as disclosed in Note 11 on page 16 and in Items 1 and 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K (2007 Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed on March 4, 2008. In addition, we are not aware of any legal or governmental proceedings against us, or contemplated to be brought against us, under various environmental protection statutes or other regulations to which we are subject.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes to the risk factors previously disclosed in Item 1A. to Part I of our 2007 Form 10-K. An investment in our common units involves various risks. When considering an investment in us, careful consideration should be given to the risk factors described in our 2007 Form 10-K. These risks and uncertainties are not the only ones facing us and there may be additional matters that are not known to us or that we currently consider immaterial. All of these risks and uncertainties could adversely affect our business, financial condition or future results and, thus, the value of an investment in us.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which may include statements about:

the volatility of realized oil and natural gas prices;

the discovery, estimation, development and replacement of oil and natural gas reserves;



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our business and financial strategy;

our drilling locations;

technology;

our cash flow, liquidity and financial position;

the impact from the termination of the Robinson s Bend sharing arrangement before December 31, 2012;

our production volumes;

our lease operating expenses, general and administrative costs and finding and development costs;

the availability of drilling and production equipment, labor and other services;

our future operating results;

our prospect development and property acquisitions;

the marketing of oil and natural gas;

competition in the oil and natural gas industry;

the impact of weather and the occurrence of natural disasters such as fires, floods, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, snow and ice storms and other catastrophic events and natural disasters;

governmental regulation of the oil and natural gas industry;

developments in oil-producing and natural gas producing countries; and

our strategic plans, objectives, expectations and intentions for future operations.

All of these types of statements, other than statements of historical fact included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements may be found in Risk Factors, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and other items within this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as may, could, should, expect, plan, project, intend, anticipate, believe, estimate, predict, potential, the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology.

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The forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are largely based on our expectations, which reflect estimates and assumptions made by our management. These estimates and assumptions reflect our best judgment based on currently known market conditions and other factors. Although we believe such estimates and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently uncertain and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are beyond our control. In addition, management's assumptions about future events may prove to be inaccurate. Management cautions all readers that the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are not guarantees of future performance, and we cannot assure any reader that such statements will be realized or the forward-looking events and circumstances will occur. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements due to factors listed in the Risk Factors section and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We do not intend to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These cautionary statements qualify all forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

None.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

None.

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

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**Item 6. Exhibits**

(a) The following documents are filed as a part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

1. Financial Statements:

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss Constellation Energy Partners LLC for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007

Consolidated Balance Sheets Constellation Energy Partners LLC at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Constellation Energy Partners LLC for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Members' Equity and Comprehensive Income (Loss) Constellation Energy Partners LLC for the three months ended March 31, 2008

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit**

**Number Description**

- 2.1 Agreement for Purchase and Sale, dated as of February 19, 2008, between CoLa Resources LLC and CEP Mid-Continent LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Constellation Energy Partners LLC on April 3, 2008).
- 2.2 First Amendment to Agreement for Purchase and Sale, dated as of March 31, 2008, between CoLa Resources LLC and CEP Mid-Continent LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Constellation Energy Partners LLC on April 3, 2008).
- 2.3 Guaranty Agreement, dated as of March 31, 2008, between Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. and CEP Mid-Continent LLC (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Constellation Energy Partners LLC on April 3, 2008).
- 10.1 Credit Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2008, among Constellation Energy Partners LLC, each of the Lenders party thereto, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, as administrative agent for the Lenders, RBS Securities Corporation dba RBS Greenwich Capital, as lead arranger and sole book runner and BNP Paribas and Wachovia Bank N.A., as co-syndication agents (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Constellation Energy Partners LLC on April 3, 2008).
- 10.2 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated March 28, 2008, among Constellation Energy Partners LLC, each of the Lenders party hereto, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, as administrative agent for the Lenders, RBS Securities Corporation dba RBS Greenwich Capital, as lead arranger and sole book runner and BNP Paribas and Wachovia Bank N.A., as co-syndication agents (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Constellation Energy Partners LLC on April 3, 2008).
- \*31.1 Certification of Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President of Constellation Energy Partners LLC pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- \*31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer of Constellation Energy Partners LLC pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- \*32.1 Certification of Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President of Constellation Energy Partners LLC pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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Certification of Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer of Constellation Energy Partners LLC pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

\* Filed herewith

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, Constellation Energy Partners LLC, has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CONSTELLATION ENERGY PARTNERS LLC

(REGISTRANT)

Date: May 9, 2008

By

/s/ Charles C. Ward  
Chief Financial Officer And Treasurer

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