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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 1-13245

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

5205 N. O Connor Blvd., Suite 200, Irving, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

(972) 444-9001

75-2702753 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

75039 (Zip Code)

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

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

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

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

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

Number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of November 1, 2011

116,881,280

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

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Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

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

These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, volatility of commodity prices, product supply and demand, competition, the ability to obtain environmental and other permits and the timing thereof, other government regulation or action, the ability to obtain approvals from third parties and negotiate agreements with third parties on mutually acceptable terms, litigation, the costs and results of drilling and operations, availability of equipment, services and personnel required to complete the Company s operating activities, access to and availability of transportation, processing and refining facilities, Pioneer s ability to replace reserves, implement its business plans or complete its development activities as scheduled, access to and cost of capital, the financial strength of counterparties to Pioneer s credit facility and derivative contracts and the purchasers of Pioneer s oil, NGL and gas production, uncertainties about estimates of reserves and the ability to add proved reserves in the future, the assumptions underlying production forecasts, quality of technical data, environmental and weather risks, including the possible impacts of climate change, international operations and acts of war or terrorism. These and other risks are described in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K, this and other Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). In addition, the Company may be subject to currently unforeseen risks that may have a materially adverse effect on it. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that the actual events and results will not be materially different than the anticipated results described in the forward-looking statements. See Part I, Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Part 1, Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk and Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors in this Report and Part I, Item 1. Business Competition, Markets and Regulations, Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors, Part II. Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Part II, Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 and Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors in the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2011 for a description of various factors that could materially affect the ability of Pioneer to achieve the anticipated results described in the forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no duty to publicly update these statements except as required by law.

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

Definitions of Certain Terms and Conventions Used Herein

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

AOCI - Hedging means accumulated other comprehensive income net deferred hedge gains, net of tax, a component of the Company s consolidated stockholders equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Bbl means a standard barrel containing 42 United States gallons.

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

BOEPD means BOE per day.

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

Conway means the daily average natural gas liquids components as priced in *Oil Price Information Service* (OPIS) in the table U.S. and Canada LP Gas Weekly Averages at Conway, Kansas.

DD&A means depletion, depreciation and amortization.

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

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

MBbl means one thousand Bbls.

MBOE means one thousand BOEs.

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

MMBbl means one million Bbls.

MMBOE means one million BOEs.

MMBtu means one million Btus.

MMcf means one million cubic feet.

MMcfpd means one million cubic feet per day.

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

NGL means natural gas liquid.

NYMEX means the New York Mercantile Exchange.

NYSE means the New York Stock Exchange.

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

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

Proved reserves mean the quantities of oil and gas, which, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be economically producible from a given date forward, from known reservoirs, and under existing economic conditions, operating methods, and government regulations prior to the time at which contracts providing the right to operate expire, unless evidence indicates that renewal is reasonably certain, regardless of whether deterministic or probabilistic methods are used for the estimation. The project to extract the hydrocarbons must have commenced or the operator must be reasonably certain that it will commence the project within a reasonable time.

(i) The area of the reservoir considered as proved includes: (A) The area identified by drilling and limited by fluid contacts, if any, and (B) Adjacent undrilled portions of the reservoir that can, with reasonable certainty, be judged to be continuous with it and to contain economically producible oil or gas on the basis of available geoscience and engineering data.

(ii) In the absence of data on fluid contacts, proved quantities in a reservoir are limited by the lowest known hydrocarbons (LKH) as seen in a well penetration unless geoscience, engineering, or performance data and reliable technology establishes a lower contact with reasonable certainty.

(iii) Where direct observation from well penetrations has defined a highest known oil (HKO) elevation and the potential exists for an associated gas cap, proved oil reserves may be assigned in the structurally higher portions of the reservoir only if geoscience, engineering or performance data and reliable technology establish the higher contact with reasonable certainty.

(iv) Reserves which can be produced economically through application of improved recovery techniques (including, but not limited to, fluid injection) are included in the proved classification when: (A) Successful testing by a pilot project in an area of the reservoir with properties no more favorable than in the reservoir as a whole, the operation of an installed program in the reservoir or an analogous reservoir, or other evidence using reliable technology establishes the reasonable certainty of the engineering analysis on which the project or program was based; and (B) The project has been approved for development by all necessary parties and entities, including governmental entities.

(v) Existing economic conditions include prices and costs at which economic producibility from a reservoir is to be determined. The price shall be the average during the 12-month period prior to the ending date of the period covered by the report, determined as an unweighted arithmetic average of the first-day-of-the-month price for each month within such period, unless prices are defined by contractual arrangements, excluding escalations based upon future conditions.

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

U.S. means United States.

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

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

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

	September 30, 2011 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2010
ASSETS	, í	
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 210,565	\$ 111,160
Accounts receivable:		
Trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$755 and \$1,155 as of September 30, 2011 and		
December 31, 2010, respectively	272,154	237,511
Due from affiliates	6,034	7,792
Income taxes receivable	2,312	30,901
Inventories	260,356	173,615
Prepaid expenses	18,910	11,441
Deferred income taxes	92,140	156,650
Discontinued operations held for sale		281,741
Other current assets:		
Derivatives	234,806	171,679
Other	6,366	14,693
Total current assets	1,103,643	1,197,183
Property, plant and equipment, at cost:		
Oil and gas properties, using the successful efforts method of accounting:		
Proved properties	12,092,300	10,739,114
Unproved properties	249,537	191,112
Accumulated depletion, depreciation and amortization	(3,788,686)	(3,366,440)
Total property, plant and equipment	8,553,151	7,563,786
Deferred income taxes	7,358	
Goodwill	298,154	298,182
Other property and equipment, net	500,709	283,542
Other assets:		
Investment in unconsolidated affiliate	164,107	72,045
Derivatives	224,754	151,011
Other, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$348 and \$2,519 as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively	133,167	113,353
	\$ 10,985,043	\$ 9,679,102

The financial information included as of September 30, 2011 has been prepared by management

without audit by independent registered public accountants.

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

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (continued)

(in thousands, except share data)

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY	September 30, 2011 (Unaudited)		December 31, 2010
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable:			
Trade	\$ 583,38	33	\$ 354,890
Due to affiliates	48,42		64,260
Interest payable	33,95		59,008
Income taxes payable	15,60		19,168
Deferred income taxes	,		1,144
Discontinued operations held for sale			108,592
Other current liabilities:			
Derivatives	12,37	17	80,997
Deferred revenue	42,82		44,951
Other	39,55		36,210
Total current liabilities	776,11	7	769,220
Long-term debt	2,587,37	71	2,601,670
Derivatives	16,94		56,574
Deferred income taxes	2,133,14	17	1,751,310
Deferred revenue	46,70		42,069
Other liabilities	228,09	94	232,234
Stockholders equity:			
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 500,000,000 shares authorized; 127,614,963 and 126,212,256 shares issued			
at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively	1,27	76	1,262
Additional paid-in capital	3,082,05	58	3,022,768
Treasury stock, at cost: 11,264,660 and 10,903,743 at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010,			
respectively	(458,25		(421,235)
Retained earnings	2,446,21	7	1,510,427
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) - net deferred hedge gains (losses), net of tax	(5	58)	7,361
Total stockholders equity attributable to common stockholders	5,071,23	35	4,120,583
Noncontrolling interests in consolidating subsidiaries	125,43		105,442
	120,70	_	105,112
Total stockholders equity	5,196,66	57	4,226,025
Commitments and contingencies			
	\$ 10,985,04	13	\$ 9,679,102

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PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended September 30, 2011 2010		Nine Months End September 30, 2011 2				
Revenues and other income:		2011	-	2010		2011		2010
Oil and gas	\$	610,509	\$4	37,411	\$	1,691,570	\$ 1	,331,498
Interest and other	-	17,573		14,969		68,714		49,929
Derivative gains, net		401,072		27,581		386,118		570,585
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net		1,048		2,383		(1,439)		26,971
Hurricane activity, net		1,487		3,452		1,418		5,678
		1,031,689	5	85,796	4	2,146,381	1	,984,661
Costs and expenses:								
Oil and gas production		119,609		00,717		321,995		280,829
Production and ad valorem taxes		38,542		33,045		107,702		85,444
Depletion, depreciation and amortization		166,536	1-	47,096		460,807		435,833
Exploration and abandonments		20,026		21,610		57,583		61,201
General and administrative		49,812		43,417		138,562		122,165
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations		2,806		2,521		8,119		7,909
Interest		45,559		45,002		136,554		137,893
Other		17,183		19,687		49,452		49,826
		460,073	4	13,095		1,280,774	1	,181,100
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		571,616	1	72,701		865,607		803,561
Income tax provision		(185,471)	(76,211)		(283,016)		(303,438)
Income from continuing operations		386,145		96,490		582,591		500,123
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax		(547)		18,083		412,511		63,745
Net income		385,598	1	14,573		995,102		563,868
Net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests		(34,134)		(2,538)		(49,467)		(39,003)
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$	351,464	\$1	12,035	\$	945,635	\$	524,865
Basic earnings per share:								
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	\$	2.96	\$	0.80	\$	4.51	\$	3.92
Income (loss) from discontinued operations attributable to common stockholders				0.15		3.49		0.54
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$	2.96	\$	0.95	\$	8.00	\$	4.46
Diluted earnings per share:								
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	\$	2.95	\$	0.79	\$	4.42	\$	3.89
Income (loss) from discontinued operations attributable to common stockholders				0.15		3.43		0.54

Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 2.95	\$	0.94	\$ 7.85	\$ 4.43
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic	116,281	1	15,191	116,122	114,985
Diluted	117,075	1	16,021	118,350	115,832
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.04	\$	0.04	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08
Amounts attributable to common stockholders:					
Income from continuing operations	\$ 352,011	\$	93,952	\$ 533,124	\$ 461,120
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	(547)		18,083	412,511	63,745
Net income	\$ 351,464	\$1	12,035	\$ 945,635	\$ 524,865

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PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

(in thousands, except dividends per share)

(Unaudited)

			-	-			umulated Other			
			Additional			Com	prehensive			Total
	Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock	Retained Earnings		(ncome (Loss)		controlling	Stockholders Equity
Balance as of										
December 31, 2010	115,309	\$ 1,262	\$ 3,022,768	\$ (421,235)	\$ 1,510,427	\$	7,361	\$	105,442	\$ 4,226,025
Dividends declared (\$0.08 per share)					(9,493)					(9,493)
Exercise of long-term										
incentive plan stock options										
and employee stock										
purchases	79		951	3,091	(352)					3,690
Treasury stock purchases	(439)			(40,128)					(198)	(40,326)
Conversion of 2.875%										
senior convertible notes			(20)	14						(6)
Tax benefit related to										
stock-based compensation			28,123							28,123
Disposition of subsidiary			(510)							(510)
Compensation costs:										
Vested compensation										
awards, net	1,401	14	(14)							
Compensation costs										
included in net income			30,760						940	31,700
Cash distributions to										
noncontrolling interests									(19,944)	(19,944)
Net income					945,635				49,467	995,102
Other comprehensive										
activity:										
Deferred hedging activity, net of tax:										
Net hedge gains included in										
continuing operations							(7,419)		(10,275)	(17,694
Balance as of										
September 30, 2011	116,350	\$ 1,276	\$ 3,082,058	\$ (458,258)	\$ 2,446,217	\$	(58)	\$	125,432	\$ 5,196,667
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Stockholders Equity Attributable To Common Stockholders

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PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Nine Mont Septeml	
	2011	2010
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 995,102	\$ 563,868
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	460,807	435,833
Exploration expenses, including dry holes	6,008	16,655
Hurricane activity, net		3,500
Deferred income taxes	249,040	283,283
(Gain) loss on disposition of assets, net	1,439	(26,971)
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations	8,119	7,909
Discontinued operations	(407,353)	43,339
Interest expense	23,412	22,567
Derivative related activity	(269,746)	(549,387)
Amortization of stock-based compensation	31,525	28,631
Amortization of deferred revenue	(33,620)	(67,739)
Other noncash items	(15,773)	10,440
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable, net	(35,252)	97,873
Income taxes receivable	28,588	16,689
Inventories	(115,961)	(6,459)
Prepaid expenses	(7,558)	(8,975)
Other current assets	8,520	2,162
Accounts payable	83,632	62,349
Interest payable	(25,053)	(13,211)
Income taxes payable	(1,807)	1,307
Other current liabilities	45,969	(21,941)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,030,038	901,722
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from disposition of assets, net of cash sold	819,638	297,742
Investment in unconsolidated subsidiary	(89,620)	(15,651)
Additions to oil and gas properties	(1,319,131)	(714,014)
Additions to other assets and other property and equipment, net	(265,740)	(132,279)
Net cash used in investing activities	(854,853)	(564,202)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings under long-term debt	102,616	199,784
Principal payments on long-term debt	(135,883)	(438,894)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests		1,151
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(19,944)	(20,160)
Payments of other liabilities	(503)	(20,668)
Exercise of long-term incentive plan stock options	3,690	6,736
o r	2,070	0,700

Purchases of treasury stock	(40,326)	(13,776)
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	28,123	4,032
Payment of financing fees	(8,741)	(145)
Dividends paid	(4,812)	(4,783)
Net cash used in financing activities	(75,780)	(286,723)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	99,405	50,797
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	111,160	27,368
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 210,565	\$ 78,165

The financial information included herein has been prepared by management

without audit by independent registered public accountants.

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

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Mont Septem	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Net income	\$ 385,598	\$ 114,573	\$ 995,102	\$ 563,868
Other comprehensive activity:				
Net hedge gains included in continuing operations	(8,224)	(21,913)	(24,418)	(63,536)
Income tax provision	1,838	5,988	6,724	17,060
Other comprehensive activity	(6,386)	(15,925)	(17,694)	(46,476)
Comprehensive income	379,212	98,648	977,408	517,392
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to the noncontrolling interests	(30,670)	1,898	(39,192)	(25,860)
Comprehensive income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 348,542	\$ 100,546	\$ 938,216	\$ 491,532

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PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2011

(Unaudited)

NOTE A. Organization and Nature of Operations

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

NOTE B. Basis of Presentation

Presentation. In the opinion of management, the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of September 30, 2011 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 include all adjustments and accruals, consisting only of normal recurring accrual adjustments, which are necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods. These interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP) have been condensed or omitted in this report pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). These consolidated financial statements should be read in connection with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2010 financial statement and footnote amounts in order to conform to the 2011 presentations.

Discontinued operations. During December 2010, the Company committed to a plan to divest 100 percent of the Company's share holdings in Pioneer Natural Resources Tunisia Ltd. and Pioneer Natural Resources Anaguid Ltd. (referred to in the aggregate as Pioneer Tunisia). In February 2011, the Company completed the sale of Pioneer Tunisia to an unaffiliated third party. Accordingly, the Company classified the assets and liabilities of Pioneer Tunisia as discontinued operations held for sale in the accompanying balance sheet as of December 31, 2010 and has classified the results of operations of Pioneer Tunisia as discontinued operations, net of tax for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations (representing a recasting of the Pioneer Tunisia results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, which were originally classified as continuing operations). See Note Q for more information regarding the sale of Pioneer Tunisia.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement (the BOEMRE) paid the Company \$2.0 million and \$35.3 million, respectively, of interest on excess royalty payments associated with properties that were sold by the Company during 2006. Accordingly, the Company has classified the interest income as components of income from discontinued operations, net of tax in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Allowances for doubtful accounts. As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company s allowances for doubtful accounts totaled \$1.1 million and \$3.7 million, respectively. Changes in the Company s allowance for doubtful accounts during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 are summarized in the following table:

	Three Months	Nine	Months
	Ended		nded
	September 30,		mber 30,
	2011	2	011
	(in tho	usands)	
Beginning allowance for doubtful accounts balance	\$ 1,414	\$	3,674

Amount recorded in other expense for bad debt expense (recoveries)	51	(1,746)
Other net decreases	(362)	(825)
Ending allowance for doubtful accounts balance	\$ 1,103	\$ 1,103

Inventories. Inventories used in continuing operations consisted of \$283.3 million and \$183.4 million of materials and supplies and \$4.2 million and \$3.9 million of commodities as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company s materials and supplies inventory was net of \$1.0 million and \$3.6 million, respectively, of valuation reserve allowances. As of September 30,

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2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company estimated that \$27.2 million and \$13.7 million, respectively, of its materials and supplies inventory would not be utilized or sold within one year. Accordingly, those inventory values have been classified as other noncurrent assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2010, the Company also had inventory in Tunisia totaling \$13.6 million that is classified as discontinued operations held for sale in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2010.

Derivatives and hedging. All derivatives are recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at estimated fair value. See Note D for further information regarding the fair value of the Company s derivatives. Effective February 1, 2009, the Company discontinued hedge accounting on all of its then-existing hedge contracts. Changes in the fair value of effective cash flow hedges prior to the Company s discontinuance of hedge accounting were recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) net deferred hedge gains (losses), net of tax (AOCI Hedging), in the stockholders equity section of the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, and are being transferred to earnings during the same periods in which the hedged transactions are recognized in the Company s earnings. Since February 1, 2009, the Company has recognized all changes in the fair values of its derivative contracts as gains or losses in the earnings of the periods in which they occur.

The Company classifies the fair value amounts of derivative assets and liabilities executed under master netting arrangements as net current or noncurrent derivative assets or net current or noncurrent derivative liabilities, whichever the case may be, by commodity and counterparty. Net derivative asset values are determined, in part, by utilization of the derivative counterparties credit-adjusted risk-free rate curves and net derivative liabilities are determined, in part, by utilization of the Company s and Pioneer Southwest Energy Partners L.P. s (Pioneer Southwest, a majority-owned and consolidated subsidiary) credit-adjusted risk-free rate curves. The credit-adjusted risk-free rate curves for the Company and the counterparties are based on their independent market-quoted credit default swap rate curves plus the United States Treasury Bill yield curve as of the valuation date. Pioneer Southwest s credit-adjusted risk-free rate curve is based on independent market-quoted forward London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) curves plus 250 basis points, representing Pioneer Southwest s estimated borrowing rate.

Impairment of long-lived assets. The Company reviews its long-lived assets to be held and used, including oil and gas properties, whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of those assets may not be recoverable from their estimated future cash flows.

The Company s primary assumptions of the estimated future cash flows attributable to oil and gas properties are based on (i) proved reserves and risk-adjusted probable and possible reserves and (ii) management s commodity price outlooks, which are based in part on forward market quotes.

During the third quarter of 2011, events and circumstances provided indications of possible impairment of certain of the Company s dry gas assets, including assets in the Company s South Texas (excluding the Eagle Ford Shale), Raton Basin and Barnett Shale areas. The events and circumstances indicating a possible impairment in these areas are primarily related to a reduction in management s price outlooks that led to a decrease in estimated future undiscounted net cash flows attributable to the properties proved reserves. However, the Company s estimate of undiscounted future net cash flows still indicated that such carrying amounts were expected to be recovered.

The Company s primary assumptions of the estimated future net cash flows attributable to oil and gas properties include (i) utilizing proved reserves (including development of proved undeveloped reserves) and appropriate risk-adjusted probable and possible reserves and (ii) management s commodity price outlook. Nonetheless, it is reasonably possible that the estimate of undiscounted future net cash flows attributable to these or other properties may change in the near or distant future resulting in the need to impair the assets carrying values. The primary factors that may affect future cash flows are (i) future reserve adjustments, both positive and negative, (ii) results of future drilling activities, (iii) management s outlook on commodity prices and (iv) increases or decreases in production and capital costs associated with these assets.

Goodwill. Goodwill is assessed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that impairment of the carrying value of goodwill is likely, but no less often than annually. If the carrying value of goodwill is determined to be impaired, it is reduced for the impaired value with a corresponding charge to pretax earnings in the period in which it is determined to be impaired. During the third quarter of 2011, the Company

performed its annual assessment of goodwill impairment and determined that there was no impairment.

Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiaries. The Company owns a 0.1 percent general partner interest and a 61.9 percent limited partner interest in Pioneer Southwest. Pioneer Southwest owns interests in certain oil and gas properties in the Spraberry field in the Permian Basin of West Texas. The financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Pioneer Southwest are consolidated with those of the Company.

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The Company also owns a majority interest in Sendero Drilling Company, LLC (Sendero), which owns and operates land-based drilling rigs in the United States. In addition, the Company owns the majority interests in certain other subsidiaries with operations in the United States.

Noncontrolling interest in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries totaled \$125.4 million and \$105.4 million as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The Company recorded net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests of \$34.1 million and \$49.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively (principally related to Pioneer Southwest), compared to net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests of \$2.5 million and \$39.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively.

Investment in unconsolidated affiliate. The Company owns a 50.1 percent interest in EFS Midstream LLC (EFS Midstream), which owns and operates natural gas and liquids gathering, treating and transportation assets in the Eagle Ford Shale area of South Texas.

The Company accounts for the EFS Midstream investment under the equity method of accounting for investments in unconsolidated affiliates. Under the equity method, the Company s investment in unconsolidated affiliates is increased for investments made and the investor s share of the investee s net income, and decreased for distributions received, the carrying value of investor s interests sold and the investor s share of the investee s net losses. The Company s equity interest in the net income of EFS Midstream is recorded in interest and other income in the Company s accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Revenue recognition. The Company does not recognize revenues until they are realized or realizable and earned. Revenues are considered realized or realizable and earned when: (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (ii) delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, (iii) the seller s price to the buyer is fixed or determinable and (iv) collectability is reasonably assured.

The Company uses the entitlements method of accounting for oil, natural gas liquids (NGL) and gas revenues. Sales proceeds in excess of the Company s entitlement are included in other liabilities and the Company s share of sales taken by others is included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Stock-based compensation. For stock-based compensation equity awards granted or modified, compensation expense is being recognized in the Company s financial statements on a straight line basis over the awards vesting periods based on their fair values on the dates of grant. The amount of compensation expense recognized at any date is at least equal to the portion of the measurement date (normally the grant date) value of the award that is vested at that date. The Company utilizes (i) the Black-Scholes option pricing model to measure the fair value of stock options, (ii) the prior day s closing stock price on the date of grant for the fair value of restricted stock, restricted stock units, partnership unit awards or phantom unit awards that are expected to be settled wholly in the Company s common stock or Pioneer Southwest common units (Equity Awards), (iii) the Monte Carlo simulation method for the fair value of performance unit awards and (iv) a probabilistic forecasted fair value method for series B unit awards issued by Sendero.

Stock-based compensation liability awards are awards that are expected to be settled wholly or partially in cash on their vesting dates, rather than in shares or units (Liability Awards). Stock-based Liability Awards are recorded as accounts payable affiliates based on the fair value of the services that have been rendered on the unvested portions of the awards on the balance sheet date. The fair values of Liability Awards are updated at each balance sheet date and changes in the fair values of the unvested portions of the awards for which services have been rendered are recorded as increases or decreases to compensation expense. As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, accounts payable due to affiliates includes \$4.5 million and \$4.9 million, respectively, of liabilities attributable to Liability Awards.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded \$11.7 million and \$38.1 million, respectively, of stock-based compensation costs for all plans, as compared to \$11.0 million and \$31.6 million for the same respective periods of 2010. As of September 30, 2011, there was \$78.0 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested share- and unit-based compensation plan awards, including \$16.9 million attributable to Liability Awards. This compensation will be recognized over the remaining vesting periods of the awards,

which is a period of less than three years on a weighted average basis.

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The Company s issued shares, as reflected in the consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, do not include 533,125 and 825,796 common shares, respectively, associated with unvested stock-based compensation awards that have voting rights.

The following table summarizes the activity that occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2011, for each type of share-based incentive award issued by Pioneer:

	Restricted Stock	Restricted Stock Liability	Performance	St. 1.0. (*	Pioneer Southwest LTIP Restricted	Pioneer Southwest LTIP Phantom
	Equity Awards	Awards	Units	Stock Options	Units	Units
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	2,559,779	215,134	263,729	507,539	12,212	35,118
Awards granted	443,060	202,436	43,495	86,903	6,812	30,039
Awards vested	(1,075,993)	(69,805)	(14,807)		(11,532)	
Options exercised				(30,398)		
Awards forfeited	(51,204)	(20,491)				
Outstanding at September 30, 2011	1,875,642	327,274	292,417	564,044	7,492	65,157

New accounting pronouncements. In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2011-04, Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs. ASU 2011-04 amended Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820 to converge the fair value measurement guidance in GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. Certain of the amendments clarify the application of existing fair value measurement requirements, while other amendments change a particular principle in ASC 820. In addition, ASU 2011-04 requires additional fair value disclosures. The amendments will be applied prospectively and are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company does not believe the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on its future financial position, results of operation or liquidity.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, Presentation of Comprehensive Income (Topic 220). To increase the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income, ASU 2011-05 requires comprehensive income, the components of net income, and the components of other comprehensive income to be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. The amendments do not change the items that must be reported in other comprehensive income or when an item of other comprehensive income must be reclassified to net income. The amendments will be applied retrospectively for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of ASU 2011-05 will not impact the Company s future financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-08 Intangibles Goodwill and Other (Topic 350). ASU 2011-08 amends ASC 350 to permit an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test. The more-likely-than-not threshold is defined as having a likelihood of more than 50 percent. ASU 2011-08 is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of ASU 2011-08 is not expected to have a material impact on the future carrying value of the Company s goodwill. See Goodwill above for more information about the Company s policy for assessing goodwill for impairment.

NOTE C. Exploratory Costs

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

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The following table reflects the Company s capitalized exploratory well and project activity during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2011 (in tho	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 usands)
Beginning capitalized exploratory costs	\$ 85,111	\$ 96,193
Additions to exploratory costs pending the determination of proved reserves	158,448	372,793
Reclassification due to determination of proved reserves	(139,624)	(335,306)
Disposition of assets sold		(28,938)
Exploratory well costs charged to exploration expense	(126)	(933)
Ending capitalized exploratory costs	\$ 103,809	\$ 103,809

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The following table provides an aging, as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 of capitalized exploratory costs and the number of projects for which exploratory costs have been capitalized for a period greater than one year, based on the date drilling was completed:

	September 30, 2011 (in thousands, e	December 31, 2010 ept project counts)		
Capitalized exploratory costs that have been suspended:				
One year or less	\$ 95,790	\$ 70,635		
More than one year	8,019	25,558		
	\$ 103,809	\$ 96,193		
Number of projects with exploratory costs that have been suspended for a period greater than				
one year	1	3		

As of September 30, 2011, the Company had one project with exploratory costs that had been suspended for a period of one year or more, which is described below. As of December 31, 2010, the Company had three Tunisian projects with exploratory costs that had been suspended for a period of one year or more, all of which were included in the Pioneer Tunisia assets sold during February 2011.

South Texas Project. As of September 30, 2011, the Company has \$8.0 million of suspended exploratory costs associated with a formation test well in South Texas. The well is currently awaiting finalization of the project s ongoing fracture stimulation and completion designs. The Company successfully completed one other test well in the project and plans to drill a third test well during the fourth quarter of 2011. Information gained from the wells is being utilized to finalize the project s fracture stimulation and completion designs. Future production from the project would utilize existing production and marketing infrastructure.

NOTE D. Disclosures About Fair Value Measurements

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

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

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

Level 3 unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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The fair value input hierarchy level to which an asset or liability measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the measurement in its entirety. The following table presents the Company s assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2011, for each of the fair value hierarchy levels:

	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using Ouoted Prices in						
	Active	Markets for dentical	-	ificant Other bservable	Significant Unobservable	Fair Value at	
		Assets Level 1)		Inputs (Level 2) (in thou	Inputs (Level 3)	Sep	otember 30, 2011
Assets:				(in thou	sanus)		
Trading securities	\$	283	\$	146	\$	\$	429
Commodity derivatives				459,560			459,560
Deferred compensation plan assets		35,786					35,786
Total assets	\$	36,069	\$	459,706	\$	\$	495,775
Liabilities:							
Commodity derivatives	\$		\$	16,659	\$	\$	16,659
Interest rate derivatives				12,664			12,664
Pioneer Southwest credit facility				94,917			94,917
5.875% senior notes due 2016		475,878					475,878
6.65% senior notes due 2017		522,695					522,695
6.875% senior notes due 2018		480,965					480,965
7.50% senior notes due 2020		506,250					506,250
7.20% senior notes due 2028		259,875					259,875
2.875% senior convertible notes due 2038 (a)		578,589					578,589
Total liabilities	\$ 2	,824,252	\$	124,240	\$	\$	2,948,492

(a) The fair value of the 2.875% senior convertible notes includes the fair value of the conversion privilege.

The Company s natural gas liquid (NGL) derivative contracts were classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy prior to the three months ended September 30, 2011. The Company s NGL derivative contracts are now classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy as a result of the Company being able to obtain independent market-quoted NGL forward prices.

The following table presents changes in the fair values of the Company s commodity derivative assets and liabilities that were previously classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

	Three Months	Nine Months	
	Ended	Ended	
Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2011	
	(in thousands)		
Beginning liability balance	\$ (13,351)	\$ (9,556)	
Fair value changes (a):			
Net unrealized gains included in earnings	3,983	188	
Net realized losses included in earnings	(4,478)	(11,803)	
Settlement payments	4,478	11,803	
Transfers out of Level 3	9,368	9,368	
Ending liability balance	\$	\$	

(a) Changes in fair value are included in net derivative gains in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

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The following table presents the carrying amounts and fair values of the Company s financial instruments as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	September 30, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value (in thou	Carrying Value Isands)	Fair Value
Assets:				
Commodity price derivatives	\$459,560	\$459,560	\$ 304,434	\$ 304,434
Interest rate derivatives	\$	\$	\$ 18,256	\$ 18,256
Trading securities	\$ 429	\$ 429	\$ 467	\$ 467
Deferred compensation plan assets	\$ 35,786	\$ 35,786	\$ 36,162	\$ 36,162
Liabilities:				
Commodity price derivatives	\$ 16,659	\$ 16,659	\$ 136,867	\$ 136,867
Interest rate derivatives	\$ 12,664	\$ 12,664	\$ 704	\$ 704
Pioneer credit facility	\$	\$	\$ 49,000	\$ 58,382
Pioneer Southwest credit facility	\$ 97,000	\$ 94,917	\$ 81,200	\$ 77,241
5.875 % senior notes due 2016	\$403,188	\$475,878	\$ 396,880	\$ 475,194
6.65 % senior notes due 2017	\$484,149	\$ 522,695	\$484,046	\$516,632
6.875 % senior notes due 2018	\$ 449,217	\$480,965	\$ 449,192	\$ 480,969
7.50 % senior notes due 2020	\$ 446,643	\$ 506,250	\$ 446,433	\$ 494,145
7.20 % senior notes due 2028	\$ 249,928	\$ 259,875	\$ 249,925	\$ 259,350
2.875% senior convertible notes due 2038 (a)	\$ 457,246	\$ 578,589	\$ 444,994	\$ 728,400

(a) The fair value of the 2.875% senior convertible notes includes the fair value of the conversion privilege.

Trading securities and deferred compensation plan assets. The Company s trading securities are comprised of securities that are both actively traded and not actively traded on major exchanges. The Company s deferred compensation plan assets represent investments in equity and mutual fund securities that are actively traded on major exchanges as of the measurement date. As of September 30, 2011, all significant inputs to these asset exchange values represented Level 1 independent active exchange market price inputs except inputs for certain trading securities that are not actively traded on major exchanges, which were corroborated with broker quotes representing Level 2 inputs.

Interest rate derivatives. The Company s interest rate derivative assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2011 represent interest rate swap contracts that, at their inception, locked in a fixed forward 10-year annual rate of 3.06 percent on \$200 million notional amount of debt for a period of one year. The net derivative values attributable to the Company s interest rate derivative contracts as of September 30, 2011 are based on (i) the contracted notional amounts, (ii) LIBOR rate yield curves provided by counterparties and corroborated with forward active market-quoted LIBOR rate yield curves and (iii) the applicable credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve. The Company s interest rate derivative asset and liability measurements represent Level 2 inputs in the hierarchy priority.

Commodity derivatives. The Company s commodity derivatives represent oil, NGL, gas and diesel swap contracts, collar contracts, collar contracts with short puts (which are also known as three-way collar contracts) and NGL percentage of oil index contracts. The Company s oil, gas, NGL and diesel swap, collar, three-way collar and NGL percentage of oil index derivative contract asset and liability measurements represent Level 2 inputs in the hierarchy priority.

Oil derivatives. The Company s oil derivatives are swap, collar and three-way collar contracts for notional barrels (Bbls) of oil at fixed (in the case of swap contracts) or interval (in the case of collar and three-way collar contracts) New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil prices. The asset and liability values attributable to the Company s oil derivatives were determined based on (i) the contracted notional volumes, (ii) independent active NYMEX futures price quotes for WTI oil, (iii) the applicable estimated credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve and (iv) the implied rate of volatility inherent in the collar and three-way collar contracts. The implied rates of volatility inherent in the Company s collar contracts were determined based on average volatility factors provided by certain independent brokers who are active in buying and selling oil options and were corroborated by market-quoted volatility factors.

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NGL derivatives. The Company s NGL derivatives include swap and collar contracts for notional blended Bbls of Mont Belvieu-posted-price NGLs, Conway-posted-price NGLs or NGL component prices per Bbl. The Company has also entered into NGL swaps under terms whereby the Company pays variable NGL component market prices and receives a percentage of NYMEX WTI market prices (NGL Percentage of WTI Oil Prices). The asset and liability values attributable to the Company s NGL derivatives were determined based on (i) the contracted notional volumes, (ii) independent active market-quoted commodity and NGL component prices, (iii) independent active NYMEX futures price quotes for WTI oil and (iv) the applicable credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve. The implied rates of volatility inherent in the Company s collar contracts were determined based on average volatility factors provided by certain independent brokers who are active in buying and selling NGL options and were corroborated by market-quoted volatility factors.

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

Diesel derivatives. The Company s diesel derivatives are comprised of swap contracts for notional Bbls posted as Gulf Coast Ultra Low Sulfur (Pipeline) diesel by a posting service. The asset and liability values attributable to the Company s diesel derivatives were determined based on (i) the contracted notional volumes, (ii) independent active market-quoted diesel prices and (iii) the applicable credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve.

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

Senior notes. The Company s senior notes represent debt securities that are actively traded on major exchanges. The fair values of the Company s senior notes are based on their periodic values as quoted on the major exchanges.

NOTE E. Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with the provisions of ASC 740, which requires that the Company continually assess both positive and negative evidence to determine whether it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets can be realized prior to their expiration. Pioneer monitors Company-specific, oil and gas industry and worldwide economic factors to assess the likelihood that the Company s deferred tax attributes in the U.S., state, local and foreign tax jurisdictions will be utilized prior to their expiration. As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company s valuation allowances were \$5.3 million and \$6.6 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2010, the Company also had a \$26.5 million valuation allowance related to Tunisia operations, which was classified as discontinued operations held for sale.

ASC 740 also clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement methodology for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. As of September 30, 2011, the Company had no significant unrecognized tax benefits. The Company 's policy is to account for interest charges with respect to income taxes as interest expense and any penalties, with respect to income taxes, as other expense in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various state and foreign jurisdictions. With few exceptions, the Company believes that it is no longer subject to examinations by tax authorities for years before 2005. As of September 30, 2011, no adjustments had been proposed in any jurisdiction that would have a significant effect on the Company's liquidity, future results of operations or

financial position.

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Income tax (provisions) benefits. The Company s income tax (provisions) benefits attributable to income from continuing operations consisted of the following for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2011 2010 (in tho		Nine Mont Septem 2011 usands)	
Current:				
U.S. federal	\$	\$ (1,550)	\$	\$ (4,850)
U.S. state	(2,978)	(1,520)	(7,915)	(4,644)
Foreign	(8,960)	(10,211)	(26,061)	(10,661)
	(11,938)	(13,281)	(33,976)	(20,155)
Deferred:				
U.S. federal	(174,758)	(66,198)	(274,918)	(269,256)
U.S. state	(5,138)	(6,854)	5,591	(23,354)
Foreign	6,363	10,122	20,287	9,327
	(173,533)	(62,930)	(249,040)	(283,283)
Income tax provision	\$ (185,471)	\$ (76,211)	\$ (283,016)	\$ (303,438)

Discontinued operations. The Company s income tax (provisions) benefits attributable to income from discontinued operations consisted of the following for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

	Three	Months			
		Ended September 30,		hs Ended	
	•			September 30,	
	2011	2010 2011 2010 (in thousands)			
Current:					
U.S. federal	\$	\$ (4,700)	\$	\$ (4,700)	
U.S. state	(99)	\$ (400)	\$ (4,034)	\$ (400)	
Foreign	(336)	(6,142)	(5,937)	(11,436)	
	(435)	(11,242)	(9,971)	(16,536)	

Deferred:				
U.S. federal	802	4,167	(221,686)	(8,672)
U.S. state	(76)		(2,144)	
Foreign	(429)	5,606	(8,083)	(17,354)
	297	9,773	(231,913)	(26,026)
Income tax provision	\$ (138)	\$ (1,469)	\$ (241,884)	\$ (42,562)

NOTE F. Long-term Debt

Credit Facility. During March 2011, the Company entered into a Second Amended and Restated 5-Year Revolving Credit Agreement (the Credit Facility)) with a syndicate of financial institutions that matures in March 2016, unless extended in accordance with the terms of the Credit Facility. The Credit Facility replaces the Company's Amended and Restated 5-Year Revolving Credit Agreement entered into in April 2007 (the Expired Credit Facility) and provides for aggregate loan commitments of \$1.25 billion. As of September 30, 2011, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility and \$65.1 million of undrawn letters of credit, all of which were commitments under the Credit Facility, leaving the Company with \$1.2 billion of unused borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility.

Borrowings under the Credit Facility may be in the form of revolving loans or swing line loans. Aggregate outstanding swing line loans may not exceed \$150 million. Revolving loans under the Credit Facility bear interest, at the option of the Company, based on (a) a rate per annum equal to the higher of the prime rate announced from time to

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time by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association or the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System during the last preceding business day plus 0.5 percent plus a defined alternate base rate spread margin (ABR Margin), which is currently one percent based on the Company's debt rating or (b) a base Eurodollar rate, substantially equal to LIBOR, plus a margin (the Applicable Margin), which is currently two percent and is also determined by the Company's debt rating. Swing line loans under the Credit Facility bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the ASK rate for Federal funds periodically published by the Dow Jones Market Service plus the Applicable Margin. Letters of credit outstanding under the Credit Facility are subject to a per annum fee, representing the Applicable Margin plus 0.125 percent. The Company also pays commitment fees on undrawn amounts under the Credit Facility that are determined by the Company's debt rating (currently 0.375 percent).

The Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants, which include the maintenance of a ratio of total debt to book capitalization less intangible assets, accumulated other comprehensive income and certain noncash asset impairments not to exceed .60 to 1.0. The covenants also include the maintenance of a ratio of the net present value of the Company s oil and gas properties to total debt of at least 1.75 to 1.0 until the Company achieves an investment grade rating by Moody s Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poors Ratings Group, Inc.

As of September 30, 2011, the Company and Pioneer Southwest were in compliance with all of their debt covenants.

In accordance with GAAP, the Company accounted for the entry into the Credit Facility as an extinguishment of the Expired Credit Facility. Associated therewith, the Company recorded a \$2.4 million loss on extinguishment of debt to write off the unamortized issuance costs of the Company s Expired Credit Facility, which is included in other expense in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 (see Note P).

Convertible senior notes. As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company had \$479.9 million of 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes outstanding. The 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes are convertible under certain circumstances, using a net share settlement process, into a combination of cash and the Company s common stock pursuant to a formula set forth in the indenture supplement pursuant to which the 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes were issued.

The Company s stock price during March 2011 caused the Company s 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes to become convertible at the option of the holders during the three months ended June 30, 2011. Associated therewith, certain holders of the 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes tendered \$70 thousand principal amount of the notes for conversion during the three months ended June 30, 2011. During July and August 2011, the Company paid the tendering holders a total of \$71 thousand of cash and issued to the tendering holders 340 shares of the Company s common stock in accordance with the terms of the 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes indenture supplement.

During June 2011 and September 2011, the Company s stock price performance did not qualify the 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes for conversion at the option of the holders during either of the three months ended September 30, 2011 or December 31, 2011. The Company s 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes may become convertible in future quarters depending on the Company s stock price performance or under certain other conditions. If all of the 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes had qualified and been converted on September 30, 2011, the note holders would have received approximately 185 thousand shares of the Company s common stock, which had a market value of \$12.1 million as of the close of business on September 30, 2011.

NOTE G. Derivative Financial Instruments

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

Oil prices. All material physical sales contracts governing the Company s oil production are tied directly or indirectly to NYMEX WTI oil prices. The following table sets forth the volumes in Bbls outstanding as of September 30, 2011 under the Company s oil derivative contracts and the weighted average oil prices per Bbl for those contracts:

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	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter		tstanding verage
Average daily oil production associated with derivatives (Bbls):						
2011 Swap contracts						
Volume				750		750
NYMEX price				\$ 77.25	\$	77.25
2011 Collar contracts						
Volume				2,000		2,000
NYMEX price:						
Ceiling				\$ 170.00	\$	170.00
Floor				\$ 115.00	\$	115.00
2011 Collar contracts with short puts						
Volume				32,000		32,000
NYMEX price:						
Ceiling				\$ 99.33	\$	99.33
Floor				\$ 73.75	\$	73.75
Short put				\$ 59.31	\$	59.31
2012 Swap contracts						
Volume	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000		3,000
NYMEX price (a)	\$ 79.32	\$ 79.32	\$ 79.32	\$ 79.32	\$	79.32
2012 Collar contracts						
Volume	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		2,000
NYMEX price:	,	,	,	,		, í
Ceiling	\$ 127.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 127.00	\$127.00	\$	127.00
Floor	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$	90.00
2012 Collar contracts with short puts						
Volume	36.000	36,000	36,000	36,000		36,000
NYMEX price:	,	,	,	,		,
Ceiling	\$ 117.99	\$117.99	\$117.99	\$ 117.99	\$	117.99
Floor	\$ 80.42	\$ 80.42	\$ 80.42	\$ 80.42	\$	80.42
Short put	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$	65.00
2013 Swap contracts						
Volume	3.000	3.000	3,000	3.000		3.000
NYMEX price	\$ 81.02	\$ 81.02	\$ 81.02	\$ 81.02	\$	81.02
2013 Collar contracts with short puts (a)	¢ 01102	¢ 0110 1	¢ 01102	¢ 0110 _	Ŷ	01102
Volume	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000		28,000
NYMEX price:	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000		20,000
Ceiling	\$ 120.62	\$ 120.62	\$ 120.62	\$ 120.62	\$	120.62
Floor	\$ 83.68	\$ 83.68	\$ 83.68	\$ 83.68	\$	83.68
Short put	\$ 65.82	\$ 65.82	\$ 65.82	\$ 65.82	\$	65.82
2014 Collar contracts with short puts (a)	φ 05.02	φ 05.02	φ 05.02	φ 05.02	Ψ	05.02
Volume	16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500		16,500
NYMEX price:	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500		10,500
Ceiling	\$ 129.69	\$ 129.69	\$ 129.69	\$ 129.69	\$	129.69
Floor	\$ 88.48	\$ 88.48	\$ 88.48	\$ 88.48	پ \$	88.48
Short put	\$ 71.97	\$ 71.97	\$ 71.97	\$ 71.97	پ \$	71.97
Short put	ψ /1.7/	φ /1.7/	φ /1.7/	ψ /1.7/	φ	/1.7/

(a) Subsequent to September 30, 2011, the Company entered into (i) NYMEX swap contracts on 3,000 Bbls per day of March 2012 through May 2012 forecasted production, whereby the Company receives \$0.28 per Bbl and pays the difference between (a) each day s price per Bbl of WTI for the first nearby month less (b) the price per Bbl of WTI for the second nearby NYMEX month, multiplied by .6667; plus (c) each day s price per Bbl of WTI for the first nearby month less (d) the price per Bbl of WTI for the third nearby NYMEX month, multiplied by .3333 and (ii) additional collar contracts with short puts for 3,000 Bbls per day of the Company s 2013 production with a ceiling price of \$111.95 per Bbl, a floor price of \$85.00 per Bbl and a short put price of \$70.00 per Bbl and (iii) terminated collar contracts with short puts for 6,500 Bbls per day of the Company s 2014 production with an average ceiling price of \$133.12 per Bbl, an average floor price of \$90.00 per Bbl and an average short put price of \$65.00 per Bbl.

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Natural gas liquids prices. All material physical sales contracts governing the Company s NGL production are tied directly or indirectly to either Mont Belvieu or Conway fractionation facilities NGL product component prices. Historically, NGL market prices have correlated well with WTI oil prices. The Company has entered into a limited number of NGL Percentage of WTI Oil Prices derivatives to reduce the risk of volatility in NGL to WTI price differentials. The following table sets forth the volumes in Bbls outstanding as of September 30, 2011 under the Company s NGL derivative contracts and the weighted average NGL prices per Bbl for those contracts:

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	standing verage
Average daily NGL production associated with derivatives (Bbls):					
2011 Swap contracts					
Volume				1,150	1,150
Blended index price				\$ 51.50	\$ 51.50
2011 Collar contracts					
Volume				2,650	2,650
Blended index price:					
Ceiling				\$ 64.23	\$ 64.23
Floor				\$ 53.29	\$ 53.29
2012 Swap contracts					
Volume	750	750	750	750	750
Blended index price	\$ 35.03	\$ 35.03	\$ 35.03	\$ 35.03	\$ 35.03
2012 NGL Percentage of WTI Oil Prices contracts (a)					
Volume	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Percent of WTI oil price	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%

(a) Subsequent to September 30, 2011, the Company (i) entered into additional NGL Percentage of WTI Oil Prices contracts for 1,000 Bbls per day of the Company s 2012 production priced at 68 percent of WTI and (ii) converted 3,000 Bbls per day of the Company s 2012 production from NGL Percentage of WTI Oil Prices contracts to NGL collar contracts with short puts with an average ceiling price of \$79.99 per Bbl, an average floor price of \$67.70 per Bbl and an average short put price of \$55.76 per Bbl.

Gas prices. All material physical sales contracts governing the Company s gas production are tied directly or indirectly to regional index prices where the gas is sold. The Company uses derivative contracts to manage gas price volatility and reduce basis risk between NYMEX HH prices and actual index prices at which the gas is sold. The following table sets forth the volumes in MMBtus outstanding as of September 30, 2011 under the Company s gas derivative contracts and the weighted average gas prices per MMBtu for those contracts:

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter		ourth 1arter	tstanding verage
Average daily gas production associated with derivatives						
(MMBtus):						
2011 Swap contracts						
Volume				1	17,500	117,500
NYMEX price				\$	6.13	\$ 6.13
2011 Collar contracts with short puts						

Volume							2	00,000	200,000
NYMEX price:									
Ceiling							\$	8.55	\$ 8.55
Floor							\$	6.32	\$ 6.32
Short put							\$	4.88	\$ 4.88
2011 Basis swap contracts									
Volume							1	43,500	143,500
Price differential							\$	(0.56)	\$ (0.56)
2012 Swap contracts									
Volume	105	5,000	10	05,000	1	05,000	1	05,000	105,000
NYMEX price	\$	5.82	\$	5.82	\$	5.82	\$	5.82	\$ 5.82

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2012 Collar contracts										
Volume		65,000		65,000		65,000		65,000		65,000
NYMEX price:										
Ceiling	\$	6.60	\$	6.60	\$	6.60	\$	6.60	\$	6.60
Floor	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	5.00
2012 Collar contracts with short puts										
Volume	1	90,000]	190,000	1	90,000	1	90,000	1	90,000
NYMEX price:										
Ceiling	\$	7.96	\$	7.96	\$	7.96	\$	7.96	\$	7.96
Floor	\$	6.12	\$	6.12	\$	6.12	\$	6.12	\$	6.12
Short put	\$	4.55	\$	4.55	\$	4.55	\$	4.55	\$	4.55
2012 Basis swap contracts										
Volume		36,000		136,000		36,000		36,000		36,000
Price differential	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.34)
2013 Swap contracts		(7 500		(7.500		(= 500		(7.500		(7.500
Volume		67,500		67,500	.	67,500	^	67,500		67,500
NYMEX price	\$	6.11	\$	6.11	\$	6.11	\$	6.11	\$	6.11
2013 Collar contracts Volume	1	50.000	1	50.000	1	50.000	1	50.000	1	50.000
	1	50,000		150,000		50,000	1	50,000	1	50,000
NYMEX price: Ceiling	\$	6.25	\$	6.25	\$	6.25	\$	6.25	\$	6.25
Floor		5.00	ֆ \$	5.00	ې \$	5.00	.թ Տ	5.00		5.00
2013 Collar contracts with short puts	φ	5.00	φ	5.00	¢	5.00	¢	5.00	¢	5.00
Volume		45,000		45,000		45,000		45,000		45,000
NYMEX price:		45,000		+5,000		-5,000		-5,000		-5,000
Ceiling	\$	7.49	\$	7.49	\$	7.49	\$	7.49	\$	7.49
Floor	\$	6.00	\$	6.00	\$	6.00	\$	6.00	\$	6.00
Short put	\$	4.50	\$	4.50	\$	4.50	\$	4.50	\$	4.50
2013 Basis swap contracts	Ŧ		+		Ŧ		-		Ŧ	
Volume		72,500		72,500		72,500		72,500		72,500
Price differential	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.26)
2014 Swap contracts		. ,		. ,				. ,		. ,
Volume		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000
NYMEX price	\$	6.05	\$	6.05	\$	6.05	\$	6.05	\$	6.05
2014 Collar contracts										
Volume	1	40,000	1	140,000	1	40,000	1	40,000	1	40,000
NYMEX price:										
Ceiling	\$	6.44	\$	6.44	\$	6.44	\$	6.44	\$	6.44
Floor	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	5.00
2014 Collar contracts with short puts										
Volume		60,000		60,000		60,000		60,000		60,000
NYMEX price:										
Ceiling	\$	7.80	\$	7.80	\$	7.80	\$	7.80	\$	7.80
Floor	\$	5.83	\$	5.83	\$	5.83	\$	5.83	\$	5.83
Short put	\$	4.42	\$	4.42	\$	4.42	\$	4.42	\$	4.42
2014 Basis swap contracts		55.000		55.000		55.000		55.000		55.000
Volume		55,000		55,000		55,000		55,000		55,000

\$ (0.24)	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.24)
50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000
\$ 7.92	\$	7.92	\$	7.92	\$	7.92	\$	7.92
\$ 5.00	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	5.00
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2015 Collar contracts with short puts					
Volume	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
NYMEX price:					
Ceiling	\$ 7.11	\$ 7.11	\$ 7.11	\$ 7.11	\$ 7.11
Floor	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Short put	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00

Diesel prices. As of September 30, 2011, the Company has diesel derivative swap contracts for 250 notional Bbls per day for the period from October 2011 through December 2011 at an average per Bbl fixed price of \$123.90 and for all of 2012 at an average per Bbl fixed price of \$119.28. The diesel derivative swap contracts are priced at an index that is highly correlated to the prices that the Company incurs to fuel its drilling rigs and fracture stimulation fleet equipment. The Company purchases diesel derivative swap contracts to mitigate fuel price risk.

Interest rates. As of September 30, 2011, the Company is a party to interest rate derivative contracts that lock in, through July 2012, a fixed forward 10-year annual interest rate of 3.06 percent on \$200 million notional amount of debt.

During July 2011, the Company terminated \$470 million notional amount of fixed-for-variable interest rate derivative contracts and received \$26.1 million of cash proceeds.

Tabular disclosure of derivative financial instruments. All of the Company s derivatives are accounted for as non-hedge derivatives as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010. The following tables provide disclosure of the Company s derivative instruments:

Fair Value of Derivative I	nstruments as of September :	30, 2011			
	Asset Derivatives	(a)	Liability Derivatives (a)		
	Balance Sheet	Fair	Balance Sheet	Fair	
Туре	Location (in thousands)	Value	Location (in thousands)	Value	
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments					
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - current	\$247,036	Derivatives - current	\$ 24,607	
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent	230,875	Derivatives - noncurrent	10,403	
Interest rate derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent		Derivatives - noncurrent	12,664	
		\$477,911		\$47,674	

Fair Value of Derivative	Fair Value of Derivative Instruments as of December 31, 2010Asset Derivatives (a)Liability Derivatives						
Туре	Balance Sheet Location (in thousands)	Fair Balance Sheet Value Location (in thousands)		Fair Value			
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments							
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - current	\$ 167,406	Derivatives - current	\$ 87,741			
Interest rate derivatives	Derivatives - current	11,903	Derivatives - current	886			
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent	152,731	Derivatives - noncurrent	64,829			

Interest rate derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent	15,762	Derivatives - noncurrent	9,227
	\$	347,802		\$ 162,683

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

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	Location of Gain/(Loss) Reclassified			oss) Reclassifie o Earnings	d from	
from AOCI		En Septen	ded 1ber 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships	into Earnings	2011	2010 (in the	2011 usands)	2010	
Commodity price derivatives	Oil and gas revenue	\$ 8,295	\$ 21,976	\$ 24,627	\$ 67,634	
Interest rate derivatives	Interest expense	(71)	(63)	(209)	(1,633)	
Interest rate derivatives	Derivative gains, net				(2,465)	
Total		\$ 8,224	\$ 21,913	\$ 24,418	\$ 63,536	

		Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings on Derivatives					
	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings on	Septem	September 30, Septem		ths Ended iber 30,		
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments	Derivatives	2011	2010 (in thou	2011	2010		
Commodity price derivatives	Derivative gains, net	\$407,407	\$ 112,733	\$ 380,030	\$ 520,486		
Interest rate derivatives	Derivative gains, net	(6,335)	14,848	6,088	52,564		
Total		\$401,072	\$ 127,581	\$ 386,118	\$ 573,050		

AOCI - Hedging. As of September 30, 2011 AOCI Hedging represented net deferred losses of \$58 thousand compared to net deferred gains of \$7.4 million as of December 31, 2010. The AOCI Hedging balance as of September 30, 2011 was comprised of \$5.1 million of net deferred gains on the effective portions of discontinued commodity hedges, \$1.8 million of net deferred losses on the effective portions of discontinued interest rate hedges and \$0.1 million of associated net deferred tax benefits, reduced by \$3.5 million of AOCI Hedging net deferred gains attributable to and classified as noncontrolling interests in consolidated subsidiaries.

During the twelve months ending September 30, 2012, the Company expects to reclassify \$5.9 million of AOCI Hedging net deferred gains to oil revenues (including \$3.5 million related to noncontrolling interests) and \$308 thousand of AOCI Hedging net deferred losses to interest expense. The Company also expects to reclassify \$777 thousand of net deferred income tax provisions associated with hedge derivatives during the twelve months ending September 30, 2012 from AOCI Hedging to income tax expense.

NOTE H. Asset Retirement Obligations

The Company s asset retirement obligations primarily relate to the future plugging and abandonment of wells and related facilities. Market risk premiums associated with asset retirement obligations are estimated to represent a component of the Company s credit-adjusted risk-free rate that is utilized in the calculations of asset retirement obligations.

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The following table summarizes the Company s asset retirement obligation activity during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

		Three Months Ended September 30,		ths Ended ber 30,
	2011	2010 (in thou	2011 Isands)	2010
Beginning asset retirement obligations	\$ 151,970	\$ 137,181	\$ 152,291	\$ 166,434
Liabilities assumed in acquisitions			6	6
New wells placed on production	1,132	2,356	3,206	7,000
Changes in estimates (a)	(5,453)		(5,331)	
Disposition of wells		(131)	(448)	(29,671)
Liabilities settled	(2,808)	(6,141)	(10,277)	(16,096)
Accretion of discount from continuing operations	2,806	2,521	8,119	7,909
Accretion of discount from discontinued operations		105	81	309
Ending asset retirement obligations	\$ 147,647	\$ 135,891	\$ 147,647	\$ 135,891

(a) Changes in estimates during 2011 are primarily associated with the deferral of the future abandonment of the Company s South Africa oil and gas properties to allow Petroleum Oil and Gas Corporation of South Africa, Ltd (PetroSA) to recover take-or-pay make up gas (see Note M) and a \$1.5 million reduction in East Cameron 322 reclamation costs.

The Company records the current and noncurrent portions of asset retirement obligations in other current liabilities and other liabilities, respectively, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the current portions of the Company s asset retirement obligations were \$13.6 million and \$19.9 million, respectively.

NOTE I. Postretirement Benefit Obligations

As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company had \$6.9 million and \$7.4 million, respectively, of unfunded accumulated postretirement benefit obligations, the current and noncurrent portions of which are included in other current liabilities and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. These obligations are comprised of five plans of which four are predecessor plans of entities acquired by the Company. These plans had no assets as of September 30, 2011 or December 31, 2010. The participants of the predecessor plans are not current employees of the Company.

The following table reconciles changes in the Company s unfunded accumulated postretirement benefit obligations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

	Ended September 30,			ded 1ber 30,
	2011	2010 (in tho	2011 usands)	2010
Beginning accumulated postretirement benefit obligations	\$ 6,996	\$ 8,968	\$ 7,408	\$ 9,075
Net benefit payments	(271)	(543)	(962)	(1,127)
Service costs	61	80	183	241
Net actuarial losses		100		200
Accretion of interest	79	108	236	324
Ending accumulated postretirement benefit obligations	\$ 6,865	\$ 8,713	\$ 6,865	\$ 8,713

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NOTE J. Commitments and Contingencies

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

Investigation by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (the AOGCC). During the second quarter of 2010, the AOGCC commenced an investigation into allegations by a former Pioneer employee regarding the Company's Oooguruk facility on the North Slope of Alaska. Among the allegations are claims that the Company did not have authorization to inject certain non-hazardous substances into its enhanced oil recovery well, that the Company mishandled disposal of waste products and that the Company's operating practices are harmful to the project's oil reservoirs. Upon initially becoming aware of the allegations, the Company informed the AOGCC and other relevant federal, state and local agencies and commenced its own investigation, which confirmed injections of non-hazardous fluids into the Oooguruk enhanced oil recovery well without prior authorizations to do so. The results of the Company's investigation were reported to the agencies. In December 2010, the AOGCC investigator submitted a report outlining its findings, which (i) found that the Company 's operating practices have not harmed the project's oil reservoirs and (ii) raised certain regulatory compliance issues, all of which the Company previously reported or has since taken actions to remedy. Although the Company does not know at this time what action the AOGCC will take in response to the report, based on the facts as known to date, the Company believes that compliance with any order or other action of the AOGCC will not materially affect the Company's liquidity, financial position or future results of operations.

Obligations following divestitures. In April 2006, the Company provided the purchaser of its Argentine assets certain indemnifications. The Company remains responsible for certain contingent liabilities related to such indemnifications, subject to defined limitations, including matters of litigation, environmental contingencies, royalty obligations and income taxes. The Company has also retained certain liabilities and indemnified buyers for certain matters in connection with other divestitures, including the sale in 2007 of its Canadian assets and the February 2011 sale of Pioneer Tunisia. The Company does not believe that these obligations are probable of having a material impact on its liquidity, financial position or future results of operations.

NOTE K. Net Income (Loss) Per Share

In accordance with GAAP, the Company uses the two-class method of calculating net income (loss) per share because certain of the Company s and its consolidated subsidiaries unvested share-based awards qualify as participating securities. Participating securities participate in the Company s dividend distributions and are assumed to participate in the Company s undistributed income proportionate to weighted average outstanding common shares, but are not assumed to participate in the Company s net losses because they are not contractually obligated to do so. Accordingly, allocations of earnings to participating securities are included in the Company s calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations, discontinued operations and net income attributable to common stockholders.

During periods in which the Company realizes a loss from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders, securities or other contracts to issue common stock would be dilutive to loss per share from continuing operations; therefore, conversion into common stock is assumed not to occur.

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The following tables reconcile the Company s net income from continuing operations, income (loss) from discontinued operations and net income attributable to common stockholders to the basic and diluted earnings used in the two-class method to determine the Company s net income per share amounts for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

		epteml Disco	onths End per 30, 201 ontinued erations	1 Total	- ,	ine Months En eptember 30, 2 Discontinued Operations	011
Income (loss) as reported	\$ 386,145	\$	(547)	\$ 385,598	\$ 582,591	\$ 412,511	\$ 995,102
Net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests	(34,134)			(34,134)	(49,467)		(49,467)
Participating basic earnings	(6,797)			(6,797)	(10,062)	(7,124) (17,186)
Basic net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	345,214		(547)	344,667	523,062	405,387	928,449
Reallocation of participating earnings	189			189	268	190	458
Diluted income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 345,403	\$	(547)	\$ 344,856	\$ 523,330	\$ 405,577	\$ 928,907

		epter Dis	Months End mber 30, 20 continued perations	10 Total		epten Dis	Ionths Endo nber 30, 201 continued perations	
Income as reported	\$ 96,490	\$	18,083	\$114,573	\$ 500,123	\$	63,745	\$ 563,868
Net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests	(2,538)			(2,538)	(39,003)			(39,003)
Participating basic earnings	(2,265)		(424)	(2,689)	(10,661)		(1,359)	(12,020)
Basic income attributable to common stockholders	91,687		17,659	109,346	450,459		62,386	512,845
Reallocation of participating earnings	16		3	19	112		15	127
Diluted income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 91,703	\$	17,662	\$ 109,365	\$ 450,571	\$	62,401	\$ 512,972

The following table is a reconciliation of basic weighted average common shares outstanding to diluted weighted average common shares outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

Three Months Ended
September 30,Nine Months Ended
September 30,

	2011	2010	2011	2010		
		(in thousands)				
Weighted average common shares outstanding:						
Basic	116,281	115,191	116,122	114,985		
Dilutive common stock options	166	168	181	218		
Convertible senior notes dilution	185		1,618			
Contingently issuable performance unit shares	443	662	429	629		
Diluted	117,075	116,021	118,350	115,832		

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NOTE L. Geographic Operating Segment Information

The Company has reportable operations in only one industry segment, that being the oil and gas exploration and production industry; however, the Company is organizationally structured along geographic operating segments or regions. The Company has reportable continuing operations in the United States and South Africa.

The following tables provide the Company s geographic operating segment data for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. Geographic operating segment income tax (provisions) benefits have been determined based on statutory rates existing in the various tax jurisdictions where the Company has oil and gas producing activities. The Headquarters table column includes income and expenses that are not routinely included in the earnings measures internally reported to management on a geographic operating segment basis.

	United States	Sou	th Africa (in the	adquarters Ids)	Co	onsolidated Total
Three Months Ended September 30, 2011						
Revenues and other income:						
Oil and gas	\$ 591,147	\$	19,362	\$	\$	610,509
Interest and other	13,691			3,882		17,573
Derivative gains, net				401,072		401,072
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	1,523			(475)		1,048
Hurricane activity, net	1,487					1,487
	607,848		19,362	404,479		1,031,689
Costs and expenses:						
Oil and gas production	118,989		620			119,609
Production and ad valorem taxes	38,542					38,542
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	142,632		8,449	15,455		166,536
Exploration and abandonments	20,026					20,026
General and administrative				49,812		49,812
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations	2,072		734			2,806
Interest				45,559		45,559
Other	9,773			7,410		17,183
	332,034		9,803	118,236		460,073
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	275,814		9,559	286,243		571,616
Income tax provision	(102,051)		(2,677)	(80,743)		(185,471)
Income from continuing operations	\$ 173,763	\$	6,882	\$ 205,500	\$	386,145

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	United States	South Africa (in the	Headquarters ousands)	Consolidated Total
Three Months Ended September 30, 2010				
Revenues and other income:				
Oil and gas	\$ 416,112	\$ 21,299	\$	\$ 437,411
Interest and other	268		14,701	14,969
Derivative gains, net			127,581	127,581
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	2,429		(46)	2,383
Hurricane activity, net	3,452			3,452
	422,261	21,299	142,236	585,796
Costs and expenses:				
Oil and gas production	99,717	1,000		100,717
Production and ad valorem taxes	33,045			33,045
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	119,726	18,338	9,032	147,096
Exploration and abandonments	21,308	302		21,610
General and administrative			43,417	43,417
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations	1,899	622		2,521
Interest			45,002	45,002
Other	9,682		10,005	19,687
	285,377	20,262	107,456	413,095
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	136,884	1,037	34,780	172,701
Income tax provision	(50,647)	(290)	(25,274)	(76,211)
Income from continuing operations	\$ 86,237	\$ 747	\$ 9,506	\$ 96,490

	United States	South Africa (in the	Headquarters ousands)	Consolidated Total
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011				
Revenues and other income:				
Oil and gas	\$ 1,629,287	\$ 62,283	\$	\$ 1,691,570
Interest and other	30,294		38,420	68,714
Derivative gains, net			386,118	386,118
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	1,523		(2,962)	(1,439)
Hurricane activity, net	1,418			1,418
	1,662,522	62,283	421,576	2,146,381

Costs and expenses:

Oil and gas production	319,564	2,431		321,995
Production and ad valorem taxes	107,702			107,702
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	387,035	35,671	38,101	460,807
Exploration and abandonments	57,242	341		57,583
General and administrative			138,562	138,562
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations	6,164	1,955		8,119
Interest			136,554	136,554
Other	31,302		18,150	49,452
	909,009	40,398	331,367	1,280,774
		,		
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	753,513	21,885	90,209	865,607
Income tax benefit (provision)	(278,800)	(6,128)	1,912	(283,016)
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Income from continuing operations	\$ 474,713	\$ 15,757	\$ 92,121	\$ 582,591

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	United States	South Africa (in the	Headquarters ousands)	Consolidated Total
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010				
Revenues and other income:				
Oil and gas	\$ 1,264,316	\$ 67,182	\$	\$ 1,331,498
Interest and other	1,776		48,153	49,929
Derivative gains, net			570,585	570,585
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	27,408		(437)	26,971
Hurricane activity, net	5,678			5,678
	1,299,178	67,182	618,301	1,984,661
Costs and expenses:				
Oil and gas production	278,157	2,672		280,829
Production and ad valorem taxes	85,444			85,444
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	353,090	58,677	24,066	435,833
Exploration and abandonments	60,773	428		61,201
General and administrative			122,165	122,165
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations	6,043	1,866		7,909
Interest			137,893	137,893
Other	30,233		19,593	49,826
	813,740	63,643	303,717	1,181,100
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	485,438	3,539	314,584	803,561
Income tax provision	(179,612)	(991)	(122,835)	(303,438)
Income from continuing operations	\$ 305,826	\$ 2,548	\$ 191,749	\$ 500,123

	September 30, 2011 (in thou	December 31, 2010 usands)
Consolidating Assets by Geographic Area:		
United States	\$ 10,775,975	\$ 8,987,141
South Africa	86,710	134,901
Tunisia		325,942
Headquarters	122,358	231,118
Total consolidated assets	\$ 10,985,043	\$ 9,679,102

NOTE M. Deferred Revenue

The Company s deferred revenue is associated with a United States volumetric production payment obligation (VPP) and take-or-pay gas receipts under the Company s South Africa gas sales agreement that are each expected to be recovered volumetrically by the purchasers.

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

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

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The following table provides information about changes in the deferred revenue carrying values of the Company s VPP for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 (in thousands):

VPP Deferred revenue at December 31, 2010	\$ 87,020
Less: 2011 VPP amortization	(33,620)
VPP Deferred revenue at September 30, 2011	\$ 53,400

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

Remaining 2011	\$ 11,329
2012	\$ 42,071
During July 2011, the Company received \$36.1 million of cash take-or-pay proceeds from PetroSA in a	accordance with the terms of its South
Coast Gas Project gas sales agreement (the GSA). The terms of the GSA obligate PetroSA to purchase	certain minimum volumes of gas per year
as a source for its gas-to-liquids plant in South Africa. Under certain circumstances, if PetroSA fails	to take such minimum volumes, then
PetroSA is contractually obligated to make take-or-pay payments to the Company. The GSA allows	
take-or-pay make up volumes during certain stipulated periods, including a period of one year beyond the	date the GSA would otherwise expire.

The Company recorded the take-or-pay receipt as noncurrent deferred revenue in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2011. The deferred revenue associated with take-or-pay volumes will be recognized in gas revenues in the consolidated statements of operations as PetroSA takes delivery of the take-or-pay make up volumes or in the earnings of any period during which the future make up of the take-or-pay volumes were to become unlikely beyond a reasonable doubt.

NOTE N. Gain (Loss) on Disposition of Assets, Net

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded \$1.0 million of net gains and \$1.4 million of net losses on disposition of assets from continuing operations, respectively, as compared to \$2.4 million and \$27.0 million, respectively, of net gains from continuing operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010.

The Company s net gains for the three months ended September 30, 2011 are primarily associated with the sale of unproved oil and gas properties while the net losses during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 are primarily associated with the sale of excess materials and supplies inventory, partially offset by gains on the aforementioned unproved property sale. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company s net gains are primarily attributable to the Company s Eagle Ford Shale joint venture transaction that was completed during June 2010, and the sale of proved and unproved oil and gas properties in the Uinta/Piceance area.

See Note Q for information about the Company s gains and losses during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 from the sale of its Tunisia subsidiaries that are included in discontinued operations.

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NOTE O. Interest and Other Income

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

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Septem	ths Ended Iber 30,
	2011	2010 (in thou	2011 (sands)	2010
Alaskan Petroleum Production Tax credits (a)	\$ 95	\$ 12,129	\$ 27,547	\$ 39,990
Third-party income from vertical integration services (b)	13,691	268	30,294	1,776
Other income (loss)	222	(478)	3,135	1,304
Eagle Ford Shale land fees	1,001		2,803	
Equity interest in income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliate	1,641	(269)	2,442	(269)
Deferred compensation plan income	288	206	1,454	890
Change in asset retirement estimates	556		556	
Interest income	79	3,113	483	3,589
Insurance claim recovery				1,665
Sales and other tax refunds				984
Total interest and other income	\$ 17,573	\$ 14,969	\$68,714	\$ 49,929

(a) The Company earns Alaskan Petroleum Production Tax (PPT) credits on qualifying capital expenditures. The Company recognizes income from PPT credits when they are realized through cash refunds.

(b) Third-party gross margins from vertical integration services primarily represents third party revenues less operating costs associated with Company-provided fracture stimulation, drilling and related services.

NOTE P. Other Expense

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

		Three Months Ended September 30,		ths Ended ber 30,
	2011	2010 (in thou	2011 Isands)	2010
Transportation commitment charges (a)	\$ 5,141	\$	\$ 16,101	\$
Above market drilling rig related costs (b)	4,632	9,682	15,201	30,233
Other	1,150	2,102	4,176	4,028
Contingency and environmental accrual adjustments	588	260	3,470	507
Tax penalties (recoveries)	190	(18)	2,478	668
Loss on extinguishment of debt			2,367	

Inventory impairments (c)	1,745	5,660	2,332	7,230
Legal settlements	1,573	224	2,201	716
Cancelled well costs	2,113	19	2,872	56
Bad debt expense (recoveries)	51	(547)	(1,746)	(577)
Well servicing operations (d)		2,305		6,965
Total other expense	\$ 17,183	\$ 19,687	\$ 49,452	\$ 49,826

(a) Primarily represents contract deficiency payments on excess pipeline capacity.

- (b) Primarily represents charges for the portion of Pioneer s contracted drilling rig rates that are above market rates and are not charged to joint operations.
- (c) Represents impairment charges on excess materials and supplies inventories.
- (d) Represents idle well servicing costs.

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NOTE Q. Discontinued Operations

During December 2010, the Company committed to a plan to sell Pioneer Tunisia and in February 2011 completed the sale of 100 percent of the Company s share holdings in Pioneer Tunisia to an unaffiliated party for net cash proceeds of \$853.6 million, including normal post-closing adjustments, resulting in a pretax gain of \$645.2 million. During the three months ended September 30, 2011, the Company reduced the net gain on the transaction by \$57 thousand. The historical results of operations of Pioneer Tunisia have been classified as discontinued operations herein.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, the BOEMRE paid the Company \$2.0 million and \$35.3 million, respectively, of interest on excess royalty payments associated with properties that were sold by the Company during 2006. Accordingly, the interest income is classified as income from discontinued operations. See Note B for additional information about the BOEMRE payments.

The following table represents the components of the Company s discontinued operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

	Three Months					
	Septe	nded mber 30,	Nine Mont Septem	ber 30,		
	2011	2010 (in tl	2011 housands)	2010		
Revenues and other income:		(
Oil and gas	\$	\$ 33,965	\$ 22,130	\$ 109,813		
Interest and other	43	229	4,629	44,643		
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net (a)	(57)		645,241			
	(14)	34,194	672,000	154,456		
Costs and expenses:						
Oil and gas production		3,628	2,126	10,522		
Depletion, depreciation and amortization (a)		5,740		18,086		
Exploration and abandonments		2,853	4,246	11,182		
General and administrative	275	1,343	9,173	5,916		
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations (a)		105	81	309		
Other	120	973	1,979	2,134		
	395	14,642	17,605	48,149		
Income (loss) from discontinued operations before income taxes	(409)	19,552	654,395	106,307		
Current tax provision	(435)	(11,242)	(9,971)	(16,536)		
Deferred tax (provision) benefit (a)	297	9,773	(231,913)	(26,026)		
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	\$ (547)	\$ 18,083	\$ 412,511	\$ 63,745		

(a) Represents the significant noncash components of discontinued operations. **NOTE R. Subsequent Events**

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date of issuance of its unaudited consolidated financial statements. The Company is not aware of any reportable subsequent events.

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Item 2. <u>Management</u> s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial and Operating Performance

The Company s financial and operating performance for the third quarter of 2011 included the following highlights:

Earnings attributable to common stockholders were \$351.5 million (\$2.95 per diluted share), as compared to \$112.0 million (\$0.94 per diluted share) for the third quarter of 2010. The increase in earnings attributable to common stockholders is primarily due to (i) a \$173.1 million increase in oil and gas revenue as a result of increasing sales volumes and higher commodity prices and (ii) a \$273.5 million increase in mark-to-market derivative gains, partially offset by (iii) associated increases in oil and gas production costs, production and ad valorem taxes, depletion, depreciation and amortization expense and income tax provisions.

Net cash provided by operating activities increased to \$465.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to \$208.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010. The \$257.1 million increase in net cash provided by operating activities was primarily due to increases in oil and gas sales, realized derivative gains and a \$36.1 million cash receipt of South Africa take-or-pay proceeds, partially offset by working capital changes.

Net debt to book capitalization decreased to 31 percent at September 30, 2011, as compared to 37 percent at December 31, 2010, principally due to the cash proceeds received from the sale of Pioneer Tunisia and the associated gain recorded on the sale.

Average reported oil and NGL prices increased during the third quarter of 2011 to \$92.24 per Bbl and \$48.36 per Bbl, respectively, as compared to respective prices of \$85.93 per Bbl and \$34.46 per Bbl during the third quarter of 2010. Average reported gas prices during the third quarter of 2011 were consistent with the third quarter of 2010.

During the third quarter of 2011, daily sales volumes increased by 16 percent to 127,676 BOEPD, as compared to 109,681 BOEPD during the third quarter of 2010. The increase in third quarter 2011 sales volumes, as compared to the third quarter of 2010, was primarily due to the Company s successful United States drilling program during 2010 and the first three quarters of 2011.

Fourth Quarter 2011 Outlook

Based on current estimates, the Company expects that fourth quarter 2011 production will average 136,000 to 141,000 BOEPD. The Company s South Africa production was shut in during late-September and throughout October due to unplanned third-party gas-to-liquids plant downtime. The plant resumed operations in early November. The production guidance for the fourth quarter reflects the October downtime and assumes the plant will be in full operation for the remainder of the quarter.

Fourth quarter production costs (including production and ad valorem taxes and transportation costs) are expected to average \$12.50 to \$14.50 per BOE based on current NYMEX strip prices for oil, NGLs and gas. Depletion, depreciation and amortization (DD&A) expense is expected to average \$13.50 to \$15.00 per BOE.

Total exploration and abandonment expense for the quarter is expected to be \$25 million to \$35 million. General and administrative expense is expected to be \$47 million to \$52 million. Interest expense is expected to be \$45 million to \$49 million, and other expense is expected to be \$20 million to \$30 million. Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligations is expected to be \$2 million to \$4 million.

Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiaries net income, excluding noncash mark-to-market adjustments, is expected to be \$9 million to \$12 million, primarily reflecting the public ownership in Pioneer Southwest.

The Company s fourth quarter effective income tax rate is expected to range from 35 percent to 40 percent, assuming current capital spending plans and no significant mark-to-market changes in the Company s derivative position. Cash income taxes are expected to range from \$10 million to \$15 million, principally related to South African income taxes.

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Operations and Drilling Highlights

The following table summarizes the Company s average daily oil, NGL, gas and total production by asset area during the nine months ended September 30, 2011:

			Gas	
	Oil (Bbls)	NGLs (Bbls)	(Mcf)	Total (BOE)
United States:				
Permian Basin	25,180	10,839	46,402	43,752
Raton Basin			161,472	26,912
Mid-Continent	3,711	7,073	51,965	19,444
Eagle Ford Shale	3,315	2,218	22,136	9,222
South Texas	97	1	46,423	7,835
Alaska	4,637			4,637
Barnett Shale	435	1,117	9,366	3,113
Other	3	1	66	17
	37,378	21,249	337,830	114,932
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South Africa	556		22,384	4,287
			,	,
Total Worldwide	37,934	21,249	360,214	119,219

The Company s 2011 capital expenditures are expected to be funded by internally-generated operating cash flow and proceeds from the Pioneer Tunisia sale.

The following table summarizes by geographic area the Company s finding and development costs incurred from continuing operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2011:

	Acquisi	tion Costs			Asset				
	Proved	Unproved	Ex	ploration Costs (in		velopment Costs sands)	Retirement Obligations		Total
United States:									
Permian Basin	\$ 5,383	\$ 29,740	\$	63,859	\$	839,783	\$	1,922	\$ 940,687
Raton Basin	150	(53)		5,536		40,335		226	46,194
Mid-Continent	15	272		4,141		10,693		27	15,148
Eagle Ford Shale		23,738		90,749		4,009		47	118,543
South Texas		1,451		7,826		10,492		3	19,772
Alaska				24,369		65,588		1,061	91,018
Barnett Shale		25,247		199,722		8,308		227	233,504
Other		3,194		4,382					7,576
	5,548	83,589		400,584		979,208		3,513	1,472,442
South Africa and other				7,160		7,633		(3,589)	11,204

 Total Worldwide
 \$ 5,548
 \$ 83,589
 \$ 407,744
 \$ 986,841
 \$ (76)
 \$ 1,483,646

The following table summarizes the Company s development and exploration/extension drilling activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2011:

	Development Drilling							
	Beginning Wells in Progress	s Wells Spud	Successful Wells	Unsuccessful Wells	Ending Wells in Progress			
United States	-	_			-			
Permian Basin	144	490	469	7	158			
Raton Basin		48	34		14			
Mid-Continent		2	2					
South Texas	1	1	2					
Alaska	1		1					
Total Worldwide	146	541	508	7	172			

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	Exploration/Extension Drilling						
	Beginning Wells				Ending Wells		
	in	Wells	Successful	Unsuccessful	in		
	Progress	Spud	Wells	Wells	Progress		
United States							
Permian Basin	3	23	20		6		
Mid-Continent		5			5		
South Texas	2		1		1		
Eagle Ford Shale	22	74	62		34		
Alaska		1			1		
Barnett Shale	11	49	33		27		
Total Worldwide	38	152	116		74		

Permian Basin area. During the first nine months of 2011, the Company drilled 496 wells in the Spraberry field, of which 489 were successful. The Company had 42 rigs operating as of September 30, 2011. The Company s drilling program continues to include the deepening of wells to the Lower Wolfcamp formation, and in certain drilling areas, to the Strawn interval with positive production results. In addition, the Company has recently drilled three successful wells to the Atoka interval and two successful wells to the Mississippian interval.

The Company has completed 113 vertical wells in the Strawn interval since the testing program began in the first quarter of 2010. Initial peak production rates from this interval, when tested alone, have averaged 70 BOEPD. For wells that have been on production for at least ten months, production has increased by more than 25 percent compared to offset wells that have been drilled and completed in all zones through the Lower Wolfcamp. The incremental cost per well for this deeper drilling and one additional fracture stimulation stage is approximately \$60 thousand. The Company believes the Strawn interval is prospective in 40 percent of its Spraberry acreage and expects to complete and commingle this interval with all zones in 25 percent of the vertical wells drilled in the fourth of quarter of 2011 and during 2012.

The Company has completed three vertical Atoka wells in 2011. The initial peak production rate from this interval, when tested alone, averaged 109 BOEPD. The Company plans to test the Atoka interval for up to six months and then commingle this production with production from all zones. The incremental cost to drill an Atoka well ranges from \$300 thousand to \$350 thousand as a result of deeper drilling, larger casing and adding two additional fracture stimulation stages. The Company believes that the Atoka interval is prospective in 25 percent to 50 percent of its Spraberry field acreage. The Company plans to test two to three additional single-zone Atoka wells in the fourth quarter and is forecasting that 15 percent to 20 percent of its 2012 vertical drilling program in the Spraberry field will include wells drilled to the Atoka interval with production commingled from all zones.

The Company has completed two vertical Mississippian wells in 2011. The well tests had an average initial peak production rate of 99 BOEPD. The Company plans to test the interval for at least six months and then commingle the production with all zones. The incremental cost per well for this deeper interval, larger casing and two additional fracture stimulation stages is approximately \$300 thousand to \$350 thousand. The Company believes the Mississippian interval is prospective in 10 percent to 20 percent of its Spraberry field acreage. The Company expects to complete one to two additional single-zone wells in the fourth quarter of 2011 and is forecasting that 10 percent of its 2012 vertical drilling program in the Spraberry field will include wells drilled to the Mississippian interval, with production commingled from all zones.

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The Company continues to test downspacing in the Spraberry field from 40 acres to 20 acres. Eleven 20-acre wells have been drilled in 2011, with six of these wells having been placed on production. These 20-acre wells are capturing pay from the Lower Wolfcamp, Strawn and shale/silt intervals, with encouraging results. The Company plans to drill three to five additional 20-acre downspaced wells during the remainder of 2011.

The Company continues to expand its integrated services to control drilling costs and support the execution of its accelerating drilling program. The Company has increased its owned drilling rigs to 15 and has five Company-owned fracture stimulation fleets currently operating in the Spraberry field. To support its growing operations, the Company also owns other field service equipment, including pulling units, fracture stimulation tanks, water transport trucks, hot oilers, blowout preventers, construction equipment and fishing tools. In addition, the Company has contracted for tubular and pumping unit requirements through 2012, forecasted fracture stimulation sand supply requirements through 2015 and well cementing services through 2016.

The Company believes that vertical integration equipment will provide approximately one third of Pioneer's drilling rig requirements and two thirds of the Company's fracture stimulation requirements in the Spraberry field by the end of 2011. The Company's growing fracture stimulation capacity, along with its other integrated services in the Spraberry field, is accelerating the pace at which wells are being placed on production and providing significant savings as compared to similar services provided by third-party contractors.

The Company has one dedicated rig drilling horizontal wells in the Wolfcamp Shale in the Spraberry field area. The Company successfully completed its first horizontal well in Upton County, Texas in the Wolfcamp Shale interval with a 30-stage fracture stimulation in a 5,800-foot lateral section. The well had a peak 24-hour rate of 854 BOEPD (686 barrels oil per day, 102 barrels NGLs per day and 395 Mcf per day), even with flow line restrictions. Pioneer s analysis of the completion showed that the entire 800 foot thick target zone was successfully fracture stimulated. The well is producing to sales.

The results of the Upton County well are encouraging, as this well is 30 miles to 60 miles northwest of the area where most of the recent successful industry drilling of horizontal Wolfcamp Shale wells has been occurring. Based on this successful drilling activity and Pioneer s extensive geologic interpretation of the Wolfcamp Shale, the Company believes it has significant horizontal Wolfcamp Shale potential within its acreage and is currently focusing its efforts on more than 200,000 acres in the southern part of the field. Pioneer has not been drilling vertical Spraberry wells in this area because the returns are marginal and the southern acreage is not prospective for the deeper Strawn, Atoka and Mississippian intervals.

Pioneer is currently drilling its second horizontal Wolfcamp Shale well in Upton County with a planned 6,000-foot lateral section and 30-stage fracture stimulation. Two additional horizontal Wolfcamp Shale wells are planned in southern Reagan County by early 2012. These two wells are expected to test longer lateral lengths and additional fracture stimulation stages in the Wolfcamp Shale interval.

South Texas and Eagle Ford Shale area. The Company s drilling activities in the South Texas area during 2011 continue to be primarily focused on delineation and development of Pioneer s substantial acreage position in the Eagle Ford Shale play. The Company has increased its drilling rigs in the Eagle Ford Shale play from nine during the second quarter of 2011 to 12 drilling rigs currently.

The Company has drilled and completed 62 horizontal Eagle Ford Shale wells during the first nine months of 2011, all of which were successful. On September 30, 2011, 34 other Eagle Ford Shale wells were in progress or awaiting completion and hookup.

The Company continues to see strong performance from its Eagle Ford Shale drilling program. Wells drilled during the third quarter continued to yield approximately 65 percent liquids, consisting of oil, condensate and NGLs. The lateral length of each well continues to average approximately 5,500 feet and the average well has been completed with a 13-stage fracture stimulation.

To improve the execution of its drilling and completions program and reduce costs, the Company has purchased two fracture stimulation fleets for Eagle Ford Shale operations. One fleet was placed in service in April 2011 and the other is expected to be operational during the fourth quarter of 2011. The Company also entered into a two-year contract for a dedicated third-party fracture stimulation fleet, which commenced operating in April 2011. With the start-up of the two fleets in April 2011, the Company has been able to increase the pace at which wells are placed on production, with a further increase expected when the second Company-owned fleet commences operations later this year.

The Company has also been testing the use of lower-cost white sand instead of ceramic proppant to fracture stimulate wells drilled in shallower areas of the field. Twenty wells have been tested to date, with a savings of approximately \$700 thousand per well. Early well performance has been similar to direct offset ceramic-stimulated wells. The Company plans to continue to monitor the performance of these wells and, based on results to date, plans to use white sand in approximately 30 percent of its 2012 drilling program.

The unconsolidated affiliate formed by the Company to operate gathering facilities in the Eagle Ford Shale area, EFS Midstream, is obligated to construct midstream assets in the Eagle Ford Shale area. Construction of the midstream assets is underway, with the majority of the construction expected to be completed by 2013. Eight of the 12 planned central gathering plants (CGPs) were completed as of September 30, 2011. EFS Midstream plans to build three additional CGPs in 2012. As construction of CGPs is completed, EFS Midstream will provide gathering, treating and transportation services for the Company during a 20-year contractual term. The Company has invested \$164.1 million of capital in EFS Midstream, \$92.1 million of which was contributed during the nine months ended September 30, 2011. During June 2011, EFS Midstream entered into a \$300 million, five-year revolving credit facility that may be used to fund infrastructure investments that exceed its operating cash flows.

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Alaska. The Company owns a 70 percent working interest and is the operator of the Oooguruk development project. The Company has drilled 12 production wells and seven injection wells of the estimated 17 production and 16 injection wells planned to fully develop this project. The Company has contracted another rig to drill two exploration wells (Nuna #1 and Sikumi #1) during the first quarter of 2012. The Nuna #1 well will be drilled from an onshore location to further evaluate the productivity of the Torok formation and the feasibility of future development expansion to the south. The Sikumi #1 well will be drilled from an ice pad on the west side of the Oooguruk unit to test the deeper Ivishak zone, which is the main producing horizon in the Prudhoe Bay field.

Barnett Shale. During the first nine months of 2011, the Company had two drilling rigs operating and drilled and completed 33 Barnett Shale wells, all of which were successful. A Pioneer-owned fracture stimulation fleet commenced operating in the Barnett Shale during the second quarter of 2011. As of September 30, 2011, 27 Barnett Shale wells were in progress or awaiting completion and hookup. In addition, the Company has acquired 160 square miles of 3-D seismic covering its acreage and expects to increase this coverage by 190 square miles during the fourth quarter of 2011. The Company is utilizing the 3-D seismic to high-grade future drilling location selections.

Results of Operations

Oil and gas revenues. Oil and gas revenues totaled \$610.5 million and \$1.7 billion for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, as compared to \$437.4 million and \$1.3 billion for the same respective periods of 2010.

The increase in oil and gas revenues during the three months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to the same period of 2010, is reflective of seven percent and 40 percent increases in worldwide average reported oil and NGL prices, respectively, and 46 percent, 13 percent and three percent increases in oil, NGL and gas sales volumes, respectively. The increase in oil and gas revenues during the nine months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to the same period of 2010, is reflective of nine percent and 26 percent increases in worldwide average reported oil and NGL prices, respectively, and 35 percent and eight percent increases in oil and NGL sales volumes; partially offset by a seven percent decrease in worldwide average reported gas prices and a two percent decrease in gas sales volumes.

The following table provides average daily sales volumes from continuing operations, by geographic area and in total, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

		Three Months Ended September 30, 2011 2010		hs Ended ber 30, 2010
Oil (Bbls):				
United States	42,245	28,880	37,378	27,388
South Africa	527	445	556	730
Worldwide	42,772	29,325	37,934	28,118
NGLs (Bbls):				
United States	23,212	20,525	21,249	19,649
Gas (Mcf):				
United States	350,687	327,917	337,830	335,960
South Africa	19,468	31,069	22,384	30,304
Worldwide	370,155	358,986	360,214	366,264
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Total (BOE):				
United States	123,905	104,058	114,932	103,030
South Africa	3,771	5,623	4,287	5,781

Worldwide

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In the United States, average daily BOE sales volumes increased by 19 percent and 12 percent for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, as compared to the same respective periods of 2010 principally due to the Company s successful United States drilling program and declines in scheduled VPP deliveries. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, average South Africa daily BOE sales volumes decreased by 33 percent and 26 percent, respectively, as compared to the same respective periods of 2010, due to unplanned production curtailments resulting from third-party gas-to-liquid plant downtime and normal well decline rates.

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During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, as compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, oil volumes delivered under the Company s VPPs decreased by 45 percent for each period. The Company s remaining obligations under the VPP agreements are to deliver 345,000 Bbls of oil during the fourth quarter of 2011 and 1,281,000 Bbls of oil during 2012.

The oil, NGL and gas prices that the Company reports are based on the market prices received for the commodities adjusted for transfers of the Company s deferred hedge gains and losses from AOCI-Hedging and the amortization of deferred VPP revenue. See Derivative activities and Deferred revenue discussion below for additional information regarding the Company s cash flow hedging activities and the amortization of deferred VPP revenue.

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The following table provides average reported prices (including transfers of deferred hedge gains and losses and the amortization of deferred VPP revenue) and average realized prices (excluding transfers of deferred hedge gains and losses and the amortization of deferred VPP revenue) by geographic area and in total, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

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Average reported prices:					
Oil (per Bbl):					
United States	\$ 92.01	\$ 86.06	\$ 96.98	\$ 89.08	
South Africa	\$ 110.65	\$77.84	\$ 107.18	\$77.43	
Worldwide	\$ 92.24	\$ 85.93	\$ 97.13	\$ 88.77	
NGL (per Bbl):					
United States	\$ 48.36	\$ 34.46	\$ 46.50	\$ 36.80	
Gas (per Mcf):					
United States	\$ 4.04	\$ 4.06	\$ 4.01	\$ 4.37	
South Africa	\$ 7.82	\$ 6.34	\$ 7.53	\$ 6.26	
Worldwide	\$ 4.24	\$ 4.25	\$ 4.23	\$ 4.53	
Total (per BOE)					
United States	\$ 51.86	\$43.47	\$		