



**DCP Midstream, LLC**  
**Consolidated Financial Statements for the**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008**

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**DCPMIDSTREAM,LLC**  
**CONSOLIDATEDFINANCIALSTATEMENTS**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Members of  
DCP Midstream, LLC  
Denver, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of DCP Midstream, LLC and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2010. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2010, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, in 2009 the Company adopted the amended provisions of ASC 810, *Consolidation*, as it pertains to noncontrolling interests, and as a result retrospectively adjusted its 2008 consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements give retrospective effect to the changes to the preliminary purchase price allocation for Marysville Hydrocarbon Holdings, Inc. as described in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

February 18, 2011  
(September 14, 2011 as to Notes 1, 4 and 20)

**DCPMIDSTREAM,LLC**  
**CONSOLIDATEDBALANCESHEETS**  
(millions)

	<b>December31, 2010</b>	<b>December31, 2009</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Currentassets:		
Cashandcashequivalents.....	\$ 8	\$ 264
Accountsreceivable:		
Customers,netofallowancefordoubtfulaccounts of\$2millionand\$3million, respectively.....	1,013	898
Affiliates.....	239	255
Other.....	18	35
Inventories.....	108	83
Unrealizedgainsonderivativeinstruments.....	144	259
Other.....	43	15
Totalcurrentassets.....	1,543	1,809
Property,plantandequipment,net.....	5,287	4,922
Restrictedinvestments.....	—	10
Investmentsinunconsolidatedaffiliates.....	159	175
Intangibleassets,net.....	387	313
Goodwill.....	721	662
Unrealizedgainsonderivativeinstruments.....	25	41
Otherlong-termassets.....	86	60
Totalassets.....	\$ 8,238	\$ 7,992
<b>LIABILITIESANDEQUITY</b>		
Currentliabilities:		
Accountspayable:		
Trade.....	\$ 1,105	\$ 1,003
Affiliates.....	79	90
Other.....	33	38
Short-termborrowings.....	187	3
Currentmaturitiesoflong-termdebt.....	250	800
Distributionspayabletomembers.....	77	71
Unrealizedlossesonderivativeinstruments.....	180	229
Accruedtaxes.....	60	47
Other.....	235	253
Totalcurrentliabilities.....	2,206	2,534
Deferredincometaxes.....	135	104
Long-termdebt.....	3,223	2,841
Unrealizedlossesonderivativeinstruments.....	65	78
Otherlong-termliabilities.....	128	117
Totalliabilities.....	5,757	5,674
Commitmentsandcontingentliabilities		
Equity:		
Members'interest.....	2,073	2,020
Accumulatedothercomprehensiveloss.....	(13)	(17)
Totalmembers'equity.....	2,060	2,003
Noncontrollinginterest.....	421	315
Totalequity.....	2,481	2,318
Totalliabilitiesandequity.....	\$ 8,238	\$ 7,992

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**DCPMIDSTREAM,LLC**  
**CONSOLIDATEDSTATEMENTSOFOPERATIONS**  
(millions)

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Operating revenues:			
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products.....	\$ 8,163	\$ 6,080	\$ 12,456
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products to affiliates .....	2,414	2,140	3,507
Transportation, storage and processing.....	360	327	334
Trading and marketing gains, net.....	44	50	101
Total operating revenues.....	<u>10,981</u>	<u>8,597</u>	<u>16,398</u>
Operating costs and expenses:			
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products .....	8,208	6,213	12,489
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products from affiliates .....	736	650	1,045
Operating and maintenance.....	552	520	586
Depreciation and amortization.....	413	405	365
General and administrative.....	239	236	234
Step acquisition—equity interest re-measurement gain .....	(9)	—	—
(Gain) loss on sale of assets.....	(1)	2	(15)
Total operating costs and expenses.....	<u>10,138</u>	<u>8,026</u>	<u>14,704</u>
Operating income.....	843	571	1,694
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates.....	34	24	20
Interest income.....	1	1	12
Interest expense.....	(254)	(255)	(210)
Income before income taxes.....	624	341	1,516
Income tax (expense) benefit.....	(5)	(18)	3
Net income.....	619	323	1,519
Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests.....	(27)	16	(88)
Net income attributable to members' interests....	<u>\$ 592</u>	<u>\$ 339</u>	<u>\$ 1,431</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**DCPMIDSTREAM,LLC**  
**CONSOLIDATEDSTATEMENTSOFCOMPREHENSIVEINCOME**  
(millions)

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Net income.....	\$ 619	\$ 323	\$ 1,519
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Net unrealized losses on cash flow hedges.....	(19)	(14)	(33)
Reclassification of cash flow hedges into earnings .....	24	22	9
Total other comprehensive income (loss).....	5	8	(24)
Total comprehensive income.....	624	331	1,495
Total comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests.....	(28)	8	(70)
Total comprehensive income attributable to members' interests .....	<u>\$ 596</u>	<u>\$ 339</u>	<u>\$ 1,425</u>

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**DCPMIDSTREAM,LLC**  
**CONSOLIDATEDSTATEMENTSOFCASHFLOWS**  
(millions)

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Cashflows from operating activities:			
Net income.....	\$ 619	\$ 323	\$ 1,519
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
(Gain) loss on sale of assets.....	(1)	2	(15)
Depreciation and amortization.....	413	405	365
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates.....	(34)	(24)	(20)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates.....	47	35	44
Step acquisition—equity interest re-measurement gain.....	(9)	—	—
Deferred income tax (benefit) loss.....	(4)	14	(13)
Other, net.....	(3)	3	42
Changes in operating assets and liabilities which provided (used) cash:			
Accounts receivable.....	(74)	(189)	715
Inventories.....	(5)	(43)	74
Net unrealized losses (gains) on derivative instruments.....	74	74	(181)
Accounts payable.....	69	145	(693)
Other.....	(97)	92	(49)
Net cash provided by operating activities.....	<u>995</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>1,788</u>
Cashflows from investing activities:			
Capital expenditures.....	(538)	(471)	(557)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired.....	(281)	(45)	(214)
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates.....	(2)	(7)	(7)
Purchases of available-for-sale securities.....	(623)	(1)	(1,157)
Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities.....	633	51	1,207
Proceeds from sale of assets.....	2	5	41
Other.....	—	—	(2)
Net cash used in investing activities.....	<u>(809)</u>	<u>(468)</u>	<u>(689)</u>
Cashflows from financing activities:			
Payment of dividends and distributions to members.....	(575)	(202)	(1,861)
Proceeds from debt.....	1,655	680	2,230
Payment of debt.....	(1,636)	(742)	(1,494)
Proceeds from issuance of common units by subsidiary, net of offering costs.....	189	70	132
Distributions paid to noncontrolling interests.....	(64)	(55)	(48)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests.....	—	14	6
Purchase of additional interest in a subsidiary.....	(4)	—	—
Deferred financing costs.....	(7)	(3)	(2)
Net cash used in financing activities.....	<u>(442)</u>	<u>(238)</u>	<u>(1,037)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents.....	(256)	131	62
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period....	264	133	71
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period.....	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>\$ 264</u>	<u>\$ 133</u>

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**DCPMIDSTREAM,LLC**  
**CONSOLIDATEDSTATEMENTSOFCANGESINEQUITY**  
(millions)

	<u>Members'Equity</u>			<u>Total Equity</u>
	<u>Members' Interest</u>	<u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss)Income</u>	<u>Noncontrolling Interest</u>	
Balance,January1,2008.....	\$ 1,974	\$ (11)	\$ 193	\$ 2,156
Contributions.....	—	—	6	6
Dividendsanddistributions.....	(1,738)	—	(48)	(1,786)
Purchaseofbusiness.....	—	—	2	2
Issuanceofequitysecuritiesofasubsiary	—	—	89	89
Comprehensiveincome(loss):				
Netincome.....	1,431	—	88	1,519
Netunrealizedlossesoncashflowhedges	—	(11)	(22)	(33)
Reclassificationsofcashflowhedgesintoearnings	—	5	4	9
Totalcomprehensiveincome(loss)	1,431	(6)	70	1,495
Balance,December31,2008.....	1,667	(17)	312	1,962
Contributions.....	—	—	14	14
Dividendsanddistributions.....	(274)	—	(55)	(329)
Issuanceofequitysecuritiesofasubsiary	18	—	52	70
Reclassificationofdeferredliability.....	270	—	—	270
Comprehensiveincome(loss):				
Netincome(loss).....	339	—	(16)	323
Netunrealizedlossesoncashflowhedges	—	(6)	(8)	(14)
Reclassificationsofcashflowhedgesintoearnings	—	6	16	22
Totalcomprehensiveincome(loss)	339	—	(8)	331
Balance,December31,2009.....	2,020	(17)	315	2,318
Dividendsanddistributions.....	(581)	—	(64)	(645)
Purchaseofadditionalinterestinasubsiary	—	—	(5)	(5)
Issuanceofcommonunitsbyasubsiary	42	—	147	189
Comprehensiveincome:				
Netincome.....	592	—	27	619
Netunrealizedlossesoncashflowhedges	—	(6)	(13)	(19)
Reclassificationsofcashflowhedgesintoearnings	—	10	14	24
Totalcomprehensiveincome.....	592	4	28	624
Balance,December31,2010.....	\$ 2,073	\$ (13)	\$ 421	\$ 2,481

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**DCPMIDSTREAM,LLC**  
**NOTESTOCONSOLIDATEDFINANCIALSTATEMENTS**  
**YearsEndedDecember31,2010,2009and2008**

**1.DescriptionofBusinessandBasisofPresentation**

DCPMidstream,LLC,withitsconsolidatedsubsidiaries,orus,we,our,orthetheCompany,isa jointventure owned50%by SpectraEnergyCorporationanditsaffiliates,orSpectra Energy,and50%byConocoPhillipsanditsaffiliates,orConocoPhillips.Weoperate inthemidstreamnaturalgasindustry.Ourprimary operationsconsistofgathering,processing,compressing,transportingandstoring ofnaturalgas,andfractionating,transporting,gathering,treating,processingandstoringofnaturalgasliquids,orNGLs,and/or condensateaswellasmarketing,fromwhichwegenerate revenuesprimarilybytradingandmarketingnaturalgasandNGLs.

DCPMidstreamPartners,LP,orDCPPartners,isa masterlimitedpartnership,ofwhichawholly-owned subsidiaryofoursacts asgeneralpartner.AsofDecember31,2010and2009,weownedanapproximately29%and34% limitedpartnerinterest, respectively,inDCPPartners.Additionally,asof December31,2010and2009,weownedanapproximately1%generalpartner interestinDCPPartners,forbothperiods,aswell asincentivedistributionrightsthatentitleusto receiveanincreasingshareof availablecashaspre-defineddistributiontargets areachieved.AsthegeneralpartnerofDCPPartners,wehave responsibilityforits operations.WeexercisecontroloverDCPPartnersandweaccountforitasaconsolidatedsubsidiary.

Wearegovernedbyafivememberboardofdirectors,consistingoftwovotingmembersfromeachparent companyandour ChiefExecutiveOfficerandPresident,anon-voting member.Alldecisionsrequiringtheapprovalofour boardofdirectors'aremade bysimplemajorityvoteoftheboard,butmustinclude atleastonevotefrombothaSpectraEnergyand ConocoPhillipsboard member.Intheeventtheboardcannotreachamajor itydecision,thedecisionisappealedtotheChief ExecutiveOfficersofboth SpectraEnergyandConocoPhillips.

Theconsolidatedfinancialstatementsincludethe accounts oftheCompanyandallmajority-ownedsubsidiarieswherewehave theabilitytoexercisecontrolandundividedinterestsinjointlyownedassets.WealsoconsolidateDCPPartners,whichwecontrolas thegeneralpartnerandwherethelimitedpartners donothavesubstantivekick-outparticipating rights.Investmentsingreaterthan 20%ownedaffiliates thatarenotvariableinterest entitiesandwherewedonothavetheabilityto exercisecontrol,andinvestmentsin lessthan20%ownedaffiliateswherewehavetheabilitytoexercisesignificantinfluence,areaccountedforusingtheequitymethod. Intercompanybalancesandtransactions havebeeneliminated.

WeadoptedFinancialAccountingStandardsBoard,or FASB,AccountingStandardsCodification810,orASC810,effective January1,2009,whichrequiredustoretrospectively recastourconsolidatedfinancialstatementsfor allperiodspresented.As aresult ofadoption,wehave reclassifiedournoncontrolling interestonourconsolidatedbalancesheets,from acomponentofliabilities toa componentofequityandhavealsoreclassifiednet incomeorlossattributabletononcontrolling interestonourconsolidated statementsofoperations,tobelownetincomefor allperiodspresented.Furthermore,wehavedisplayed theportionofother ofcomprehensiveincome. We alsoaddedarollforwardofthenoncontrolling interestwithinourconsolidatedstatementsof changes inequityandhavecombinedthe members'interestandretainedearningscolumnswithintherollforward.Additionally,inthe first quarterof2009werereclassified\$270 milliondeferredliabilitiesrelatingtothesaleof commonequitybyasubsiaryfromlong-termliabilities to members' interest within ourconsolidatedbalancesheets.

TheDecember31,2010balancesheetincludedinthis report hasbeenretrospectively adjusted to reflect changes to the preliminary purchase price allocation relating to DCPPartners' December2010acquisition of Marysville Hydrocarbons Holdings, LLC,orMarysville.

Certain amounts in the prior year's consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to the current year presentation.

**2.SummaryofSignificantAccountingPolicies**

**UseofEstimates** —Conformitywithaccountingprinciplesgenerally acceptedintheUnitedStatesofAmerica,orGAAP, requiresmanagementtomakeestimatesandassumptions thataffecttheamountsreportedintheconsolidated financial statements and notes.Althoughthese estimates are based on management's best available knowledge of current and expected future events, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**CashandCashEquivalents** —Cashandcashequivalentsincludeallcashbalancesandinvestmentsinhighlyliquidfinancial instruments purchased with an original stated maturity of 90 days or less.

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**Short Term and Restricted Investments** — We may invest available cash balances in various financial instruments, such as commercial paper and money market instruments. These instruments provide for a high degree of liquidity through features which allow for the redemption of the investment at its face amount plus earned income. As we generally intend to sell these instruments within one year or less from the balance sheet date, and as they are available for use in current operations, they are classified as current assets, unless otherwise restricted.

Restricted investments are used as collateral to secure the term loan portion of DCP Partners' credit facility and to finance acquisitions. We classify all short-term and restricted investments as available-for-sale as we do not intend to hold them to maturity, nor are they bought or sold with the objective of generating profits on short-term differences in prices. These investments are recorded at fair value, with changes in fair value recorded as unrealized gains and losses in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), or AOCI. The cost including accrued interest on investments approximates fair value, due to the short-term, highly liquid nature of these securities held by us; interest rates are re-set on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.

**Allowance for Doubtful Accounts** — Management estimates the amount of required allowances for the potential non-collectability of accounts receivable generally based upon number of days past due, past collection experience and consideration of other relevant factors. However, past experience may not be indicative of future collections and there may be additional charges could be incurred in the future to reflect differences between estimated and actual collections.

**Inventories** — Inventories, which consist primarily of natural gas and NGL held in storage for transportation and processing and sales commitments, are recorded at the lower of weighted-average cost or market value. Transportation costs are included in inventory.

**Accounting for Risk Management and Derivative Activities and Financial Instruments** — We designate each energy commodity derivative as either trading or non-trading. Certain non-trading derivatives are further designated as either a hedge of a forecasted transaction or future cash flow (cash flow hedge), a hedge of a recognized asset, liability or firm commitment (fair value hedge), or normal purchases or normal sales contract. The remaining non-trading derivatives, which are related to asset based activities for which the hedge accounting or the normal purchase or normal sales exception are not elected, are recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets as unrealized gains or unrealized losses on derivative instruments, with changes in the fair value recognized in the consolidated statements of operations. For each derivative, the accounting method and presentation of gains and losses or revenue and expense in the consolidated statements of operations are as follows:

<u>Classification of Contract</u>	<u>Accounting Method</u>	<u>Presentation of Gains &amp; Losses or Revenue &amp; Expense</u>
Trading Derivatives	Mark-to-market method (a)	Net basis in trading and marketing gains and losses
Non-Trading Derivatives:		
Cash Flow Hedge	Hedge method (b)	Gross basis in the same consolidated statements of operations category as the related hedged item
Fair Value Hedge	Hedge method (b)	Gross basis in the same consolidated statements of operations category as the related hedged item
Normal Purchases or Normal Sales	Accrual method (c)	Gross basis upon settlement in the corresponding consolidated statements of operations category based on purchase or sale
Non-Trading Derivatives	Mark-to-market method (a)	Net basis in trading and marketing gains and losses

- (a) Mark-to-market method — An accounting method whereby the change in the fair value of the asset or liability is recognized in the consolidated statements of operations in trading and marketing gains and losses during the current period.
- (b) Hedge method — An accounting method whereby the change in the fair value of the asset or liability is recorded in the consolidated balance sheets as unrealized gains or unrealized losses on derivative instruments. For cash flow hedges, there is no recognition in the consolidated statements of operations for the effective portion until the service is provided or the associated delivery period impacts earnings. For fair value hedges, the changes in the fair value of the asset or liability, as well as the offsetting changes in value of the hedged item, are recognized in the consolidated statements of operations in the same category as the related hedged item.
- (c) Accrual method — An accounting method whereby there is no recognition in the consolidated balance sheet or consolidated statements of operations for changes in fair value of a contract until the service is provided or the associated delivery period impacts earnings.

**Cash Flow and Fair Value Hedges** — For derivatives designated as a cash flow hedge or a fair value hedge, we maintain formal documentation of the hedge. In addition, we formally assess both at the inception of the hedging relationship and on an ongoing basis,

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whether the hedge contract is highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows or fair values of hedged items. All components of each derivative gain or loss are included in the assessment of hedge effectiveness, unless otherwise noted.

The fair value of a derivative designated as a cash flow hedge is recorded in the consolidated balance sheet as AOCI and the ineffective portion is recorded in a transaction impact earnings, amounts in AOCI associated with the hedged item being hedged. Hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively when it is probable that the hedged transaction will not occur. When hedge accounting is discontinued because the derivative no longer qualifies as an effective hedge, or when it is probable that the hedged transaction will not occur, the derivative is subject to the mark-to-market accounting method prospectively. The derivative continues to be carried on the consolidated balance sheet at its fair value; however, subsequent changes related to discontinued hedges that were previously recognized in current period earnings, in which case, the gains and losses that were previously deferred in AOCI will be immediately recognized in current period earnings.

The fair value of a derivative designated as a fair value hedge is recorded for balance sheet purposes and recognized the gain or loss on the derivative instrument period. All derivatives designated and accounted for as fair value hedges are classified in the same category as the item being hedged in the consolidated results of operations.

**Valuation**—When available, quoted market prices or prices obtained through external sources are used to determine a contract's fair value. For contracts with a delivery location or duration for which quoted market prices are not available, fair value is determined based on internally developed pricing models developed primarily from historical relationships with quoted market prices and the expected relationship with quoted market prices.

Values are adjusted to reflect the credit risk inherent in the transaction as well as the potential impact of liquidating open positions in an orderly manner over a reasonable time period under current conditions. Changes in market prices and management estimates directly affect the estimated fair value of these contracts. Accordingly, it is reasonably possible that such estimates may change in the near term.

**Property, Plant and Equipment** —Property, plant and equipment are recorded at historical cost. The cost of maintenance and repairs, which are not significant improvements, are expensed when incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Asset retirement obligations associated with tangible long-lived assets are recorded at fair value in the period in which they are incurred, if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made, and added to the carrying amount of the associated asset. This additional carrying amount is then depreciated over the life of the asset. The liability is determined using a risk-free interest rate and increases due to the passage of time based on the time value of money until the obligation is settled.

**Asset Retirement Obligations** —Our asset retirement obligations relate primarily to the retirement of various gathering pipelines and processing facilities, obligations related to right-of-way easement agreements, and contractual leases for land use. We adjust our asset retirement obligation each quarter for any liabilities incurred or settled during the period, accretion expense and any revisions made to the estimated cash flows.

**Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates** —We use the equity method to account for investments in greater than 20% owned affiliates that are not variable interest entities and where we do not have the ability to exercise control, and investments in less than 20% owned affiliates where we have the ability to exercise significant influence.

We evaluate our investments in unconsolidated affiliates for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of such investments may have experienced a other than temporary decline in value. When evidence of loss in value has occurred, we compare the estimated fair value of the investment to the carrying value of the investment to determine whether impairment has occurred. We assess the fair value of our investments in unconsolidated affiliates using commonly accepted techniques, and may use more than one method, including, but not limited to, recent third party comparable sales and discounted cash flow models. If the estimated fair value is considered to be permanently less than the carrying value and management considers the decline in value to be other than temporary, the excess of the carrying value over the estimated fair value is recognized as an impairment loss.

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**Goodwill and Intangible Assets** — Goodwill is the cost of an acquisition less the fair value of the net assets of the acquired business. We perform an annual impairment test of goodwill in the third quarter, and update the test during interim periods when we believe events or changes in circumstances indicate that we may not be able to recover the carrying value of a reporting unit. Impairment testing consists of a two-step process. The first step involves comparing the fair value of the reporting unit, to which goodwill has been allocated, with its carrying amount. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the process involves comparing the fair value and carrying value of the goodwill of that reporting unit. If the carrying value of the goodwill of a reporting unit exceeds the fair value of that goodwill, the excess of the carrying value over the fair value is recognized as an impairment loss. We use a discount ed cash flow analysis supported by market valuation multiple to perform the assessment. Key assumptions in the analysis include the use of an appropriated discount rate and estimated future cash flows. In estimating cash flows, we incorporate current market information, as well as historical and other factors, into our forecasted commodity prices. If actual results are not consistent with our assumptions and estimates, or our assumptions and estimates change due to new information, we may be exposed to goodwill impairment charges, which would be recognized in the period in which the carrying value exceeds fair value.

Intangible assets consist primarily of customer contracts, including commodity purchase, transportation and processing contracts and related relationships. These intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of expected future benefit. Intangible assets are removed from the gross carrying amount and the total of accumulated amortization in the period in which they become fully amortized.

**Long-Lived Assets** — We evaluate whether the carrying value of long-lived assets has been impaired when circumstances indicate the carrying value of those assets may not be recoverable. This evaluation is based on undiscounted cash flow projections. The carrying amount is not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset. We consider various factors when determining if these assets should be evaluated for impairment, including but not limited to:

- a significant adverse change in legal factors or business climate;
- a current period operating or cash flow loss combined with a history of operating or cash flow losses, or a projection or forecast that demonstrates continuing losses associated with the use of a long-lived asset;
- an accumulation of costs significantly in excess of the amount originally expected for the acquisition or construction of a long-lived asset;
- significant adverse changes in the extent or manner in which an asset is used, or its physical condition;
- a significant adverse change in the market value of an asset; or
- a current expectation that, more likely than not, an asset will be sold or otherwise disposed of before the end of its estimated useful life.

If the carrying value is not recoverable, the impairment loss is measured as the excess of the asset's carrying value over its fair value. We assess the fair value of long-lived assets using commonly accepted techniques, and may use more than one method, including, but not limited to, recent third party comparable sales and discounted cash flow models. Significant changes in market conditions resulting from events such as the condition of an asset or a change in management's intent to utilize the asset would generally require management to reassess the cash flows related to the long-lived assets.

**Unamortized Debt Premium, Discount and Expense** — Premiums, discounts and expenses incurred with the issuance of long-term debt are amortized over the term of the debt using the effective interest method. These premiums and discounts are recorded on the consolidated balance sheets within long-term debt. These unamortized expenses are recorded on the consolidated balance sheets as other long-term assets.

**Noncontrolling Interest** — Noncontrolling interest represents the ownership interest of third-party entities in the net assets of consolidated affiliates, including ownership interest of DCP Partners' public unit holders, through DCP Partners' publicly traded common units, in net assets of DCP Partners and the noncontrolling interest which is recorded in DCP Partners' consolidated balance sheets. For financial reporting purposes, the assets and liabilities of these entities are consolidated with those of our own, with any third party interest in our consolidated balance sheet amount shown as noncontrolling interest equity. Distribution to and

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contributions from noncontrolling interests represent cash payments to and cash contributions from, respectively, such third-party investors.

**Distributions** — Under the terms of the Second Amended and Restated LLC Agreement dated July 5, 2005, as amended, or the LLC Agreement, we are required to make quarterly distributions to Spectra Energy and ConocoPhillips based on allocated taxable income. The LLC Agreement provides for taxable income to be allocated in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 704(c). This Code Section accounts for the variation between the adjusted tax basis and the fair market value of assets contributed to the joint venture. The distribution is based on the highest taxable income allocated to either member, with the other member receiving a proportionate amount to maintain the ownership capital accounts at 50% for both Spectra Energy and ConocoPhillips. Distributions to the members are calculated based on estimated annual taxable income allocated to the members according to their respective ownership percentages at the date the distributions became due. Our board of directors determines the amount of the periodic dividends to be paid to Spectra Energy and ConocoPhillips, by considering net income attributable to members' interests, cash flow or any other criteria deemed appropriate. The LLC Agreement restricts payment of dividends except with the approval of both members. Tax distributions are allocated to the members in accordance with their respective ownership percentages.

DC Partners considers the payment of a quarterly distribution to the holders of its common units, to the extent DC Partners has sufficient cash from its operations after establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to its general partner, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ours. There is no guarantee, however, that DC Partners will pay the minimum quarterly distribution on the units in any quarter. DC Partners will be prohibited from making any distribution to unit holders if it would cause an event of default, or an event of default exists, under its credit agreement.

**Revenue Recognition** — We generate the majority of our revenues from natural gas gathering, processing, compressing, transporting and storing, and NGL fractionating, transporting, gathering, treating, processing and storing, as well as trading and marketing of natural gas and NGLs. We realize revenue either by selling the residual natural gas and NGLs, or by receiving fees.

We obtain access to commodities and provide our midstream services principally under contracts that contain a combination of one or more of the following arrangements.

- **Fee-based arrangements** — Under fee-based arrangements, we receive a fee or fees for one or more of the following services: gathering, compressing, treating, processing, storing, or transporting of natural gas, and storing and transporting NGLs. Our fee-based arrangements include natural gas purchase arrangements pursuant to which we purchase a natural gas at the wellhead, or other receipt points, at an index related price at the delivery point less a specific amount, generally the same as the fees we would otherwise charge for gathering of natural gas from the wellhead location to the delivery point. The revenues we earn are directly related to the volume of natural gas or NGL that flows through our systems and are not directly dependent on commodity prices. However, to the extent a sustained decline in commodity prices results in a decline in volume, our revenues from these arrangements would be reduced.
- **Percent-of-proceeds/index arrangements** — Under percent-of-proceeds/index arrangements, we generally purchase a natural gas from producers at the wellhead or other receipt points, gather the wellhead natural gas through our gathering system, treat and process the natural gas, and then sell the resulting residual natural gas and NGLs based on index prices from published index market prices. We remit to the producer either an agreed-upon percentage of the actual proceeds that we receive from our sales of the residual natural gas and NGLs, or an agreed-upon percentage of the proceeds based on an index related price for these arrangements. Certain of these arrangements may also result in our returning all or a portion of the residual natural gas and/or the NGLs to the producer, in lieu of returning sales proceeds. Our revenues under percent-of-proceeds/index arrangements related directly with the price of natural gas and/or NGLs.
- **Keep-whole arrangements and wellhead purchase arrangements** — Under the terms of a keep-whole processing contract, we gather natural gas from the producer for processing, sell the NGLs and return to the producer residual natural gas with a British thermal unit, or Btu, content equivalent to the Btu content of the natural gas gathered. This arrangement keeps the gas received. Under the terms of a wellhead purchase contract, we purchase natural gas from the producer at the wellhead or defined receipt point for processing and then market the resulting natural gas at market prices. Under these types of contracts, we are exposed to the "fracs spread." The frac spread is the difference between the value of the NGLs extracted from processing and the value of the Btu equivalent of the residual natural gas. We benefit in periods when NGL prices are higher relative to natural gas prices.

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Our trading and marketing of natural gas and petroleum products, consists of physical purchases and sales, as well as derivative instruments.

We recognize revenues for sales and services under the four revenue recognition criteria, as follows:

- *Persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists*— Our customary practice is to enter into a written contract.
- *Delivery*— Delivery is deemed to have occurred at the time custody is transferred, or in the case of fee-based arrangements, when the services are rendered. To the extent we retain product as inventory, delivery occurs when the inventory is subsequently sold and custody is transferred to the third party purchaser.
- *The fee is fixed or determinable*— We negotiate the fee for our services at the outset of our fee-based arrangements. In these arrangements, the fees are non-refundable. For other arrangements, the amount of revenue, based on contractual terms, is determinable when the sale of the applicable product has been completed upon delivery and transfer of custody.
- *Collectability is reasonably assured*— Collectability is evaluated on a customer-by-customer basis. New and existing customers are subject to a credit review process, which evaluates the customers' financial position (for example, credit metrics, liquidity and credit rating) and their ability to pay. If collectability is not considered probable at the outset of an arrangement in accordance with our credit review process, revenue is not recognized until the cash is collected.

We generally report revenues gross in the consolidated statements of operations, as we typically act as the principal in these transactions, take custody of the product, and incur the risks and rewards of ownership. New or amended contracts for certain sales and purchases of inventory with the same counterparty, when entered into in contemplation of one another, are reported net as one transaction. We recognize revenues for our NGL and residue gas derivative trading activities net in the consolidated statements of operations as trading and marketing gains and losses. These activities include mark-to-market gains and losses on energy trading contracts, and the settlement of financial or physical energy trading contracts.

Revenue for goods and services provided but not invoiced is estimated each month and recorded along with the related purchases of goods and services used but not invoiced. These estimates are generally based on estimated commodity prices, preliminary throughput measurements and allocations and contract data. There are no material differences between the actual amounts and the estimated amounts of revenues and purchases recorded at December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008.

Quantities of natural gas or NGLs over-delivered or under-delivered related to imbalance agreements with the customers, producers or pipelines are recorded monthly as accounts receivable or accounts payable using current market prices or the weighted-average prices of natural gas or NGLs at the plant or system. These balances are settled with deliveries of natural gas or NGLs, or with cash. Included in the consolidated balance sheets as accounts receivable—other as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 were imbalances totaling \$17 million and \$28 million, respectively. Included in the consolidated balance sheets as accounts payable—other, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 were imbalances totaling \$33 million and \$38 million, respectively.

**Significant Customers**—ConocoPhillips, a related party, was a significant customer in each of the past three years. See Note 5 Agreements and Transactions with Related Parties and Affiliates.

**Environmental Expenditures**—Environmental expenditures are expensed or capitalized as appropriate, depending upon the future economic benefit. Expenditures that relate to an existing condition caused by past operations, and that do not generate current or future revenue, are expensed. Liabilities for these expenditures are recorded on an undiscounted basis when environmental assessments and/or clean-ups are probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated.

**Equity-Based Compensation**—Equity classified equity-based compensation cost is measured at fair value, based on the closing unit price at grant date, and is recognized as expense over the vesting period. Liability classified equity-based compensation cost is measured at each reporting date at fair value, based on the closing unit price, and is recognized as expense over the requisite service period. Compensation expense for awards with graded vesting provisions is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of each separately vesting portion of the award. Awards granted to non-employees for acquiring, or in conjunction with selling, goods and services are measured at the estimated fair value of the goods or services, or the fair value of the award, whichever is more reliably measured.

**Accounting for Sales of Units by a Subsidiary**—We account for sales of units by a subsidiary by recording an increase in members' interest equal to the amount of net proceeds received in excess of the carrying value of the units sold. Prior to January 1,

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2009, we accounted for sales of units by a subsidiary by recording a deferred item on the sale of common equity of a subsidiary equal to the amount of net proceeds received in excess of the carrying value of the units sold. The remainder of net proceeds are recorded as an increase to noncontrolling interest. Prior to the first quarter of 2009, DCP Partners had two classes of units outstanding, consisting of subordinated and limited partner units, which require us to record a deferred liability of \$270 million within our consolidated balance sheets. During the first quarter of 2009 the subordination period ended and these units were converted into limited partner units and were reclassified these deferred liabilities from long-term liabilities to members' interest within our consolidated balance sheets.

**Income Taxes** — We are structured as a limited liability company, which is a pass-through entity for federal income tax purposes. We own a corporation that files its own federal, foreign and state corporate income tax returns. The income tax expense related to this corporation is included in our income tax expense, along with state, local, franchise and margin taxes of the limited liability company and others subsidiaries.

We follow the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred income taxes are recognized for the tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax basis of the assets and liabilities. Our taxable income or loss, which may vary substantially from the net income or loss reported in the consolidated statements of operations, is included in the federal returns of each partner.

### 3. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

**FASB, Accounting Standards Update, or ASU, 2010-29 “Business Combinations (Topic 805): Disclosure of Supplementary Pro Forma Information for Business Combinations”, or ASU 2010-29** — In December 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-29 which amended ASC Topic 805 “Business Combinations” to specify that if a public entity presents comparative financial statements, the entity should disclose revenue and earnings of the combined entity as though the business combination that occurred during the year had occurred as of the beginning of the comparable prior annual reporting period only. The ASU also expands the supplemental pro forma disclosures under Topic 805 to include a description of the nature and the amount of material, nonrecurring pro forma adjustments directly attributable to the business combination included in the reported pro forma revenue and earnings. ASU 2010-29 is effective for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after January 1, 2011 and we will disclose information in accordance with the ASU within all financial statements issued after the effective date.

**ASU 2010-28 “Intangibles—Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): When to Perform Step 2 of the Goodwill Impairment Test for Reporting Units with Zero or Negative Carrying Amounts”, or ASU 2010-28** — In December 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-28 which amended ASC Topic 350 “Goodwill and Other”. A SU 2010-28 requires an entity with reporting units that have carrying amounts that are zero or negative to assess whether it is more likely than not that the reporting unit's goodwill is impaired. If the entity determines that it is more likely than not that the goodwill of one or more of its reporting units is impaired, the entity is required to perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test for those reporting unit(s) and record any resulting impairment as a cumulative-effect adjustment to beginning retained earnings. The provision of ASU 2010-28 became effective for us on January 1, 2011, and we will disclose information in accordance with the ASU within all financial statements issued after the effective date.

**ASU, 2010-06 “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820): Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements,” or ASU 2010-06** — In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06 which amended the ASC Topic 820-10 “Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures—Overall.” ASU 2010-06 requires new disclosures regarding transfers in and out of assets and liabilities measured at fair value classified within the valuation hierarchy as either Level 1 or Level 2 and information about sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis for assets and liabilities classified as Level 3. ASU 2010-06 clarifies existing disclosures on the level of disaggregation required and inputs and valuation techniques. The provisions of ASU 2010-06 became effective for us on January 1, 2010, except for disclosure of information about sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis for assets and liabilities classified as Level 3, which is effective for us on January 1, 2011. The provisions of ASU 2010-06 impact only disclosures and we have disclosed information in accordance with the revised provisions of ASU 2010-06 within these financial statements.

**ASU 2009-17 “Consolidation (Topic 810): Improvement to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities,” or ASU 2009-17** — In December 2009, the FASB issued ASU 2009-17 which amended ASC Topic 810 “Consolidation.” ASU 2009-17 requires entities to perform additional analysis of their variable interest entities and consolidation methods. This ASU became effective for us on January 1, 2010 and upon adoption we did not change our conclusions on which entities we consolidate in our consolidated financial statements.

**ASU 2009-13 “Revenue Recognition (Topic 605) Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements,” or ASU 2009-13** — In October 2009, the FASB issued ASU 2009-13 which amended ASC Topic 605 “Revenue Recognition.” The ASU addresses the accounting for multiple-deliverable arrangements, to enable vendor to account for products or service separately rather than as a

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combined unit. ASU 2009-13 became effective for us on January 1, 2011 and there was no impact on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows and financial position as a result of adoption.

**4. Acquisitions**

On December 30, 2010, DCP Partners acquired all of the interests in Marysville. The acquisition involved three separate transactions with a number of parties. DCP Partners acquired a 90% interest in Marysville from Dart Energy Corporation, a 5% interest in Marysville from Prospect Street Energy, LLC and 100% of EEG Group, LLC, which owned the remaining 5% interest in Marysville. DCP Partners paid a purchase price of \$95 million and \$6 million for net working capital and other adjustments, for an aggregate purchase price of \$101 million, subject to customary purchase price adjustments, for DCP Partners' 100% interest. The purchase was financed at closing with borrowings under DCP Partners revolving credit facility. \$21 million of the purchase price has been deposited in an indemnity escrow to satisfy certain tax liabilities and provide for breaches of representations and warranties of the sellers.

On January 4, 2011, DCP Partners merged two wholly-owned subsidiaries acquired in the Marysville acquisition and converted the combined entity's organizational structure from a corporation to a limited liability company. This conversion to a limited liability company triggers tax liabilities, resulting from built-intax gains recognized in the transaction, to become currently payable. Accordingly, \$35 million of estimated deferred tax liabilities associated with this transaction are recorded at December 31, 2010, became current tax liabilities as of January 4, 2011. These tax liabilities are unrelated to the tax liabilities of Marysville for which the indemnity escrow has been established. We estimate that these tax liabilities may be greater or less than the \$35 million currently recorded in deferred income taxes in our balance sheet as of December 31, 2010.

We have updated our accounting for the Marysville business combination for the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed including intangible assets and property, plant and equipment and goodwill. The December 31, 2010 consolidated balance sheet included in this report has been retrospectively adjusted to reflect the impact of changes to our preliminary purchase accounting for Marysville. The purchase price allocation is preliminary and is based on initial estimates of fair values at the date of acquisition. We are currently evaluating the preliminary purchase price allocation, which will be adjusted as additional information relative to the fair values of assets and liabilities becomes available. This allocation may change in subsequent financial statements pending the final estimates of fair value and the final outcome of our estimated tax liabilities. The preliminary purchase price allocation reported in our condensed financial statements issued on February 18, 2011 compared to the preliminary purchase price allocation included in this report is as follows:

	As Previously Reported December 31, 2010	As Currently Reported December 31, 2010 (millions)	Change
Aggregate consideration.....	\$ 101	\$ 101	\$ —
Cash.....	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ —
Accounts receivable .....	1	1	—
Inventory .....	6	5	(1)
Other current assets .....	1	1	—
Property, plant and equipment .....	130	58	(72)
Intangible assets .....	—	32	32
Goodwill.....	—	40	40
Other long-term assets .....	—	1	1
Deferred income taxes .....	(35)	(35)	—
Other current liabilities.....	(5)	(5)	—
Total preliminary purchase price allocation .....	\$ 101	\$ 101	\$ —

On July 30, 2010, DCP Partners acquired Atlantic Energy, a wholly-owned subsidiary of UGI Corporation, for \$49 million plus propane inventory and other working capital of \$17 million. DCP Partners has incurred additional post-closing purchase price adjustments for net working capital of \$2 million, for an aggregate purchase price of \$68 million. Atlantic Energy has a contractual agreement with Spectra Energy, the supplier of the acquired propane inventory, in which the final price of the acquired inventory will be determined based upon index rates established at future dates. Atlantic Energy's sales agreement specifies floating pricing terms in the contractual agreement with Spectra. The acquisition was financed at closing with borrowings under the DCP Partners' revolving credit facility. Atlantic Energy owns and operates a marine import terminal with 20



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million gallons of aboveground storage in the Port of Chesapeake, Virginia. The assets serve as a supply point for propane customers in the mid-Atlantic region, and will extend DCP Partners' existing northeast U.S. wholesale propane business into the mid-Atlantic.

The purchase price allocation is preliminary and is based on initial estimates of fair values at the date of the acquisition. We will continue to evaluate the initial purchase price allocation, which may be adjusted as additional information relative to the fair value of assets and liabilities becomes available. The preliminary purchase price allocation is as follows:

	(millions)
Aggregate consideration.....	\$ 68
Accounts receivable .....	\$ 3
Inventory .....	17
Property, plant and equipment.....	15
Intangible assets .....	27
Goodwill.....	7
Other liabilities.....	(1)
Total preliminary purchase price allocation.....	<u>\$ 68</u>

On July 30, 2010, DCP Partners acquired an additional 50% interest in Black Lake Pipeline Company, or Black Lake, from an affiliate of BP PLC, for \$15 million in cash, financed at closing with borrowings under the DCP Partners' revolving credit facility, bringing DCP Partners' ownership interest in Black Lake to 100%. Prior to this transaction, we accounted for Black Lake under the equity method of accounting. Subsequent to this transaction we account for Black Lake as a consolidated subsidiary through our interest in DCP Partners. As a result of acquiring an additional 50% interest in Black Lake, we have measured our initial 50% interest in Black Lake to its fair value. Accordingly, we recognized a gain of \$9 million in step acquisition—equity interest re-measurement gain in our consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2010, which reflects the increase from the net asset's historical carrying value, to the net assets fair value for our initial 50% interest.

The calculation of the step acquisition—equity interest re-measurement gain is as follows:

	(millions)
Fair value of 50% equity interest in Black Lake.....	\$ 15
Less: Carrying value of 50% equity interest in Black Lake .....	6
Step acquisition—equity interest re-measurement gain.....	<u>\$ 9</u>

On June 29, 2010, we acquired the Raywood processing plant and Liberty gathering system, which are located in Liberty County, Texas, from Ceritas Holdings, LP, or Ceritas, for \$79 million, subject to customary purchase price adjustments. We may pay up to an additional \$6 million to Ceritas based upon recovery of certain currently non-producing wells over a period of approximately one year. We initially recorded a liability in other current liabilities of \$3 million, which represented the fair value of the contingent consideration. As of September 30, 2010, we assessed the fair value of the contingent consideration and adjusted the fair value of the liability to \$2 million, and there has been no change to our assessment of the fair value of the contingent consideration as of December 31, 2010. This liability is recorded in other current liabilities within the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2010. Accordingly, we have recognized \$1 million as an offset to operating expense within the consolidated results of operations during the year ended December 31, 2010.

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The acquired system will connect with our existing southeast Texas assets. The purchase price allocation is preliminary and is based on initial estimates of fair values at the date of the acquisition. We will continue to evaluate the initial purchase price allocation, which may be adjusted as additional information relative to the fair value of working capital becomes available. The preliminary purchase price allocation is as follows:

	<b>(millions)</b>
Cash consideration.....	\$ 79
Property, plant and equipment .....	\$ 35
Intangible assets .....	35
Goodwill .....	12
Other current assets .....	3
Other current liabilities .....	(3)
Contingent consideration .....	(3)
Total preliminary purchase price allocation .....	<u>\$ 79</u>

**5. Agreements and Transactions with Related Parties and Affiliates**

***Dividends and Distributions***

During the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, we paid tax distributions of \$275 million, \$92 million and \$721 million, respectively, based on estimated annual taxable income allocated to ConocoPhillips and Spectra Energy according to their respective ownership percentages at the date the distributions became due. During the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, we declared and paid dividends of \$300 million, \$110 million and \$1,140 million, respectively, to ConocoPhillips, allocated in accordance with their respective ownership percentages.

During the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, DCP Partners paid distributions of \$57 million, \$50 million and \$45 million, respectively, to its public unit holders.

***ConocoPhillips***

***Long-Term NGL Purchases Contract and Transactions*** — We sell a portion of our residue gas and NGLs to ConocoPhillips. In addition, we purchase natural gas from and provide gathering, transportation and other services to ConocoPhillips. Approximately 40% of our NGL production is committed to ConocoPhillips and CPChem, both related parties, under an existing 15-year contract, which expires in 2015. Should the contract not be renegotiated or renewed, it provides for a five-year ratable wind-down period through 2020. The NGL contract also grants ConocoPhillips the right to purchase at index-based prices certain quantities of NGLs produced at processing plants that are acquired and/or constructed by us in the future in various counties in the Mid-Continent and Permian Basin regions, and the Austin Chalk area. We anticipate continuing to purchase and sell these commodities and provide these services to ConocoPhillips in the ordinary course of business.

On January 1, 2011, we entered into a 15-year gathering and processing agreement with ConocoPhillips, whereby ConocoPhillips has dedicated all of its natural gas production within an area of mutual interest in Oklahoma and Texas. This contract replaces and extends certain contracts that we previously had with ConocoPhillips.

***Spectra Energy***

***Commodity Transactions*** — We sell a portion of our residue gas and NGLs to Spectra Energy, purchase natural gas and other petroleum products from, and provide gathering, transportation and other services to Spectra Energy. Management anticipates continuing to purchase and sell commodities and provide services to Spectra Energy in the ordinary course of business.

DCP Partners has a propane supply agreement with Spectra Energy, effective from May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2012, which provides DCP Partners propane supply at its Provide a marine terminal for up to approximately 120 million gallons of propane annually. On June 15, 2010, DCP Partners entered into an amendment to the supply agreement to shorten the term of the agreement by two years to April 30, 2012, which previously terminated on April 30, 2014. In consideration for shortening the term, Spectra Energy has provided DCP Partners a cash payment of \$3 million, which has been recognized as an offset to operating and maintenance expense in the consolidated results of operations.

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In conjunction with DCP Partners' acquisition of Atlantic Energy in July 2010, DCP Partners' acquired a propane supply agreement with Spectra Energy, effective from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2012, which provides DCP Partners' propane supply for its Chesapeake marine terminal, for up to approximately 65 million gallons of propane annually.

In December 2010, Spectra Energy's international propane supplier breached its contract with Spectra Energy by failing to make certain scheduled propane deliveries that were to be delivered to us under our propane supply contract with Spectra Energy. We were unable to secure spot shipments on the open market at a price higher than our contract price to cover the same missing deliveries. In December 2010 Spectra Energy made a \$17 million payment to us to reimburse us for the damages we incurred for our open market purchases.

**Transactions with DCP Partners**

On November 4, 2010, we entered into agreements with DCP Partners, to sell a 33.33% interest in the DCPS Southeast Texas business for \$150 million. The DCPS Southeast Texas business is a fully integrated midstream business which includes: 675 miles of natural gas pipelines; three natural gas processing plants totaling 350 MMcf/d of processing capacity; natural gas storage assets with 9 Bcf of existing storage capacity; and NGL market deliveries direct to Exxon Mobil and to Mont Belvieu via DCP Partners' Black Lake NGL pipeline. The terms of the joint venture agreement provide that DCP Partners' distributions from the joint venture for the first seven years related to storage and transportation gross margin will be pursuant to a fee-based arrangement, based on storage capacity and tailgate volumes. Distributions related to the gathering and processing business, along with reductions for all expenditures, will be pursuant to our and DCP Partners' respective ownership interests in the DCPS Southeast Texas business. This transaction closed on January 1, 2011. We will continue to consolidate these assets in our financial statements, through our 66.67% interest in the joint venture and our consolidation of DCP Partners.

**Transactions with other unconsolidated affiliates**

We sell a portion of our residue gas and NGL to, purchase natural gas and other petroleum products from, and provide gathering and transportation services to, unconsolidated affiliates. We anticipate continuing to purchase and sell commodities and provide services to unconsolidated affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

The following table summarizes our transactions with related parties and affiliates:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	(millions)		
<b>ConocoPhillips:</b>			
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products to affiliates.....	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,097	\$ 3,413
Transportation, storage and processing .....	\$ 18	\$ 24	\$ 17
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products from affiliates .....	\$ 435	\$ 356	\$ 689
Operating and general and administrative expenses .....	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 2
<b>Spectra Energy:</b>			
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products to affiliates .....	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ —
Transportation, storage and processing .....	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ —
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products from affiliates (a) .....	\$ 173	\$ 182	\$ 172
Operating and general and administrative expenses .....	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ 7
<b>Unconsolidated affiliates:</b>			
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products to affiliates.....	\$ 48	\$ 43	\$ 94
Transportation, storage and processing .....	\$ 19	\$ 14	\$ 26
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products from affiliates .....	\$ 128	\$ 112	\$ 184

(a) Includes a \$17 million payment received in December 2010, for reimbursement of damages we incurred when an international propane supplier breached its contract with Spectra Energy.

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We had balances with related parties and affiliates as follows:

	December 31,	
	2010	2009
	(millions)	
ConocoPhillips:		
Accounts receivable .....	\$ 221	\$ 237
Accounts payable .....	\$ (46)	\$ (41)
Other assets .....	\$ 2	\$ —
Spectra Energy:		
Accounts receivable .....	\$ 2	\$ 2
Accounts payable .....	\$ (20)	\$ (27)
Other assets .....	\$ 2	\$ —
Unconsolidated affiliates:		
Accounts receivable .....	\$ 16	\$ 16
Accounts payable .....	\$ (13)	\$ (22)

## 6. Inventories

Inventories were as follows:

	December 31,	
	2010	2009
	(millions)	
Natural gas .....	\$ 11	\$ 19
NGLs .....	97	64
Total inventories .....	\$ 108	\$ 83

## 7. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment by classification is as follows:

	Depreciable Life	December 31,	
		2010	2009
		(millions)	
Gathering and transmission systems .....	15 - 30 years	\$ 5,441	\$ 5,322
Processing, storage and terminal facilities (a) ..	20 - 50 years	2,807	2,517
Other .....	3 - 30 years	253	235
Construction work in progress .....		545	218
Property, plant and equipment .....		9,046	8,292
Accumulated depreciation .....		(3,759)	(3,370)
Property, plant and equipment, net .....		\$ 5,287	\$ 4,922

(a) Includes \$58 million of property, plant and equipment purchased through DCP Partners' acquisition of Marysville on December 30, 2010.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, we reassessed our major classes of property, plant and equipment and changed the presentation.

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 was \$390 million, \$384 million and \$344 million, respectively. Interest capitalized on construction projects in 2010, 2009 and 2008, was \$13 million, \$11 million and \$10 million, respectively.

**Asset Retirement Obligations** — As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, we had \$79 million and \$73 million, respectively, of asset retirement obligations in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. Accretion expense for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 was \$5 million, \$5 million and \$5 million, respectively, which is recorded within operating and maintenance expense in our consolidated statements of operations.

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The following table summarizes changes in the asset retirement obligations, included in our balance sheets:

	December 31,	
	2010	2009
	(millions)	
Balance, beginning of period .....	\$ 73	\$ 68
Accretion expense .....	5	5
Liabilities incurred .....	2	1
Liabilities settled.....	(1)	(1)
Balance, end of period .....	<u>\$ 79</u>	<u>\$ 73</u>

We identified various assets as having an indeterminate life, for which there is no requirement to establish a fair value for future retirement obligations associated with such assets. These assets include certain pipelines, gathering systems and processing facilities. A liability for these asset retirement obligations will be recorded only if and when a future retirement obligation with a determinable life is identified. These assets have an indeterminate life because they are owned and will operate for an indeterminate future period when properly maintained. Additionally, if the portion of an owned plant containing asbestos were to be modified or dismantled, we would be legally required to remove the asbestos. We currently have no plan to take actions that would require the removal of the asbestos in these assets. Accordingly, the fair value of the asset retirement obligation related to both asbestos cannot be estimated and no obligation has been recorded.

### 8. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill is as follows:

	December 31,	
	2010	2009
	(millions)	
Beginning of period .....	\$ 662	\$ 658
Acquisitions.....	59	4
End of period.....	<u>\$ 721</u>	<u>\$ 662</u>

Goodwill increased in 2010 by \$40 million as a result of DCP Partners' acquisition of Marysville, \$12 million as a result of four acquisitions from Ceritas and by \$7 million as a result of DCP Partners' acquisition of Atlantic Energy.

Our annual goodwill impairment tests indicated that our reporting units' fair value exceeded the carrying or book value; therefore, we did not record any impairment charges during the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008.

Intangible assets consist of customer contracts, including commodity purchase, transportation and processing contracts, and related relationships. The gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of these intangible assets are included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as intangible assets, net, and are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2010	2009
	(millions)	
Gross carrying amount .....	\$ 523	\$ 426
Accumulated amortization .....	(136)	(113)
Intangible assets, net .....	<u>\$ 387</u>	<u>\$ 313</u>

Intangible assets increased in 2010 by \$35 million as a result of four acquisitions from Ceritas, \$32 million as a result of DCP Partners' acquisition of Marysville, by \$27 million as a result of DCP Partners' acquisition of Atlantic Energy and \$3 million as a result of DCP Partners' acquisition of an additional 150% interest in Black Lake.

For the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, we recorded amortization expense of \$23 million, \$21 million and \$21 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2010, the remaining amortization periods ranged from less than one year to 25 years, with a weighted-average remaining period of approximately 19 years.

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The weighted-average remaining amortization for the \$35 million of intangible assets acquired without acquisition from Ceritas is 15 years. The weighted-average remaining amortization for the \$27 million of intangible assets acquired with DCP Partners' acquisition of Atlantic Energy is 25 years. The weighted-average remaining amortization for the \$3 million of intangible assets acquired with DCP Partners' acquisition of an additional 50% interest in Black Lake is 20 years.

The weighted-average remaining amortization is 20 years for the \$32 million of intangible assets acquired with DCP Partners' acquisition of Marysville.

Estimated future amortization for these intangible assets is as follows:

<u>Estimated Future Amortization</u>	
(millions)	
2011.....	\$ 25
2012.....	26
2013.....	26
2014.....	20
2015.....	19
Thereafter .....	271
Total .....	<u>\$ 387</u>

**9. Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates**

We have investments in the following unconsolidated affiliates accounted for using the equity method:

	<u>2010 and 2009</u> <u>Ownership</u>	<u>December 31,</u>	
		<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
		(millions)	
Discovery Producer Services, LLC .....	40.00%	\$ 105	\$ 107
Main Pass Oil Gathering Company .....	66.67%	32	37
Mont Belvieu I .....	20.00%	12	13
Sycamore Gas System General Partnership .....	48.45%	8	9
Other unconsolidated affiliates.....	Various	2	9
Total investments in unconsolidated affiliates .....		<u>\$ 159</u>	<u>\$ 175</u>

There was a deficit between the carrying amount of the investment and the underlying equity of Discovery Producer Services, LLC of \$35 million and \$38 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, which is associated with, and is being accreted over the life of, the underlying long-lived asset of Discovery.

There was an excess of the carrying amount of the investment over the underlying equity of Main Pass Oil Gathering Company of \$9 million and \$10 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, which is associated with, and is being amortized over the life of, the underlying long-lived asset of Main Pass.

There was a deficit between the carrying amount of the investment and the underlying equity of Mont Belvieu I of \$7 million and \$8 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, which is associated with, and is being accreted over the life of, the underlying long-lived asset of Mont Belvieu I.

There was an excess of the carrying amount of the investment over the underlying equity of Sycamore Gas System General Partnership of \$4 million and \$5 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, which is associated with, and is being amortized over the life of, the underlying long-lived asset of Sycamore.

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Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates amounted to the following:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	(millions)		
Discovery Producer Services, LLC .....	\$ 25	\$ 16	\$ 17
Main Pass Oil Gathering Company .....	4	5	2
Mont Belvieu I .....	5	2	(1)
Sycamore Gas System General Partnership .....	—	(1)	—
Other unconsolidated affiliates .....	—	2	2
<b>Total earnings from unconsolidated affiliates .....</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>

The following summarizes combined financial information of unconsolidated affiliates:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	(millions)		
<b>Income Statement:</b>			
Operating revenues .....	\$ 302	\$ 247	\$ 336
Operating expenses .....	\$ 222	\$ 186	\$ 307
Net income .....	\$ 78	\$ 59	\$ 34

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	(millions)	
<b>Balancesheet:</b>		
Current assets .....	\$ 66	\$ 80
Long-term assets .....	496	537
Current liabilities .....	(28)	(29)
Long-term liabilities .....	(47)	(43)
Net assets .....	<u>\$ 487</u>	<u>\$ 545</u>

## 10. Fair Value Measurement

### Determination of Fair Value

Below is a general description of our valuation methodologies for derivative financial assets and liabilities, as well as short-term and restricted investments, which are measured at fair value. Fair values are generally based upon quoted market prices, where available. If listed market prices or quotes are not available, we determine fair value based upon a market quote, adjusted by other market-based or independently sourced market data such as historical commodity volatilities, crude oil future yield curves, and/or counterparty specific considerations. These adjustments result in a fair value for each asset or liability under an "exit price" methodology, in line with how we believe a market participant would value that asset or liability. These adjustments may include amounts to reflect counterparty credit quality, the effect of our own creditworthiness, the time value of money and/or the liquidity of the market.

- Counterparty credit valuation adjustments are necessary when the market price of an instrument is not indicative of the fair value as a result of the credit quality of the counterparty. Generally, market quotes assume that all counterparties have near zero, or low, default rates and have equal credit quality. Therefore, an adjustment may be necessary to reflect the credit quality of a specific counterparty to determine the fair value of the instrument. We record counterparty credit valuation adjustments on all derivatives that are in a net asset position as of the measurement date in accordance with our counterparty credit policy, which takes into account any collateral margin that a counterparty may have posted with us as well as any letters of credit that they have provided.
- Entity valuation adjustments are necessary to reflect the effect of our own credit quality on the fair value of our net liability position with each counterparty. This adjustment takes into account any credit enhancements, such as collateral margin we may have posted with a counterparty, as well as any letters of credit that we have provided. The methodology to determine

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this adjustment is consistent with how we evaluate counterparty credit risk, taking into account our own credit rating, current credit spreads, as well as any change in such spreads since the last measurement date.

- Liquidity valuation adjustments are necessary when we are not able to observe a recent market price for financial instruments that trade in less active markets for the fair value to reflect the cost of exiting the position. Exchange traded contracts are valued at market value without making any additional valuation adjustments and, therefore, no liquidity reserve is applied. For contracts other than exchange traded instruments, we mark our positions to the midpoint of the bid/ask spread, and record a liquidity reserve based upon our total net position. We believe that such practice results in the most reliable fair value measurement as viewed by a market participant.

We manage our derivative instruments on a portfolio basis and the valuation adjustments described above are calculated on this basis. We believe that the portfolio level approach represents the highest and best use for these assets as there are benefits inherent in naturally offsetting positions within the portfolio at any given time, and this approach is consistent with how a market participant would view and value the assets and liabilities. Although we take a portfolio approach to managing the assets/liabilities, in order to reflect the fair value of any one individual contract within the portfolio, we allocate all valuation adjustments down to the contract level, to the extent deemed necessary, based upon either the notional contract volume, or the contract value, whichever is more applicable.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. While we believe that our valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, we recognize that the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date. We review our fair value policies on a regular basis taking into consideration changes in the market place and, if necessary, will adjust our policies accordingly. See Note 12, Risk Management and Hedging Activities, Credit Risk and Financial Instruments.

**Valuation Hierarchy**

Our fair value measurements are grouped into a three-level valuation hierarchy. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels are defined as follows:

- Level 1—inputs are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2—inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.
- Level 3—inputs are unobservable and considered significant to the fair value measurement.

A financial instrument's categorization within the hierarchy is based upon the input that requires the highest degree of judgment in the determination of the instrument's fair value. Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the hierarchy.

**Commodity Derivative Assets and Liabilities**

We enter into a variety of derivative financial instruments, which may include exchange traded instruments (such as New York Mercantile Exchange, or NYMEX, crude oil or natural gas futures) or over-the-counter, or OTC, instruments (such as natural gas contracts, costless collars, crude oil or NGL swaps). The exchange traded instruments are generally executed on the NYMEX exchange with a highly rated broker dealer serving as the clearing house for individual transactions.

Our activities expose us to varying degrees of commodity price risk. To mitigate a portion of this risk, and to manage commodity price risk related primarily to owned natural gas storage and pipeline assets, we engage in natural gas asset based trading and marketing, and we may enter into natural gas and crude oil derivative to lock in a specific margin when market conditions are favorable. A portion of this may be accomplished through the use of exchange traded derivative contracts. Such instruments are generally classified as Level 1 since the value is equal to the quoted market price of the exchange traded instrument as of our balance sheet date, and no adjustments are required. Depending upon market conditions and our strategy we may enter into exchange traded derivative positions with a significant time horizon to maturity. Although such instruments are exchange traded, market prices may only be readily observable for a portion of the duration of the instrument. In order to calculate the fair value of these instruments, the extent it is available; however, in the event that readily observable market data



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is not available, we may interpolate based upon observable data. In instances where we utilize an interpolated value, and it is considered significant to the valuation of the contract as a whole, we would classify the instrument within Level 2. In certain limited instances, we may extrapolate based upon the last readily observable data, developing our own expectation of fair value. To the extent that we have utilized extrapolated data, and it is considered significant to the valuation of the contract as a whole, we would classify the instrument within Level 3.

We also engage in the business of trading energy related products and services, which expose us to market variables and commodity price risk. We may enter into physical contracts or financial instruments with the objective of realizing a positive margin from the purchase and sale of these commodity-based instruments. We may enter into derivative instruments for NGLs or other energy related products, primarily using the OTC derivative instrument markets, which are not as active and liquid as exchange traded instruments. Market quotes for such contracts may only be available for short dated positions (up to six months), and an active market itself may not exist beyond such time horizon. Contracts entered into with a relatively short time horizon for which prices are readily observable in the OTC market are generally classified within Level 2. Contracts with a long time horizon, for which we internally generate a forward curve to value such instruments, are generally classified within Level 3. The internally generated curve may utilize a variety of assumptions including, but not limited to, data obtained from third party pricing services, historical and future expected relationship of NGL price to crude oil prices, the knowledge of expected supply sources coming on line, expected weather trends within certain regions of the United States, and the future expected demand for NGLs.

Each instrument is assigned to a level within the hierarchy at the end of each financial quarter depending upon the extent to which the valuation inputs are observable. Generally, an instrument will move toward a level within the hierarchy that requires a lower degree of judgment as the time to maturity approaches, and as the markets in which the asset trades widen, making it more likely to become more liquid and reducing the need to rely upon our internally developed assumptions. However, the level of a given instrument may change, in either direction, depending upon market conditions and the availability of market

***Interest Rate Derivative Assets and Liabilities***

We use interest rate swap agreements as part of our overall capital strategy. These instruments effectively exchange a portion of our floating rate debt for fixed rate debt or our fixed rate debt for floating rate debt. These swaps are generally priced based upon a London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, instrument with similar duration, adjusted by the credit spread between our company and the LIBOR instrument. Given that a portion of the swap value is derived from the credit spread, which may be observed by comparing similar assets in the market, these instruments are classified within Level 2. Default risk on either side of the swap transaction is also considered in the valuation. We record counterparty credit and identity valuation adjustments in the valuation of our interest rate swaps; however, these reserves are not considered to be a significant input to the overall valuation.

***Restricted Investments***

We were required to post collateral to secure the term loan portion of DCP Partners' credit facility. As of December 31, 2010, we held no restricted investments, as a result of the DCP Partners' term loan facility being fully repaid during the first quarter of 2010.

***Long-Term Assets***

We offer certain eligible executives the opportunity to participate in DCP Midstream LP's Non-Qualified Executive Deferred Compensation plan, and have elected to fund a portion of this participation by investing in company owned life insurance policies. These investments are reflected within our consolidated balancesheets as long-term assets and are recorded at fair value, with any changes in fair value being recorded as a gain or loss in the consolidated statements of operations. Given that the value of these life insurance policies is determined based upon certain publicly traded mutual funds whose value is readily observable in the marketplace, these investments are reclassified within Level 2.

***Nonfinancial Assets and Liabilities***

We utilize fair value on a non-recurring basis to perform impairment tests as required on our property, plant and equipment, good will and intangible assets. Assets and liabilities acquired in business combinations are recorded at their fair value on the date of acquisition. The inputs used to determine such fair value are primarily based upon internally developed cash flow models and would generally be classified within Level 3, in the event that we were required to measure and record such assets at fair value within our consolidated financial statements. Additionally, we use fair value to determine the inception value of our asset retirement obligations. The inputs used to determine such fair value are primarily based upon costs incurred historically for similar work, as well as estimates

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from independent third parties for costs that would be incurred to restore released property to the contractually stipulated condition, and would generally be classified within Level 3.

We utilize fair value on a recurring basis to measure our contingent consideration that is a result of certain acquisitions. The inputs used to determine such fair value are primarily based upon internally developed cash flow models and are classified within Level 3.

The following table presents the financial instruments carried at fair value as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, by consolidated balancesheet caption and by valuation hierarchy, as described above:

	December 31, 2010				December 31, 2009			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Carrying Value
	(millions)							
<b>Current assets (a):</b>								
Commodity derivatives	\$ 41	\$ 52	\$ 50	\$ 143	\$ 72	\$ 111	\$ 73	\$ 256
Interest rate derivatives	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 3	\$ —	\$ 3
<b>Long-term assets:</b>								
Commodity derivatives (b)	\$ 11	\$ 4	\$ 10	\$ 25	\$ 9	\$ 14	\$ 18	\$ 41
Restricted investments	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10	\$ —	\$ 10
Company owned life insurance (c)	\$ —	\$ 16	\$ —	\$ 16	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
<b>Current liabilities:</b>								
Commodity derivatives (d)	\$ (45)	\$ (73)	\$ (45)	\$ (163)	\$ (20)	\$ (101)	\$ (88)	\$ (209)
Interest rate derivatives (d)	\$ —	\$ (17)	\$ —	\$ (17)	\$ —	\$ (20)	\$ —	\$ (20)
Acquisition related contingent consideration (e)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (2)	\$ (2)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
<b>Long-term liabilities:</b>								
Commodity derivatives (f)	\$ (14)	\$ (40)	\$ (1)	\$ (55)	\$ (3)	\$ (57)	\$ (6)	\$ (66)
Interest rate derivatives (f)	\$ —	\$ (10)	\$ —	\$ (10)	\$ —	\$ (12)	\$ —	\$ (12)

- (a) Included in current unrealized gains on derivative instruments in our consolidated balancesheets.
- (b) Included in long-term unrealized gains on derivative instruments in our consolidated balancesheets.
- (c) Included in other long-term assets in our consolidated balancesheets.
- (d) Included in current unrealized losses on derivative instruments in our consolidated balancesheets.
- (e) Included in other current liabilities in our consolidated balancesheets.
- (f) Included in long-term unrealized losses on derivative instruments in our consolidated balancesheets.

**Changes in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements**

The tables below will illustrate a roll forward of the amounts included in our consolidated balancesheets for derivative financial instruments that we have classified within Level 3. The determination to classify a financial instrument within Level 3 is based upon the significance of the unobservable factors used in determining the overall fair value of the instrument. Since financial instruments classified as Level 3 typically include a combination of observable components (that is, components that are actively quoted and can be validated to external sources) and unobservable components, the gains and losses in the table below may include changes in fair value due in part to observable market factors, or changes to our assumption on the unobservable components. Depending upon the information readily observable in the market, and/or the use of unobservable inputs, which are significant to the overall valuation, the classification of any individual financial instrument may differ from one measurement date to the next. In the event that there is a movement to/from the classification of an instrument as Level 3, we have reflected such items in the table below within the "Transfers into Level 3" and "Transfers out of Level 3" captions.

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We manage our overall risk at the portfolio level, and in the execution of our strategy, we may use a combination of financial instruments, which may be classified within any level. Since Level 1 and Level 2 risk management instruments are not included in the roll forward below, the gains or losses in the table do not reflect the effect of our total risk management activities.

	<b>Commodity Derivative Instruments</b>			
	<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>Long-Term Assets</b>	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>
	(millions)			
<b>Year ended December 31, 2010:</b>				
Beginning balance .....	\$ 73	\$ 18	\$ (88)	\$ (6)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings .....	55	(7)	(36)	5
Transfers into Level 3(a) .....	—	—	—	—
Transfers out of Level 3(a) .....	(4)	—	1	—
Purchases, issuances and settlements, net .....	(74)	(1)	78	—
Ending balance .....	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$ (45)</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>
Net unrealized gains (losses) still held included in earnings (b) .....	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>\$ (6)</u>	<u>\$ (45)</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2009:</b>				
Beginning balance .....	\$ 210	\$ 22	\$ (155)	\$ (44)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings .....	33	(4)	(30)	38
Net transfers (out) of/in to Level 3 (c) .....	—	—	3	—
Purchases, issuances and settlements, net .....	(170)	—	94	—
Ending balance .....	<u>\$ 73</u>	<u>\$ 18</u>	<u>\$ (88)</u>	<u>\$ (6)</u>
Net unrealized gains (losses) still held included in earnings (b) .....	<u>\$ 73</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ (88)</u>	<u>\$ 38</u>

- (a) Amount transferred in and amount transferred out are reflected at fair values as of the end of the period.
- (b) Represents the amount of total gains or losses for the period, included in trading and marketing gains, net, attributable to changes in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 that are still held as of December 31, 2010 and 2009.
- (c) Amount transferred in are reflected at the fair value as of the beginning of the period and amount transferred out are reflected at the fair value at the end of the period.

During 2010, we recognized the fair value of our contingent consideration, which is classified as Level 3, in relation to our acquisition from Ceritas of \$3 million, and the purchase of an additional interest in a subsidiary of \$1 million, which were recorded to other current liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets. During the year ended December 31, 2010, we assessed the fair value of the contingent consideration and adjusted the fair value of the liability to \$2 million. Accordingly, we recognized \$2 million as an offset to operating expense within the consolidated results of operations during the year ended December 31, 2010.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, we had no significant transfers into and out of Levels 1, 2 and 3. To qualify as a transfer, the asset or liability must have existed in the previous reporting period and moved into a different level during the current reporting period.

**Estimated Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

We have determined fair value amounts using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, considerable judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented here are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that we could realize in a current market exchange. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methods may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

The fair value of restricted investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and short-term borrowings are not materially different from their carrying amounts because of the short-term nature of these instruments or the rates. Unrealized gains and unrealized losses on derivative instruments are carried at fair value. As of December 31, 2010, the carrying amount and fair value of four long-term debt, including current maturities of long-term debt, was \$3,473 million and \$3,790 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2009, the carrying amount and fair value of four long-term debt, including current maturities of long-term debt, was \$3,641 million and \$3,830 million, respectively. We determine the fair value of four variable rate debt based upon the discounted present value of expected future cash flows, taking into account the difference between the contractual borrowings spread and the spread for similar credit facilities available in the market place.

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**11. Financing**

	December 31,	
	2010	2009
	(millions)	
Short-term borrowings .....	\$ 187	\$ 3
DCP Midstream's debt securities:		
Issued August 2000, interest at 7.875% payable semi-annually, due August 2010(a) .....	—	800
Issued January 2001, interest at 6.875% payable semi-annually, due February 2011(b) .....	250	250
Issued November 2008, interest at 9.700% payable semi-annually, due December 2013 .....	250	250
Issued October 2005, interest at 5.375% payable semi-annually, due October 2015 .....	200	200
Issued February 2009, interest at 9.750% payable semi-annually, due March 2019 .....	450	450
Issued March 2010, interest at 5.350% payable semi-annually, due March 2020 .....	600	—
Issued August 2000, interest at 8.125% payable semi-annually, due August 2030(c) .....	300	300
Issued October 2006, interest at 6.450% payable semi-annually, due November 2036 .....	300	300
Issued September 2007, interest at 6.750% payable semi-annually, due September 2037 .....	450	450
DCP Partners' debt securities:		
Issued September 2010, interest at 3.250%, payable semi-annually, due October 2015 .....	250	—
DCP Partners' credit facility revolver, weighted average variable interest rate of 1.14% and 0.69%, respectively, due June 2012(d) .....	398	603
DCP Partners' credit facility term loan, variable interest rate of 0.34%, due June 2012(e) .....	—	10
Fair value adjustments related to interest rate swaps and fair value hedges (a)(b)(c) .....	37	40
Unamortized discount .....	(12)	(12)
Total debt .....	3,660	3,644
Current maturities of long-term debt .....	(250)	(800)
Short-term borrowings .....	(187)	(3)
Long-term debt .....	\$ 3,223	\$ 2,841

- (a) In July 2009, \$500 million of debt was swapped to a floating interest rate obligation. These swaps matured in August 2010.
- (b) In July 2009, \$200 million of debt was swapped to a floating interest rate obligation.
- (c) In December 2008, the swaps associated with this debt were terminated. The remaining long-term fair value of approximately \$37 million related to the swaps is being amortized as a reduction to interest expense through the maturity date of the debt.
- (d) \$275 million of interest rate exposure has been swapped to a fixed interest rate obligation with an effective interest rate of 4.28% on the \$398 million of outstanding debt under the DCP Partners' revolving credit facility as of December 31, 2010.
- (e) The DCP Partners' term loan facility was fully secured by restricted investments as of December 31, 2009. The term loan was repaid during the first quarter of 2010.

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Approximate future maturities of long-term debt in the year indicated areas follows at December 31, 2010:

<b>Debt Maturities</b>	
(millions)	
2011.....	\$ 250
2012.....	398
2013.....	250
2014.....	—
2015.....	450
Thereafter.....	2,100
	3,448
Fair value adjustments related to interest rates swap fair value hedges.....	37
Unamortized discount .....	(12)
Current maturities of long-term debt .....	(250)
Long-term debt.....	\$ 3,223

*DCP Midstream's Debt Securities* — In March 2010, we issued \$600 million principal amount of 5.35% Senior Notes due 2020, or the 5.35% Notes, for proceeds of approximately \$597 million, net of unamortized discounts and related offering costs. The 5.35% Notes mature and become due and payable on March 15, 2020. We pay interest semiannually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, and our first payment was on September 15, 2010. The net proceeds from this offering were used to repay a portion of our \$800 million 7.875% Notes due August 2010, and for general corporate purposes.

In February 2009, we issued \$450 million principal amount of 9.75% Senior Notes due 2019, or the 9.75% Notes, for proceeds of \$441 million, net of unamortized discounts and related offering costs. The 9.75% Notes mature and become due and payable on March 15, 2019. We pay interest semiannually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, our first payment was on September 15, 2009. The net proceeds from this offering were used for general corporate purposes, which included repayment of outstanding borrowings.

The debt securities mature and become payable on their respective due dates, and are not subject to any sinking fund provisions. The debt securities are unsecured and are redeemable at a premium at our option.

*DCP Midstream's Credit Facilities with Financial Institutions* — We have a \$450 million revolving credit facility, or the \$450 Million Facility, which matures in April 2012. Any outstanding borrowings under the \$450 Million Facility at maturity may, at our option, be converted into an unsecured one-year term loan. There were no borrowings outstanding under the \$450 Million Facility as of December 31, 2010 and 2009.

In January 2010, we entered into a \$350 million revolving credit facility, or the \$350 Million Facility, that matures in April 2012. There were no borrowings outstanding under the \$350 Million Facility as of December 31, 2010.

The \$450 Million Facility and the \$350 Million Facility, or together, the Facilities, provide us with total revolving credit availability of \$800 million. The \$800 million of revolving credit from the Facilities may be used to support our commercial paper program, and for working capital requirements and other general corporate purposes. The \$450 Million Facility may also be used for letters of credit. As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, we had \$187 million and \$0 of commercial paper outstanding, respectively, backed by the Facilities. As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, there were \$6 million and \$5 million, respectively, in letters of credit outstanding. As of December 31, 2010, the available capacity under the Facilities was \$607 million.

The \$450 Million Credit Facility bears interest at either: (1) the higher of Wells Fargo's prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50%; or (2) the LIBOR plus an applicable margin, which is 0.09% based on our current credit rating. The facility incurs an annual fee of 0.09% based on our current credit rating. This fee is paid on drawn and undrawn portions of the facility.

The \$350 Million Facility bears interest at either: (1) the higher of Wells Fargo's prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50%; or (2) LIBOR plus an applicable margin, which is 2.00% based on our current credit rating. The facility incurs an annual fee of 0.50% based on our current credit rating. This fee is paid on drawn and undrawn portions of the facility.

The Facilities require us to maintain a consolidated debt to capitalization ratio (the ratio of consolidated indebtedness to consolidated capitalization) of not more than 5.0 to 1.0, and on a temporary basis for not more than three

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consecutive quarters (including the quarter in which such acquisition is consummated), following the consummation of qualifying asset acquisitions as defined by the Facilities, in the midstream energy business of not more than 5.5 to 1.0.

*DCPPartners' Debt Securities* — On September 30, 2010, DCP Partners issued \$250 million of 3.25% Senior Notes due October 1, 2015. DCP Partners received net proceeds of \$248 million, net of unamortized discounts and related offering costs, which were used to repay funds borrowed under the revolving portion of the DCP Partners' Credit Facility. Interest on the notes will be paid semiannually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing April 1, 2011. The notes will mature on October 1, 2015 unless redeemed prior to maturity. The notes are senior unsecured obligations, ranking equally in right of payment with DCP Partners' existing unsecured indebtedness, including indebtedness under the DCP Partners' Credit Facility. DCP Partners is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to these notes. The notes are redeemable at a premium at DCP Partners' option.

*DCPPartners' Credit Facilities with Financial Institutions* — DCP Partners has an \$850 million revolving credit facility that matures on June 21, 2012, or the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement. Effective June 28, 2010, DCP Partners transferred both the funded and the unfunded portions of the former Lehman Brothers Commercial Bank's commitment to Morgan Stanley. The transfer reinstated \$25 million of available capacity to DCP Partners' revolving credit facility.

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, DCP Partners had \$32 million and less than \$1 million, respectively, of letters of credit issued under the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement outstanding. As of December 31, 2009, DCP Partners had \$10 million outstanding term loan balances under DCP Partners' Credit Agreement, which were fully collateralized by investments in high-grade securities classified as restricted investments in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2009. As of December 31, 2010, the unused capacity under the revolving credit facility was \$420 million.

DCP Partners' borrowing capacity is limited at December 31, 2010, by the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement's financial covenant requirements. Except in the case of a default, amounts borrowed under DCP Partners' credit facility will not mature prior to the June 21, 2012, maturity date.

Under DCP Partners' Credit Agreement, indebtedness under the revolving credit facility bears interest at either: (1) the higher of Wells Fargo Bank's prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50%; or (2) LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 0.44% based upon DCP Partners' current credit rating. The DCP Partners' revolving credit facility incurs an annual facility fee of 0.11% based upon DCP Partners' credit rating. This fee is paid on drawn and undrawn portions of DCP Partners' revolving credit facility.

The DCP Partners' Credit Agreement requires DCP Partners to maintain a leverage ratio (the ratio of indebtedness to its consolidated EBITDA, in each case as defined by the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement) of not more than 5.0 to 1.0, and on a temporary basis for not more than three consecutive quarters (including the quarter in which such acquisition is consummated) following the consummation of asset acquisitions in the midstream energy business of not more than 5.5 to 1.0.

*Other Agreements* — As of December 31, 2010, DCP Partners had a contingent letter of credit facility for up to \$10 million, on which DCP Partners pays a fee of 0.50% per annum. As of December 31, 2010, DCP Partners has no letters of credit issued under this facility. Any letters of credit issued on this facility will incur a net fee of 1.75% per annum and will not reduce the available capacity under the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement.

*Other Financing* — In November 2010, DCP Partners issued 2,875,000 common units at \$34.96 per unit. DCP Partners received proceeds of \$96 million, net of offering costs.

In August 2010, DCP Partners issued 2,990,000 common units at \$32.57 per unit. DCP Partners received proceeds of \$93 million, net of offering costs.

In November and December 2009, DCP Partners issued 2,875,000 common limited partner units at \$25.40 per unit. DCP Partners received proceeds of approximately \$70 million, net of offering costs.

In April 2009, we contributed an additional 25.1% membership interest in East Texas to DCP Partners in exchange for 3,500,000 DCP Partners Class D units. The Class D units converted into DCP Partners' common units on a one-for-one basis on August 17, 2009, and the holders of the Class D units became eligible to receive quarterly distribution payments, beginning with the DCP Partners' second quarter distribution on August 14, 2009.

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**12. Risk Management and Hedging Activities, Credit Risk and Financial Instruments**

Our day-to-day operations expose us to a variety of risks including but not limited to changes in the prices of commodities that we buy or sell, changes in interest rates, and the creditworthiness of each of our counterparties. We manage certain of these exposures by using physical and financial derivative instruments. All of our commodity derivative activities are conducted under the governance of internal Risk Management Committees that establish policies, limiting exposure to market risk and requiring daily reporting to management of potential financial exposure. These policies include statistical risk tolerance limits using historical price movements to calculate daily value at risk. The following briefly describes each of the risks that we manage.

**Commodity Price Risk**

Our portfolio of commodity derivative activity is primarily accounted for using the mark-to-market method of accounting; however, depending upon our risk profile and objectives, in certain limited cases, we may execute transactions that qualify for the hedge method of accounting. The risks, strategies and instruments used to mitigate such risks, as well as the method of accounting are discussed and summarized in the tables below.

***Natural Gas Asset Based Trading and Marketing***

Our natural gas asset based trading and marketing activities engage in the business of trading energy related products and services, including managing purchase and sales portfolios, storage contracts and facilities, and transportation commitments for products. These energy trading operations are exposed to market variables and commodity price risk with respect to these products and services, and we may enter into physical contracts and financial instruments with the objective of realizing a positive margin from the purchase and sale of commodity-based instruments. We manage commodity price risk related to owned and leased natural gas storage and pipeline assets by engaging in natural gas asset based trading and marketing. The commercial activities related to our portfolio consist of timespreads and basis spreads.

We may execute timespread transactions when the difference between the current price of natural gas (cash or futures) and the futures market price for natural gas exceeds our cost of storing physical gas in our owned and/or leased storage facilities. The time spread transaction allows us to lock in a margin when this market condition exists. A timespread transaction is executed by establishing a long gas position at one point in time and establishing a corresponding short gas position at a different point in time. We typically use swapsto execute these transactions, which are not designated as hedging instruments and are recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in the current period consolidated statement of operations. While gas hedge derivative instruments that are used to manage our storage facilities are recorded at fair value and any changes in fair value are currently recorded in our consolidated statements of operations. Even though we may have economically hedged our exposure and locked in a future margin in the use of lower-of-cost-or-market accounting for our physical inventory and the use of mark-to-market accounting for our derivative instruments may subject our earnings to market volatility.

We may execute basis spread transactions when the market price differential between locations on a pipeline asset exceeds our cost of transporting physical gas through our owned and/or leased pipeline asset. When this market condition exists, we may execute derivative instruments around this differential at the market price. This basis spread transaction allows us to lock in a margin on our physical purchases and sales of gas. We typically use swapsto execute these transactions, which are not designated as hedging instruments and are recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in the current period consolidated statements of operations. As discussed above, the accounting for physical gas purchases and sales and the accounting for the derivative instruments used to manage such purchases and sales differ, and may subject our earnings to market volatility, even though the transaction represents an economic hedge in which we have locked in a future margin.

Additionally, in order for our storage facilities to remain operational, we maintain a minimum level of base gas in each storage cavern, which is capitalized on our consolidated balance sheets as a component of property, plant and equipment, net. In the fourth quarter of 2008 we commenced a capacity expansion project for one of our storage caverns, which requires us to sell all of the base gas within the cavern. During 2009, the expansion project was completed and base gas was repurchased to restore our storage cavern. To mitigate the risk associated with the forecasted re-purchase of base gas, we executed a series of derivative financial instruments, which were designated as cash flow hedges. The cash paid upon settlement of these hedges economically offset the cash paid to purchase the base gas. A deferred loss of \$3 million was recognized and will remain in AOCI until such time that our cavern is emptied and the base gas is sold.

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***NGL Proprietary Trading***

Our NGL proprietary trading activity includes trading energy related products and services. We undertake these activities through the use of fixed forward sales and purchases, basis and spread trades, storage opportunities, put/call options, term contracts and spot market trading. These energy trading operations are exposed to market variables and commodity price risk with respect to these products and services, and these operations may enter into physical contracts and financial instruments with the objective of realizing a positive margin from the purchase and sale of commodity-based instruments. These physical and financial instruments are not designated as hedging instruments and are recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in the current period consolidated statements of operations.

***Commodity Cash Flow Protection Activities at DCP Partners***

As a result of DCP Partners' operations of gathering, processing and transporting natural gas, DCP Partners stake title to a portion of residue gas, NGLs and condensate, which are considered to be Partners' equity volumes. The possession of and the related operations of transporting and marketing of NGLs, creates commodity price risk due to market changes in commodity prices, primarily with respect to the prices of NGLs, natural gas and crude oil. DCP Partners has mitigated a portion of its expected commodity price risk associated with these equity volumes through 2015 with natural gas and crude oil derivatives. Additionally, given the limited depth of the NGL derivatives market, DCP Partners utilizes crude oil swaps and costless collar to mitigate a portion of its commodity price risk exposure for propane and heavier NGLs. These transactions are primarily accomplished through the use of swap that exchange DCP Partners floating price risk for a fixed price, but the type of instrument that is used to mitigate risk may vary depending upon DCP Partners' risk objective. These transactions are not designated as hedging instruments for accounting purposes and the change in fair value is reflected in the current period within our consolidated statements of operations.

***Interest Rate Risk***

We enter into debt arrangements that have either fixed or floating rates, therefore we are exposed to market risks related to changes in interest rates. We periodically use interest rate swaps to hedge interest rate risk associated with our debt. Our primary goals include (1) maintaining an appropriate ratio of fixed-rate debt to floating-rate debt; (2) reducing volatility of earnings resulting from interest rate fluctuations; and (3) locking in attractive interest rates based on historical rates.

In July 2009, we entered into interest rate swaps to convert the fixed interest rate on \$500 million of debt securities under our 7.875% Notes due August 2010 and \$200 million of debt securities under our 6.875% Notes due February 2011 to a floating rate. The interest rate fair value hedges associated with our 7.875% Notes expired in August 2010. The interest rate fair value hedges associated with our 6.875% Notes are at a floating rate based on one month LIBOR, which resets monthly and are paid semi-annually through their expiration in February 2011. The swaps meet conditions that permit the assumption of no ineffectiveness. As such, for the life of the swaps, no ineffectiveness will be recognized.

Additionally, we previously had fair value interest rate hedges associated with our \$300 million 8.125% Notes, or the 8.125% Notes, that were terminated in December 2008. As a result of this termination, the fair value of the underlying debt being hedged has been adjusted and will be amortized as a reduction to our interest expense over the remaining term of the 8.125% Notes through 2030.

DCP Partners mitigates a portion of its interest rate risk with interest rate swaps, which reduce DCP Partners' exposure to market fluctuations by converting variable interest rates to fixed interest rates. These interest rate swap agreements convert the interest rate associated with the indebtedness outstanding under the DCP Partners' revolving credit facility to a fixed rate obligation.

At December 31, 2010, DCP Partners had interest rate swap agreements totaling \$450 million, of which \$275 million are designated as cash flow hedges. The remaining \$175 million of interest rate swap agreements are accounted for under the mark-to-market method of accounting. The entire \$450 million of these swap agreements mitigate DCP Partners' interest rate risk through June 2012, with \$150 million extending from June 2012 through June 2014.

DCP Partners has designated \$275 million of interest rate swap agreements as cash flow hedges, and effectiveness is determined by matching the principal balance and terms with that of the specified obligation. The effective portion of changes in fair value are recognized in AOCI in the consolidated balance sheet and are reclassified into earnings as the hedged transactions impact earnings. However, due to the volatility of the interest rate markets, the corresponding value in AOCI is subject to change prior to its reclassification into earnings. Ineffective portions of changes in fair value are recognized in earnings.



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As of December 31, 2010, \$300 million of the agreements reprice prospectively approximately every 90 days and the remaining \$150 million of the agreements reprice prospectively approximately every 30 days. Under the terms of the interest rate swap agreements, DCP Partners pays fixed rates ranging from 2.94% to 5.19%, and receives interest payments based on the three-month and one-month LIBOR. The difference is to be paid or received under the interest rate swap agreements as recognized as an adjustment to interest expense.

At December 31, 2009 DCP Partners' had interest rate swap agreements totaling \$575 million, all of which were designated as cash flow hedges. In September 2010, in conjunction with the issuance of \$250.0 million of DCP Partners' 3.25% Senior Notes, DCP Partners paid down the revolving credit facility and discontinued hedge accounting on \$225 million of the interest rate swap agreements. In addition DCP Partners modified certain interest rate swap agreements to reduce the total outstanding amount by \$125 million. The term on \$150 million of the remaining \$450 million of interest rate swap agreements was extended through June 2014. This resulted in \$450 million of these swap agreements with maturities mitigating our interest rate risk through June 2012, with \$150 million extending from June 2012 through June 2014.

We previously had interest rate cash flow hedges in place that were terminated in 2000. As a result, the remaining net loss deferred in AOCI relative to these cash flow hedges will be reclassified to interest expense through the remaining term of the debt through 2030, as the underlying transactions impact earnings.

**Credit Risk**

Our principal customers range from large, natural gas marketing services to industrial end-users for natural gas products and services, as well as large multi-national petrochemical and refining companies, to small regional producers and distributors for our NGL products and services. Substantially all of our natural gas and NGL sales are made at market-based prices. Approximately 40% of our NGL production is committed to ConocoPhillips and CPC Chem, both related parties, under an existing 15-year contract, the primary production commitment of which expires in 2015. This concentration of credit risk may affect our overall credit risk, in that these customers may be similarly affected by changes in economic, regulatory or other factors. Where exposed to credit risk, we analyze the counterparties' financial condition prior to entering into an agreement, establish credit limits and monitor the appropriateness of these limits on an ongoing basis. We may use various methods to mitigate credit exposure. The collateral language provides for a counterparty to post cash or letters of credit for exposure in excess of the established threshold. The threshold amount represents an open credit limit, determined in accordance with our credit policy. The collateral language also provides that the inability to post collateral is sufficient to terminate a contract and liquidate all positions. In addition, our master agreements and standard gas and NGL sales contracts contain adequate assurance provisions, which allow us to suspend deliveries and cancel agreements, or continued deliveries to the buyer after the buyer provides security for payment in a satisfactory form.

**Contingent Credit Features**

Each of the above risks is managed through the execution of individual contracts with a variety of counterparties. Certain of our derivative contracts may contain credit-risk related contingent provisions that may require us to take certain actions in certain circumstances.

We have International Swap Dealers Association, or ISDA, contracts which are standardized master legal arrangements that establish key terms and conditions which govern certain derivative transactions. These ISDA contracts contain standard credit-risk related contingent provisions. Some of the provisions are subject to are outlined below.

- In the event that we were to be downgraded below investment grade by at least one of the major credit rating agencies, we have the right to reduce our collateral threshold to zero, potentially requiring us to be in a liability position.
- In some cases, our ISDA contracts contain cross-default provisions that could constitute a credit-risk related contingent feature. For example, if we were to fail to make a required interest or principal payment on a debt instrument, above a predefined threshold level, and after giving effect to any applicable notice or grace period as defined in the ISDA contracts, our ISDA counterparties may have the right to require us to terminate and net settle any outstanding derivative positions.

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- Additionally, if DCP Partners, our consolidated subsidiary, were to have an effective event of default under the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement that occurs and is discontinued, DCP Partners' ISDA counterparties may have the right to request early termination and net settlement of any outstanding derivative liability positions.

Depending upon the movement of commodity prices and interest rates, each of our individual contracts with counterparties to our commodity derivative instruments or interest rate swap instruments are in either an asset or net liability position. Our commodity derivative contracts that are not governed by ISDA contracts do not have any credit-risk related contingent features. As of December 31, 2010, we had \$74 million of individual commodity derivative contracts that contain credit-risk related contingent features that were in a net liability position, and have not posted any cash collateral relative to such positions. If a credit-risk related event were to occur and we were required to net settle our position with an individual counterparty, our ISDA contracts permit us to net all outstanding contracts with that counterparty, whether in an asset or net liability position, as well as any cash collateral already posted. As of December 31, 2010, if a credit-risk related event were to occur, we may be required to post additional collateral. Additionally, although our commodity derivative contracts that contain credit-risk related contingent features were in a net liability position as of December 31, 2010, if a credit-risk related event were to occur, the net liability position would be partially offset by contracts in an asset position reducing our net liability to \$64 million.

As of December 31, 2010, DCP Partners' interest rate swaps were in a net liability position of \$27 million of which, the entire amount is subject to credit-risk related contingent features. If DCP Partners were to have an event of default relative to any covenants of its credit agreement, that occurs and is discontinued, the counterparties to DCP Partners' swap instruments may have the right to request early termination and settlement of the outstanding derivative position.

**Collateral**

As of December 31, 2010, we held cash of \$1 million, included in other current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets related to unrealized gain on financial or physical instruments, and letters of credit of \$94 million from counterparties to secure their future performance under financial or physical contracts. We had cash deposits with counterparties of \$26 million, included in other current assets as of December 31, 2010, to secure our obligation to provide futures services or to perform financial contracts. As of December 31, 2010, DCP Partners had a contingent letter of credit facility for up to \$10 million, on which DCP Partners had no letters of credit issued. This contingent letter of credit facility was issued directly by a financial institution and does not reduce the available capacity under the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement. As of December 31, 2010, DCP Partners had \$32 million of letters of credit issued under the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement outstanding. As of December 31, 2010, DCP Partners had no other cash collateral posted with counterparties to its commodity derivative instruments. As of December 31, 2010, we had insured and outstanding parental guarantees totaling \$108 million in favor of certain counterparties to DCP Partners' commodity derivative instruments to mitigate a portion of DCP Partners' collateral requirements with those counterparties. DCP Partners pays a fee of 0.50% per annum on \$65 million of these guarantees. These parental guarantees and contingent letter of credit facility reduce the amount of cash DCP Partners may be required to post as collateral. Collateral amounts held or posted may be fixed or may vary, depending on the value of the underlying contracts, and could cover normal purchases and sales, trading and hedging contracts. In many cases, we and our counterparties publicly disclose credit ratings, which may impact the amount of collateral requirements.

Physical forward contracts and financial derivative transactions are generally cash settled at the expiration of the contract term. These transactions are generally subject to specific credit provisions within the contracts that would allow the seller, at its discretion, to suspend deliveries, cancel agreements or continued deliveries to the buyer after the buyer provides security for payments satisfactory to the seller.

**Summarized Derivative Information**

The following summarizes the balance within AOCI, net of noncontrolling interest, relative to our commodity and interest rate cash flow hedges:

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(millions)</b>	
Commodity cash flow hedges:		
Net deferred losses in AOCI .....	\$ (3)	\$ (3)
Interest rate cash flow hedges:		
Net deferred losses in AOCI .....	(10)	(14)
Total AOCI .....	\$ (13)	\$ (17)

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The fair value of four derivative instruments that are redesignated as hedging instruments, those that are marked-to-market each period, and the location of each within our consolidated balance sheets, by major category, is summarized as follows:

<b>Balance Sheet Line Item</b>	<b>December 31,</b>		<b>Balance Sheet Line Item</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(millions)</b>			<b>(millions)</b>	
<b>Derivative Assets Designated as Hedging Instruments :</b>			<b>Derivative Liabilities Designated as Hedging Instruments:</b>		
<b>Interest rate derivatives:</b>			<b>Interest rate derivatives:</b>		
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ 1	\$ 3	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ (12)	\$ (20)
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—long-term .....	—	—	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—long-term .....	(5)	(12)
	\$ 1	\$ 3		\$ (17)	\$ (32)
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>			<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>		
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ —	\$ 1	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ —	\$ (3)
	\$ —	\$ 1		\$ —	\$ (3)
<b>Derivative Assets Not Designated as Hedging Instruments:</b>			<b>Derivative Liabilities Not Designated as Hedging Instruments:</b>		
<b>Interest rate derivatives:</b>			<b>Interest rate derivatives:</b>		
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ —	\$ —	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ (5)	\$ —
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—long-term .....	—	—	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—long-term .....	(5)	—
	\$ —	\$ —		\$ (10)	\$ —
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>			<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>		
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ 143	\$ 255	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ (163)	\$ (206)
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—long-term .....	25	41	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—long-term .....	(55)	(66)
	\$ 168	\$ 296		\$ (218)	\$ (272)

The following table summarizes the impact on our consolidated statement of operations of four derivative instruments that are accounted for using the fair value hedge method of accounting.

<b>Derivatives in Fair Value Hedging Relationships</b>	<b>Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings</b>	<b>Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings</b>	
		<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
		<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Interest rate derivatives .....	Interest expense .....	\$ 1	\$ 3

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The following table summarizes the impact on our consolidated balance sheet and consolidated statement of operations of four derivative instruments, net of noncontrolling interest, that are accounted for using the cash flow hedging method of accounting.

	Loss Recognized in AOCI on Derivatives – Effective Portion		Loss Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings – Effective Portion		Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives – Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing		Deferred Gains (Losses) in AOCI Expected to be Reclassified into Earnings Over the Next 12 Months
			Year Ended December 31,				
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	
	(millions)						
Commodity derivatives .....	\$ —	\$ (2)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Interest rate derivatives .....	\$ (6)	\$ (4)	\$ (10)	\$ (6)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (6)

- (a) Included in sales of natural gas and petroleum products in our consolidated statements of operations.  
(b) Included in interest expense in our consolidated statements of operations.  
(c) For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, no derivative gains or losses were reclassified from AOCI to current period earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges related to certain forecasted transactions that are not probable of occurring.

Changes in value of derivative instruments, for which the hedging method of accounting has not been elected from one period to the next, are recorded in the consolidated statements of operations. The following summarizes these amounts and the location within the consolidated statements of operations that such amounts are reflected:

Commodity Derivatives: Statement of Operations Line Item	Year Ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
	(millions)		
Realized gains (losses) .....	\$ 118	\$ 127	\$ (93)
Unrealized (losses) gains .....	(74)	(77)	194
Trading and marketing gains, net .....	\$ 44	\$ 50	\$ 101

We do not have any derivative financial instruments that qualify as a hedge of an investment.

The following tables represent, by commodity type, our net long or short positions, as well as the number of outstanding contracts that are expected to partially or entirely settle in each respective year. To the extent that we have long dated derivative positions that span multiple calendar years, the contract will appear in more than one line item in the table below. Additionally, relative to the hedging of certain of our storage and/or transportation assets, we may execute basis transactions for natural gas, which may result in a net long/short position of zero. This table also represents our net long or short natural gas basis swap positions separately from our net long or short natural gas positions.

Year of Expiration	December 31, 2010								
	Crude Oil		Natural Gas		Natural Gas Liquids		Natural Gas Basis Swaps		
	Net Long (Short) Position (Bbls)	Number of Contracts	Net Long (Short) Position (MMBtu)	Number of Contracts	Net Long (Short) Position (Bbls)	Number of Contracts	Net Long (Short) Position (MMBtu)	Number of Contracts	
2011 .....	(1,333,804)	549	(12,647,000)	290	(12,316,395)	707	(a)	(2,910,000)	158
2012 .....	(874,358)	165	269,000	64	(8,258,400)	11	(b)	8,220,000	19
2013 .....	(465,250)	46	(165,000)	5	(9,000,000)	2	(b)	—	—
2014 .....	(547,500)	5	(365,000)	3	(9,000,000)	2	(b)	—	—
2015 .....	(182,500)	1	—	—	—	—		—	—

- (a) Includes 27 physical index based derivative contracts totaling (13,083,000) Bbls  
(b) Includes 2 physical index based derivative contracts totaling (9,000,000) Bbls

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Yearof Expiration	CrudeOil		NaturalGas		NaturalGasLiquids		NaturalGas BasisSwaps	
	NetLong (Short) Position (Bbls)	Number of Contracts	NetLong (Short) Position (MMBtu)	Number of Contracts	NetLong (Short) Position (Bbls)	Number of Contracts	NetLong (Short) Position (MMBtu)	Number of Contracts
2010.....	(1,479,972)	525	(9,478,500)	240	(11,250,605)	609	(a) (30,160,000)	261
2011.....	(749,000)	80	(2,084,000)	73	(7,143,000)	34	(b) (5,315,000)	65
2012.....	(388,750)	33	(734,600)	43	(9,000,000)	2	(b) (366,000)	1
2013.....	(748,250)	4	(365,000)	1	(9,000,000)	2	(b) (365,000)	1
2014.....	(365,000)	3	—	—	(9,000,000)	2	(b) —	—

(a) Includes29physicalindexbasedderivativecontract totaling(12,271,900)Bbls

(b) Includes2physicalindexbasedderivativecontract totaling(9,000,000)Bbls

As of December 31, 2010, we had interest rate swap instruments outstanding, which in the aggregate, exchange \$200 million of our fixed rate obligation for a floating rate obligation. These swaps expire in February 2011. As of December 31, 2010, DCP Partners had interest rate swaps outstanding with individual notional values of \$50 million, which, in aggregate, exchange up to \$300 million of DCP Partners' floating rate obligation for a fixed rate obligation through June 2012, and interest rate swaps outstanding with individual notional values of between \$70 million and \$80 million, which in aggregate, exchange up to \$150 million of DCP Partners' floating rate obligation for a fixed rate obligation through June 2014.

### 13. Equity-Based Compensation

Werecordedequity-basedcompensation(benefit)expensesasfollows,thecomponentsofwhicharefurtherdescribedbelow:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
DCPMidstream,LLCLong-TermIncentivePlan .....	\$ 12	\$ 8	\$ —
DCPPartners'Long-TermIncentivePlan (DCPPartners'LTIP) .....	3	2	(1)
DukeEnergy1998PlanandSpectraEnergy's2007 Long-TermIncentive Plan (DukeEnergy1998LTIPandSpectraEnergy2007LTIP) .....	—	—	(1)
Total.....	\$ 15	\$ 10	\$ (2)

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	Vesting Period (years)	Unrecognized Compensation Expenseat December31, 2010 (millions)	Estimated Forfeiture Rate	Weighted- Average Remaining Vesting (years)
<b>DCPMidstream LTIP:</b>				
RelativePerformanceUnits(RPUs).....	3	\$ —	—	—
StrategicPerformanceUnits (SPUs).....	3	\$ 6	15%-28%	1
PhantomUnits .....	5	\$ 5	15%-28%	1
DCPPartners'PhantomUnits .....	3	\$ —	28%	2
<b>DCPPartners'LTIP:</b>				
PerformanceUnits .....	3	\$ 1	21%-30%	1
PhantomUnits .....	0.5	\$ —	0%	—
RestrictedPhantomUnits .....	3	\$ 1	21%-30%	1
<b>DukeEnergy1998LTIPandSpectraEnergy2007LTIP:</b>				
StockOptions .....	0-10	\$ —	5%	—
PhantomAwards .....	1-5	\$ —	1%	—

**DCPMidstreamLTIP** —UndertheDCPMidstreamLTIP,equityinstruments maybegrantedtoourkeyemployees.TheDCPMidstreamLTIPprovidesforthegrantofRelativePerformanceUnits,orRPUs,StrategicPerformanceUnits,orSPUs,andPhantomUnits.TheRPUs,SPUsandPhantomUnitsconsistofanotionalunitbasedonthevalueofcommonsharesorunitsofConocoPhillips,DukeEnergy,SpectraEnergyandDCPPartners.The weightingvariesdependingonwhentheunitsweregranted.TheDCPPartners'PhantomUnitsconstituteanotionalunitequaltohalfairvalueofDCPPartners'commonunits.Eachawardprovidesforthegrantofdividendordistributionequivalentrights,orDERs.TheLTIPisadministeredbythecomensationcommitteeofourboardofdirectors.Allawardsaresubjecttocliffvesting.

**RelativePerformanceUnits**— ThenumberofRPUsthatwillultimatelyvestrange from0%to200%oftheoutstandingRPUs,dependingontheachievementofspecifiedperformance targets overathreeyearperiod.Thefinalperformancepayoutisdeterminedbythecomensationcommitteeofourboardofdirectors.AftertheperformanceperiodthevaluederivedfromtheRPUis transferredtoourNon-QualifiedDeferredCompensationplan,an dinvestedaccordingtotheparticipant'sinvestmentelections.TheDERsarepaidincashattheendoftheperformanceperiod. ThefollowingtablespresentsinformationrelatedtoRPUs:

	Units	GrantDate Weighted- AveragePrice PerUnit	Measurement Date Weighted- AveragePrice PerUnit
OutstandingatJanuary1,2008 .....	62,167	\$ 43.41	
Forfeited.....	(5,850)	\$ 43.36	
Vestedorpaidincash.....	(3,047)	\$ 42.86	
OutstandingatDecember31,2008 .....	53,270	\$ 43.44	
Forfeited.....	(530)	\$ 43.91	
TransferredtoNon -QualifiedExecutiveDeferred CompensationPlan(a).....	(27,700)	\$ 42.90	
OutstandingatDecember31,2009 .....	25,040	\$ 44.02	
TransferredtoNon -QualifiedExecutiveDeferred CompensationPlan(a) .....	(25,040)	\$ 44.02	
OutstandingatDecember31,2010 .....	—	\$ —	\$ —

(a)Aftertheperformanceperiodthevaluederived fromtheRPUis transferredtoourNon-QualifiedDeferredCompensationplan,an dinvestedaccording totheparticipant'sinvestmentelections.Units vestingin2010and2009,transferredat100%and170%,respectively.

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*Strategic Performance Units*— The number of SPU that will ultimately vest range from 0% to 200% of the outstanding SPUs, depending on the achievement of specified performance targets over a three-year period. The final performance payout is determined by the compensation committee of our board of directors. The DERs are paid in cash at the end of the performance period. The following table presents information related to SPUs:

	<b>Units</b>	<b>Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</b>	<b>Measurement Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</b>
Outstanding at January 1, 2008 .....	140,019	\$ 43.49	
Granted .....	112,930	\$ 35.49	
Forfeited .....	(14,617)	\$ 41.86	
Vested or paid in cash .....	(3,047)	\$ 42.86	
Outstanding at December 31, 2008 .....	235,285	\$ 39.76	
Granted .....	209,110	\$ 18.51	
Forfeited or cancelled .....	(7,039)	\$ 34.20	
Vested or paid in cash (a) .....	(62,439)	\$ 42.94	
Outstanding at December 31, 2009 .....	374,917	\$ 27.48	
Granted .....	139,900	\$ 30.03	
Forfeited .....	(7,710)	\$ 26.79	
Vested or paid in cash (b)(c) .....	(166,237)	\$ 41.59	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010 .....	<u>340,870</u>	\$ 21.66	\$ 36.81
Expected to vest .....	294,872	\$ 22.73	\$ 36.74

(a) The 2006 grants vested at 70%.

(b) The 2007 grants vested at 100%.

(c) The 2008 grants vested at 59%.

The estimate of RPU and SPU that are expected to vest is based on highly subjective assumptions that could change over time, including the expected forfeiture rate and achievement of performance targets. Therefore the amount of unrecognized compensation expense noted above does not necessarily represent the value that will ultimately be realized in our consolidated statements of operations.

The following table presents the fair value of units vested and the unit-based liabilities paid for unit-based awards related to the strategic performance units:

	<b>Units</b>	<b>Fair Value of Units Vested</b>	<b>Unit-Based Liabilities Paid</b>
		(millions)	
Vested in 2008 .....	3,047	\$ —	\$ —
Vested in 2009 .....	62,439	\$ 2	\$ 2
Vested in 2010 (a) .....	166,237	\$ 4	\$ 2

(a) 105,670 of the units and the related DERs that vested in 2010 will be paid in 2011.

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*Phantom Units*— The DERs are paid quarterly in arrears. The following table presents information related to Phantom Units:

	Units	Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit	Measurement Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit
Outstanding at January 1, 2008 .....	33,800	\$ 43.57	
Granted.....	112,930	\$ 35.49	
Forfeited.....	(5,270)	\$ 39.15	
Outstanding at December 31, 2008 .....	141,460	\$ 37.29	
Granted.....	209,110	\$ 18.51	
Forfeited.....	(6,040)	\$ 32.51	
Vested.....	(680)	\$ 43.38	
Outstanding at December 31, 2009 .....	343,850	\$ 25.94	
Granted.....	139,800	\$ 30.04	
Forfeited.....	(7,690)	\$ 27.04	
Vested.....	(105,670)	\$ 40.15	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010 .....	370,290	\$ 23.41	\$ 34.62
Expected to vest.....	299,124	\$ 25.03	\$ 37.73

The following table presents the fair value of units vested and the unit-based liabilities paid for unit-based awards related to the phantom units:

	Units	Fair Value of Units Vested	Unit-Based Liabilities Paid
			(millions)
Vested in 2009.....	680	\$ —	\$ —
Vested in 2010(a).....	105,670	\$ 3	\$ —

(a) 105,670 of the units and the related DERs that vested in 2010 will be paid in 2011.

*DC Partners' Phantom Units*— The DERs are paid quarterly in arrears. The following table presents information related to the DC Partners' Phantom Units:

	Units	Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit	Measurement Date Price Per Unit
Outstanding at January 1, 2008 .....	51,750	\$ 34.33	
Forfeited.....	(2,750)	\$ 51.10	
Outstanding at December 31, 2008 .....	49,000	\$ 33.39	
Vested.....	(38,250)	\$ 28.60	
Outstanding at December 31, 2009 .....	10,750	\$ 50.43	
Granted.....	17,300	\$ 35.56	
Vested.....	(10,750)	\$ 31.87	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010 .....	17,300	\$ 47.09	\$ 37.40
Expected to vest.....	12,456	\$ 35.56	\$ 37.40

The fair value of units that vested, and the unit-based liabilities paid during the year ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 was less than \$1 million, respectively.



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**DCPPartners' LTIP** — Under DCP Partners' LTIP, which was adopted by DCP Midstream GP, LLC, equity instruments may be granted to key employees, consultants and directors of DCP Midstream GP, LLC and its affiliates who perform services for DCP Partners. The DCP Partners' LTIP provides for the grant of limited partner units, or LPUs, phantom units, unit options and substitute awards, and, with respect to unit options and phantom units, the grant of dividend equivalent rights, or DERs. Subject to adjustment for certain events, an aggregate of 850,000 LPUs may be delivered pursuant to awards under the DCP Partners' LTIP. Awards that are canceled or forfeited, or are withheld to satisfy DCP Midstream GP, LLC's tax withholding obligations, are available for delivery pursuant to other awards. The DCP Partners' LTIP is administered by the compensation committee of DCP Midstream GP, LLC's board of directors. All awards are subject to cliff vesting, with the exception of the Phantom Units issued to the directors in conjunction with the initial public offering, which are subject to graded vesting provisions. Substantially all awards are accounted for as liability awards.

**Performance Units**— DCP Partner's has awarded phantom LPUs or Performance Units, pursuant to the LTIP to certain employees. The number of Performance Units that will ultimately vest range from 0% to 200% of the outstanding Performance Units, depending on the achievement of specified performance targets over three year performance periods. The final performance percentage payout is determined by the compensation committee of DCP Partners' board of directors. The DERs are paid in cash at the end of the performance period. The following table presents information related to the Performance Units:

	Units	Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit	Measurement Date Price Per Unit
Outstanding at January 1, 2008 .....	46,960	\$ 34.09	
Granted .....	17,085	\$ 33.85	
Forfeited .....	(12,025)	\$ 33.14	
Outstanding at December 31, 2008 .....	52,020	\$ 34.23	
Granted .....	52,450	\$ 10.05	
Vested (a) .....	(37,330)	\$ 34.51	
Outstanding at December 31, 2009 .....	67,140	\$ 15.18	
Granted .....	16,630	\$ 31.80	
Forfeited .....	(2,205)	\$ 15.61	
Vested (b) .....	(14,215)	\$ 33.44	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010 .....	67,350	\$ 15.42	\$ 37.40
Expected to vest .....	63,435	\$ 14.04	\$ 37.40

(a) The units vested at 103%

(b) The units vested at 0%.

The estimate of Performance Units that are expected to vest is based on highly subjective assumptions that could potentially change over time, including the expected forfeiture rate and achievement of performance targets. There fore the amount of unrecognized compensation expense noted above does not necessarily represent the value that will ultimately be realized in our consolidated statements of operations.

The following table presents the fair value of units vested and the unit-based liabilities paid for unit based awards related to Performance Units, including the related DERs:

	Units	Fair Value of Units Vested	Unit-Based Liabilities Paid
		(millions)	
Vested in 2009 (a) .....	37,330	\$ 1	\$ —
Vested in 2010 (a) .....	14,215	—	\$ 1

(a) 22,860 of the units and the related DERs that vested in 2009 were paid in 2010.

**Phantom Units**— In conjunction with its initial public offering, in January 2006 DCP Partners General Partner's board of directors awarded Phantom LPUs, or Phantom Units, to key employees, and to directors who are not officers or employees of DCP Midstream GP, LLC, or its affiliates who perform services for DCP Partners. All of these units vested during 2009.

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In2010,DCPPartnersgranted5,200PhantomUnits, pursuanttotheDCPPartners’LTIP,todirectorswhoarenotofficersor employeesofaffiliatesofDCPMidstreamaspartof itsannualdirectorfeesin2010.Alloftheseunitsvestedduring2010.

In2009,DCPPartnersgranted16,000PhantomUnits, pursuanttotheDCPPartners’LTIP,todirectorswhoarenotofficersor employeesofaffiliatesofDCPMidstreamaspartof itsannualdirectorfeesin2009.Alloftheseunitsvestedduring2009.

In2008,DCPPartnersgranted4,000PhantomUnits, pursuanttotheDCPPartners’LTIP,todirectorswhoarenotofficersor employeesofaffiliatesofDCPMidstreamaspartof itsannualdirectorfeesin2008.Alloftheseunitsvestedduring2008.

TheDERsarepaidquarterlyin arrears.

Thefollowingtablepresentsinformationrelatedto thePhantomUnits:

	Units	GrantDate Weighted- AveragePrice PerUnit	Measurement Date Price PerUnit
OutstandingatJanuary1,2008 .....	20,199	\$ 24.56	
Granted.....	4,000	\$ 35.88	
Forfeited.....	(4,000)	\$ 24.05	
Vested.....	(6,501)	\$ 32.91	
OutstandingatDecember31,2008 .....	13,698	\$ 24.05	
Granted.....	16,000	\$ 10.05	
Vested.....	(29,698)	\$ 16.51	
OutstandingatDecember31,2009 .....	—	\$ —	
Granted.....	5,200	\$ 31.80	
Vested.....	(5,200)	\$ 31.80	
OutstandingatDecember31,2010 .....	—	\$ —	\$ —

Thefairvalueoftheunits thatvestedandtheunitbasedliabilitiespaidfortheyearsendedDecember31,2010,2009and2008 werelless than\$1millionforallperiods.

*RestrictedPhantomUnits* —DCPMidstreamPartners’GeneralPartner’sboardofdirectorsawardedrestrictedphantomLPUs,or RPUs,tokeyemployeesundertheLTIP.TheRPUsare expectedtovestoverathreeyearperiod.TheDER sarepaidquarterlyin arrears.ThefollowingtablepresentsinformationrelatedtotheRPUs:

	Units	GrantDate Weighted- AveragePrice perUnit	Measurement DatePrice perUnit
OutstandingatJanuary1,2008 .....	—	\$ —	
Granted.....	17,085	\$ 33.85	
Forfeited.....	(2,395)	\$ 35.88	
OutstandingatDecember31,2008 .....	14,690	\$ 33.52	
Granted.....	52,450	\$ 10.05	
OutstandingatDecember31,2009 .....	67,140	\$ 15.18	
Granted.....	16,630	\$ 31.80	
Forfeited.....	(2,205)	\$ 15.61	
Vested.....	(14,215)	\$ 33.44	
OutstandingatDecember31,2010 .....	67,350	\$ 15.42	\$ 37.40
Expectedtovest.....	66,403	\$ 18.64	\$ 37.40

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The following table presents the fair value of unit-based awards and the unit-based liabilities paid for unvested awards related to Restricted Phantom Units:

	Units	Fair Value of Units Vested	Unit-Based Liabilities Paid
	(millions)		
Vested in 2010 (a).....	14,215	\$ 1	\$ —
(a) 14,215 of the units and the related DERs that vested in 2010 will be paid in 2011.			

The estimate of RPU that are expected to vest is based on highly subjective assumptions that could potentially change over time, including the expected forfeiture rate. Therefore, the amount of unrecognized compensation expense reported does not necessarily represent the value that will ultimately be realized in our consolidated statement of operations.

All awards issued under the DCP Midstream LTIP and the DCP Partners' LTIP are intended to be settled in cash at each reporting period or units upon vesting. Compensation expense is recognized ratably over each vesting period, and will be remeasured each reporting period for all awards outstanding until the units are vested. The fair value of all awards is determined based on the closing price of the relevant underlying securities at each measurement date.

**Duke Energy 1998 LTIP and Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP** — Under the Duke Energy 1998 LTIP, Duke Energy grants certain of our key employees stock options, stock-based performance awards, phantom stock awards and other stock-based awards. Upon execution of the 50-50 Transaction in July 2005, our employees incurred a change in status from Duke Energy employees to non-employees. As a result, we began accounting for these awards using the fair value method. No awards have been and we do not expect to settle any awards granted under the Duke Energy 1998 LTIP with cash.

In connection with the Spectra spin, one replacement Duke Energy Stock-Based Award and one-half Spectra Energy Stock-Based Award were distributed to each holder of Duke Energy Stock-Based Awards for each award held at the time of the Spectra spin. Substantially all converted Stock-Based Awards are subject to the terms and conditions applicable to the original Duke Energy Stock-Based Awards. The Spectra Energy Stock-Based Awards resulting from the conversion are considered to have been issued under the Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP.

The Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP provides for the granting of stock options, restricted stock awards and units, unrestricted stock awards and units, and other equity-based awards, to employees and other key individuals who perform services for Spectra Energy. A maximum of 30 million shares of common stock may be awarded under the Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP. Options granted under the Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP are issued with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of Spectra Energy common stock on the grant date, have ten-year terms, and vest immediately or over terms not to exceed five years. Compensation expense related to stock options is recognized over the requisite service period. The requisite service period for stock options is the same as the vesting period, with the exception of retirement-eligible employees, who have a shorter requisite service period ending when the employees become retirement-eligible. Restricted, performance and phantom stock awards granted under the Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP typically become 100% vested on the three-year anniversary of the grant date. The fair value of the awards granted is measured based on the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant, and the related compensation expense is recognized over the requisite service period which is the same as the vesting period.

**Stock Options**— Under the Duke Energy 1998 LTIP, the exercise price of each option granted could not be less than the market price of Duke Energy's common stock on the date of grant. Effective July 1, 2005, these options were accounted using the fair value method. As a result, compensation expense subsequent to July 1, 2005, is recognized based on the change in the fair value of the stock options at each reporting date until vesting.

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The following table shows information regarding option to purchase Duke Energy's common stock granted to employees, reflecting shares outstanding as impacted by the conversion.

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Life (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (millions)
Outstanding at January 1, 2008 .....	1,815,956	\$ 17.89	3.2	
Exercised.....	(151,480)	\$ 13.45		
Forfeited.....	(106,889)	\$ 19.77		
Outstanding at December 31, 2008 .....	1,557,587	\$ 18.19	2.4	
Exercised.....	(166,869)	\$ 12.80		
Forfeited.....	(223,926)	\$ 16.19		
Outstanding at December 31, 2009 .....	1,166,792	\$ 19.34		
Exercised.....	(56,245)	\$ 8.42		
Forfeited.....	(401,562)	\$ 24.19		
Outstanding and Exercisable at December 31, 2010 .....	<u>708,985</u>	\$ 17.46	1.3	\$ 2

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, was less than \$1 million for both periods, and for the year ended December 31, 2008, was approximately \$1 million.

The following table shows information regarding option to purchase Spectra Energy's common stock granted to employees, reflecting shares outstanding as impacted by the conversion.

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Life (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (millions)
Outstanding at January 1, 2008 .....	937,248	\$ 26.80	3.2	
Exercised.....	(68,869)	\$ 18.91		
Forfeited.....	(72,400)	\$ 28.06		
Outstanding at December 31, 2008 .....	795,979	\$ 27.36	2.4	
Exercised.....	(13,861)	\$ 11.93		
Forfeited.....	(183,822)	\$ 23.36		
Outstanding at December 31, 2009 .....	598,296	\$ 28.95	1.9	
Exercised.....	(33,768)	\$ 13.22		
Forfeited.....	(202,187)	\$ 36.55		
Outstanding and Exercisable at December 31, 2010.....	<u>362,341</u>	\$ 26.18	1.3	\$ 1

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, was less than \$1 million for both periods, and for the year ended December 31, 2008, was approximately \$1 million.

*Stock-Based Performance Awards*— There were no stock-based performance awards granted during the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008.

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The following table summarizes information about stock-based performance awards activity, reflecting shares outstanding as impacted by the conversion:

<b>Duke Energy 1998 LTIP</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</b>	<b>Measurement Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</b>
Outstanding at January 1, 2008 .....	173,365	\$ 15.58	
Vested .....	(83,762)	\$ 15.39	
Forfeited .....	(59,663)	\$ 15.39	
Outstanding at December 31, 2008 .....	29,940	\$ 16.50	
Vested .....	(25,329)	\$ 16.50	
Forfeited .....	(4,611)	\$ 16.50	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010 and 2009 .....	—	\$ —	\$ —

  

<b>Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</b>	<b>Measurement Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</b>
Outstanding at January 1, 2008 .....	86,683	\$ 23.54	
Vested .....	(41,884)	\$ 23.25	
Forfeited .....	(29,829)	\$ 23.25	
Outstanding at December 31, 2008 .....	14,970	\$ 24.94	
Vested .....	(12,665)	\$ 24.94	
Forfeited .....	(2,305)	\$ 24.94	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010 and 2009 .....	—	\$ —	\$ —

The total fair value of the performance stock award that vested during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 was less than \$1 million and approximately \$2 million, respectively. No awards were granted during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009.

*Phantom Stock Awards*— There were no phantom stock awards granted during the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008.

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The following table summarizes information about phantom stock awards activity, reflecting shares outstanding as impacted by the conversion:

<b>DukeEnergy1998LTIP</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>GrantDate Weighted- AveragePrice PerUnit</b>	<b>Measurement Date Weighted- AveragePrice PerUnit</b>
OutstandingatJanuary1,2008 .....	77,210	\$ 15.62	
Vested.....	(24,419)	\$ 15.57	
Forfeited.....	(3,287)	\$ 15.38	
OutstandingatDecember31,2008 .....	49,504	\$ 15.66	
Vested.....	(22,689)	\$ 15.58	
Forfeited.....	(307)	\$ 15.38	
OutstandingatDecember31,2009 .....	26,508	\$ 15.72	
Vested.....	(22,516)	\$ 15.59	
Forfeited.....	—	\$ —	
OutstandingatDecember31,2010 .....	3,992	\$ 16.50	\$ 17.81
Expectedtovest.....	3,958	\$ 16.50	\$ 17.81

  

<b>SpectraEnergy2007LTIP</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>GrantDate Weighted- AveragePrice PerUnit</b>	<b>Measurement Date Weighted- AveragePrice PerUnit</b>
OutstandingatJanuary1,2008 .....	38,605	\$ 23.60	
Vested.....	(12,209)	\$ 23.53	
Forfeited.....	(1,644)	\$ 23.24	
OutstandingatDecember31,2008 .....	24,752	\$ 23.66	
Vested.....	(11,344)	\$ 23.55	
Forfeited.....	(154)	\$ 23.24	
OutstandingatDecember31,2009 .....	13,254	\$ 23.76	
Vested.....	(11,258)	\$ 23.55	
Forfeited.....	—	\$ —	
OutstandingatDecember31,2010 .....	1,996	\$ 24.94	\$ 24.99
Expectedtovest.....	1,971	\$ 24.94	\$ 24.99

The total fair value of the phantom stock awards that vested during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 was less than \$1 million for both periods. No awards were granted during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009.

*Other Stock Awards* — There were no other stock awards granted during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009.

#### 14. Benefits

All Company employees who have reached the age of 18 and worked at least 20 hours per week are eligible for participation in our 401(k) and retirement plan, to which we contribute a range of 4% to 7% of each eligible employee's qualified earnings to the retirement plan, based on years of service. Additionally, we match employees' contributions in the 401(k) plan up to 6% of qualified earnings. During the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 we expensed plan contributions of \$21 million, \$22 million and \$19 million, respectively. In conjunction with the Marysville acquisition on December 30, 2010, we acquired two 401(k) plans with terms substantially similar to our existing 401(k) and retirement plan.

We offer certain eligible executives the opportunity to participate in DCP Midstream LP's Non-Qualified Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan allows participants to defer current compensation on a pre-tax basis and to receive tax deferred earnings on such contributions. The plan also has make-whole provisions for plan participants whom we otherwise believe limited in the amount that we can contribute to the 401(k) plan on the participant's behalf. All amounts contributed to or earned by the plan's investments are held in a trust account for the benefit of the participants. The trust and the liability to the participants are part of our general assets and liabilities, respectively.

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**15. Income Taxes**

We are structured as a limited liability company, which is a pass-through entity for federal income tax purposes. We own a corporation that files its own federal, foreign and state corporate income tax returns. The income tax (expense) benefit related to this corporation is included in our income tax (expense) benefit, along with state and local taxes of the limited liability company and other subsidiaries. On December 30, 2010, DCP Partners acquired all of the interests in Marysville Hydrocarbons Holdings, LLC, an entity that owns a taxable C-Corporation consolidated return group. We have estimated \$35 million of federal deferred tax liabilities resulting from built-in tax gains recognized in the transaction and have recorded this in our preliminary purchase price allocation as of December 31, 2010.

The State of Texas imposes a marginal tax that is assessed at 1% of taxable margin apportioned to Texas. Accordingly, we have recorded current tax expense for the Texas marginal tax beginning in 2007. The state of Michigan imposes a business tax of 0.8% on gross receipts and 4.95% of Michigan taxable income. The sum of gross receipts and income tax is subject to a tax surcharge of 21.99%. Michigan provides tax credits that may reduce our final income tax liability.

Income tax (expense) benefit consists of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
	(millions)		
Current:			
Federal.....	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3
State.....	(9)	(4)	(13)
Deferred:			
Federal.....	5	(14)	13
State.....	(1)	—	—
Total income tax (expense) benefit .....	\$ (5)	\$ (18)	\$ 3

We had net long-term deferred tax liabilities of \$135 million and \$104 million as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The net long-term deferred tax liabilities are included in deferred income taxes on the consolidated balance sheets. The deferred tax liabilities of \$159 million and \$119 million as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, are primarily associated with depreciation and amortization related to the acquired intangible assets and property, plant and equipment. Offsetting the deferred tax liabilities are deferred tax assets related to the net operating loss of an affiliate corporation of approximately \$24 million and \$15 million as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The net operating losses begin expiring in 2027. We expect to fully utilize the net operating loss carryovers, and, accordingly, we have not provided a valuation allowance for the net deferred tax asset.

On January 4, 2011, DCP Partners merged two wholly-owned subsidiaries acquired in the Marysville acquisition and converted the combined entity's organizational structure from a C-Corporation to a limited liability company. This conversion to a limited liability company triggered tax liabilities, stemming from built-in tax gains recognized in the acquisition of Marysville, to become currently payable. Accordingly, \$35 million of estimated deferred tax liabilities associated with this acquisition and recorded as of December 31, 2010, became current tax liabilities.

Our effective tax rate differs from statutory rates primarily due to our being structured as a limited liability company, which is a pass-through entity for federal income tax purposes, while being treated as a taxable entity in certain states. Additionally, some of our subsidiaries are tax paying entities for federal income tax purposes.

**16. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

*Litigation*—The midstream industry has seen a number of class action lawsuits involving royalty disputes, mismeasurements and mispayment allegations. We are currently named as defendants in some of these cases and customers have asserted individual audit claims related to mismeasurements and mispayment. Management believes we have meritorious defenses to these cases and, therefore, will continue to defend them vigorously. These claims, however, can be costly and time-consuming to defend. We are also a party to various legal, administrative and regulatory proceedings that have arisen in the ordinary course of our business, including, from time to time, disputes with customers over various measurements and settlement issues.

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In January 2010, we and DCP Partners entered into a settlement agreement with El Paso E&P Company, or El Paso, to resolve all claims brought by El Paso pursuant to lawsuits in Texas and Louisiana relating to a commercial dispute involving DCP Partners' Minden processing plant which dates back to August 2000. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, we and DCP Partners collectively paid El Paso approximately \$4 million during the first quarter of 2010. The cases have been dismissed in both Texas and Louisiana.

Management currently believes that these matters, taken as a whole, and after consideration of amounts accrued, insurance coverage and other indemnification arrangements, will not have a material adverse effect upon our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

*General Insurance* — Our insurance coverage is carried with an affiliate of ConocoPhillips, an affiliate of Spectra Energy and third-party insurers. Our insurance coverage includes: (1) general liability insurance covering third-party exposures; (2) statutory workers' compensation insurance; (3) automobile liability insurance for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles; (4) excess liability insurance above the established primary limits for general liability and automobile liability insurance; (5) property insurance, which covers the replacement value of real and personal property and includes business interruption; and (6) directors and officers insurance covering our directors and officers for acts related to our business activities. All coverage is subject to certain limits and deductibles, the terms and conditions of which are common for companies with similar types of operations.

*Environmental* — The operation of pipelines, plants and other facilities for gathering, transporting, processing, treating, or storing natural gas, NGLs and other products is subject to stringent and complex laws and regulations pertaining to health, safety and the environment. As an owner or operator of these facilities, we must comply with United States laws and regulations at the federal, state and local level that relate to air and water quality, hazardous and solid waste storage, management, transportation and disposal, and other environmental matters including recently adopted EPA regulations related to reporting of greenhouse gas emissions which became effective in January 2010. The cost of planning, designing, constructing and operating pipeline s, plants, and other facilities must incorporate compliance with environmental laws and regulations and safety standards. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may trigger a variety of administrative, civil and potentially criminal enforcement measures, including citizen suits, which can include the assessment of monetary penalties, the imposition of remedial requirements, the issuance of injunctions or restrictions on operations. Management believes that, based on currently known information, compliance with these laws and regulations will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

We make expenditures in connection with environmental matters as part of our normal operations. Environmental liabilities as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, included in the consolidated balance sheets as other current liabilities amounted to \$6 million and \$5 million, respectively, and environmental liabilities included in the consolidated balance sheets as other long-term liabilities amounted to \$9 million and \$11 million, respectively.

*Operating Leases* — We utilize assets under operating leases in several areas of operations. Consolidated rental expense, including leases with no continuing commitment, amounted to \$38 million, \$40 million and \$45 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Rental expense for leases with escalation clauses is recognized on a straight-line basis over the initial lease term.

Minimum rental payments under our various operating leases in the year indicated are as follows:

<b>Minimum Rental Payments</b>	
(millions)	
2011.....	\$ 56
2012.....	51
2013.....	46
2014.....	36
2015.....	27
Thereafter.....	91
Total minimum lease payments .....	<u>\$ 307</u>



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**17. Guarantees and Indemnifications**

We periodically enter into agreements for the acquisition or divestiture of assets. These agreements contain indemnification provisions that may provide indemnity for environmental, tax, employment, outstanding litigation, breaches of representations, warranties and covenants, or other liabilities related to the assets being acquired or divested. Claims may be made by third parties under these indemnification agreements for various periods of time depending on the nature of the claim. The effective period on these indemnification provisions generally have terms of one to five years, although some are longer. Our maximum potential exposure under these indemnification agreements can vary depending on the nature of the claim and the particular transaction. We are unable to estimate the total maximum potential amount of future payments under indemnification agreements due to several factors, including uncertainty as to whether claims will be made under these indemnities. We have issued guarantees for certain of our consolidated subsidiaries, however, we are not required to, and have not, recognized such guarantee liability in our consolidated financial statements.

**18. Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
	(millions)		
Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest .....	\$ 256	\$ 216	\$ 190
Cash paid for income taxes, net of income tax refunds .....	\$ 6	\$ 10	\$ 5
Non-cash investing and financing activities:			
Distributions payable to members .....	\$ 77	\$ 71	\$ —
Property, plant and equipment acquired with accounts payable .....	\$ 72	\$ 24	\$ 44
Other non-cash additions of property, plant and equipment .....	\$ 7	\$ 10	\$ 6
Acquisition related contingent consideration .....	\$ 4	\$ —	\$ —

During the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, we received distributions from DCP Partners of \$45 million and \$37 million, respectively, which are eliminated in consolidation.

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**19.ValuationandQualifyingAccountsandReserves**

Our valuation and qualifying accounts and reserves for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

	<u>Balance at Beginning of Period</u>	<u>Charged to Consolidated Statements of Operations</u>	<u>Charged to Other Accounts (b)</u>	<u>Deductions (c)</u>	<u>Balance at End of Period</u>
	(millions)				
<b>December 31, 2010:</b>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts.....	\$ 3	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1)	\$ 2
Environmental.....	16	3	—	(4)	15
Litigation.....	6	—	—	(4)	2
Other (a).....	1	—	4	(2)	3
	<u>\$ 26</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ (11)</u>	<u>\$ 22</u>
<b>December 31, 2009:</b>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts.....	\$ 6	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ (5)	\$ 3
Environmental.....	18	2	—	(4)	16
Litigation.....	4	2	—	—	6
Other (a).....	3	—	—	(2)	1
	<u>\$ 31</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (11)</u>	<u>\$ 26</u>
<b>December 31, 2008:</b>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts.....	\$ 5	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ (1)	\$ 6
Environmental.....	12	10	—	(4)	18
Litigation.....	15	—	—	(11)	4
Other (a).....	3	—	—	—	3
	<u>\$ 35</u>	<u>\$ 12</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (16)</u>	<u>\$ 31</u>

- (a) Principally consists of other contingency reserves, which are included in other current liabilities.  
(b) Consists of the fair value of contingent consideration recognized in relation to acquisitions and the purchase of an additional interest in a subsidiary.  
(c) Consists of cash payments, collections, reserve reversals, liabilities settled, and the re-measurement of the fair value of contingent consideration.

**20.Subsequent Events**

We have evaluated subsequent events occurring through February 18, 2011, the date the consolidated financial statements were issued. We have evaluated subsequent events occurring through September 14, 2011, the date the consolidated financial statements were reissued.

On January 27, 2011, the board of directors of DCP Partners' general partner declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.6175 per unit, payable on February 14, 2011 to unit holders of record on February 7, 2011.

On January 1, 2011, we completed the previously announced sale of a 33.33% interest in the DCP Southeast Texas business to DCP Partners for \$150 million, in a transaction among entities under common control. The transaction was financed with borrowing under the DCP Partners' revolving credit facility.

In January 2011, our board of directors approved a \$83 million dividend which was paid in January 2011.