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FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018

Or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-34046

WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 26-1075808
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

1201 Lake Robbins Drive 77380
The Woodlands, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(832) 636-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

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

There were 152,602,105 common units outstanding as of April 30, 2018.

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COMMONLY USED TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, references to “we,” “us,” “our,” the “Partnership” or “Western Gas Partners, LP” refer to Western Gas Partners, LP and its subsidiaries. As used in this Form 10-Q, the terms and definitions below have the following meanings:

Additional DBJV System Interest: Our additional 50% interest in the DBJV system acquired from a third party in March 2017.

Affiliates: Subsidiaries of Anadarko, excluding us, but including equity interests in Fort Union, White Cliffs, Rendezvous, the Mont Belvieu JV, TEP, TEG, and FRP.

Anadarko: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries, excluding us and our general partner.

Barrel or Bbl: 42 U.S. gallons measured at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Bbls/d: Barrels per day.

Board of Directors: The board of directors of our general partner.

Btu: British thermal unit; the approximate amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit.

Chipeta: Chipeta Processing, LLC.

Condensate: A natural gas liquid with a low vapor pressure mainly composed of propane, butane, pentane and heavier hydrocarbon fractions.

Cryogenic: The process in which liquefied gases are used to bring natural gas volumes to very low temperatures (below approximately -238 degrees Fahrenheit) to separate natural gas liquids from natural gas. Through cryogenic processing, more natural gas liquids are extracted than when traditional refrigeration methods are used.

DBJV: Delaware Basin JV Gathering LLC.

DBJV system: A gathering system and related facilities located in the Delaware Basin in Loving, Ward, Winkler and Reeves Counties in West Texas.

DBM: Delaware Basin Midstream, LLC.

DBM complex: The cryogenic processing plants, gas gathering system, and related facilities and equipment in West Texas that serve production from Reeves, Loving and Culberson Counties, Texas and Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

DBM water systems: Two produced water gathering and disposal systems in West Texas.

DJ Basin complex: The Platte Valley system, Wattenberg system and Lancaster plant, all of which were combined into a single complex in the first quarter of 2014.

EBITDA: Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization. For a definition of “Adjusted EBITDA,” see Key Performance Metrics under Part I, Item 2 of this Form 10-Q.

Exchange Act: The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Fort Union: Fort Union Gas Gathering, LLC.

Fractionation: The process of applying various levels of higher pressure and lower temperature to separate a stream of natural gas liquids into ethane, propane, normal butane, isobutane and natural gasoline for end-use sale.

FRP: Front Range Pipeline LLC.

GAAP: Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

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General partner: Western Gas Holdings, LLC.

Hydraulic fracturing: The injection of fluids into the wellbore to create fractures in rock formations, stimulating the production of oil or gas.

Imbalance: Imbalances result from (i) differences between gas and NGL volumes nominated by customers and gas and NGL volumes received from those customers and (ii) differences between gas and NGL volumes received from customers and gas and NGL volumes delivered to those customers.

IPO: Initial public offering.

LIBOR: London Interbank Offered Rate.

Marcellus Interest: Our 33.75% interest in the Larry's Creek, Seely and Warrensville gas gathering systems and related facilities located in northern Pennsylvania.

MBbls/d: One thousand barrels per day.

MGR: Mountain Gas Resources, LLC.

MGR assets: The Red Desert complex and the Granger straddle plant.

MLP: Master limited partnership.

MMBtu: One million British thermal units.

MMcf: One million cubic feet.

MMcf/d: One million cubic feet per day.

Mont Belvieu JV: Enterprise EF78 LLC.

Natural gas liquid(s) or NGL(s): The combination of ethane, propane, normal butane, isobutane and natural gasolines that, when removed from natural gas, become liquid under various levels of higher pressure and lower temperature.

Non-Operated Marcellus Interest: The 33.75% interest in the Liberty and Rome gas gathering systems and related facilities located in northern Pennsylvania that was transferred to a third party in March 2017 pursuant to the Property Exchange.

Produced water: Byproduct associated with the production of crude oil and natural gas that often contains a number of dissolved solids and other materials found in oil and gas reservoirs.

Property Exchange: Our acquisition of the Additional DBJV System Interest from a third party in exchange for the Non-Operated Marcellus Interest and \$155.0 million of cash consideration, as further described in our Forms 8-K filed with the SEC on February 9, 2017, and March 23, 2017.

RCF: Our \$1.5 billion senior unsecured revolving credit facility.

Red Desert complex: The Patrick Draw processing plant, the Red Desert processing plant, associated gathering lines, and related facilities.

Rendezvous: Rendezvous Gas Services, LLC.

Residue: The natural gas remaining after the unprocessed natural gas stream has been processed or treated.

SEC: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Springfield gas gathering system: A gas gathering system and related facilities located in Dimmit, La Salle, Maverick and Webb Counties in South Texas.

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Springfield oil gathering system: An oil gathering system and related facilities located in Dimmit, La Salle, Maverick and Webb Counties in South Texas.

Springfield system: The Springfield gas gathering system and Springfield oil gathering system.

TEFR Interests: The interests in TEP, TEG and FRP.

TEG: Texas Express Gathering LLC.

TEP: Texas Express Pipeline LLC.

WGP: Western Gas Equity Partners, LP.

White Cliffs: White Cliffs Pipeline, LLC.

2018 Notes: Our 2.600% Senior Notes due 2018.

2021 Notes: Our 5.375% Senior Notes due 2021.

2022 Notes: Our 4.000% Senior Notes due 2022.

2025 Notes: Our 3.950% Senior Notes due 2025.

2026 Notes: Our 4.650% Senior Notes due 2026.

2028 Notes: Our 4.500% Senior Notes due 2028.

2044 Notes: Our 5.450% Senior Notes due 2044.

2048 Notes: Our 5.300% Senior Notes due 2048.

\$500.0 million COP: The continuous offering program that may be undertaken pursuant to the registration statement filed with the SEC in July 2017 for the issuance of up to an aggregate of \$500.0 million of our common units.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

Item 1. Financial Statements

WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(UNAUDITED)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|
| thousands except per-unit amounts | 2018 | 2017 |
| Revenues and other – affiliates | | |
| Service revenues – fee based | \$ 186,001 | \$ 172,314 |
| Service revenues – product based | 242 | — |
| Product sales | 54,819 | 142,841 |
| Total revenues and other – affiliates | 241,062 | 315,155 |
| Revenues and other – third parties | | |
| Service revenues – fee based | 152,418 | 135,500 |
| Service revenues – product based | 22,351 | — |
| Product sales | 21,118 | 63,684 |
| Other | 219 | 1,854 |
| Total revenues and other – third parties | 196,106 | 201,038 |
| Total revenues and other | 437,168 | 516,193 |
| Equity income, net – affiliates | 20,424 | 19,461 |
| Operating expenses | | |
| Cost of product ⁽¹⁾ | 77,799 | 189,359 |
| Operation and maintenance ⁽¹⁾ | 88,279 | 73,760 |
| General and administrative ⁽¹⁾ | 14,132 | 12,659 |
| Property and other taxes | 12,382 | 12,294 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 76,842 | 69,702 |
| Impairments | 148 | 164,742 |
| Total operating expenses | 269,582 | 522,516 |
| Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net ⁽²⁾ | 116 | 119,487 |
| Proceeds from business interruption insurance claims | — | 5,767 |
| Operating income (loss) | 188,126 | 138,392 |
| Interest income – affiliates | 4,225 | 4,225 |
| Interest expense ⁽³⁾ | (39,283) | (35,504) |
| Other income (expense), net | 782 | 430 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 153,850 | 107,543 |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | 1,502 | 3,552 |
| Net income (loss) | 152,348 | 103,991 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest | 2,985 | 2,102 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP | \$ 149,363 | \$ 101,889 |
| Limited partners' interest in net income (loss): | | |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP | \$ 149,363 | \$ 101,889 |
| Series A Preferred units interest in net (income) loss | — | (28,174) |
| General partner interest in net (income) loss ⁽⁴⁾ | (83,439) | (68,162) |
| Common and Class C limited partners' interest in net income (loss) ⁽⁴⁾ | 65,924 | 5,553 |
| Net income (loss) per common unit – basic and diluted ⁽⁵⁾ | \$0.38 | \$0.01 |

- Cost of product includes product purchases from Anadarko (as defined in Note 1) of \$20.2 million and \$16.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Operation and maintenance includes
- (1) charges from Anadarko of \$20.2 million and \$17.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. General and administrative includes charges from Anadarko of \$11.6 million and \$9.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. See Note 6.
 - (2) Includes losses related to an incident at the DBM complex for the three months ended March 31, 2017. See Note 1.
 - (3) Includes affiliate (as defined in Note 1) amounts of zero and \$(0.1) million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. See Note 10.
 - (4) Represents net income (loss) earned on and subsequent to the date of acquisition of the Partnership assets (as defined in Note 1). See Note 5.
 - (5) See Note 5 for the calculation of net income (loss) per common unit.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)

| thousands except number of units | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$521,426 | \$78,814 |
| Accounts receivable, net ⁽¹⁾ | 189,074 | 160,432 |
| Other current assets ⁽²⁾ | 22,747 | 14,816 |
| Total current assets | 733,247 | 254,062 |
| Note receivable – Anadarko | 260,000 | 260,000 |
| Property, plant and equipment | | |
| Cost | 8,272,083 | 7,871,102 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 2,208,536 | 2,140,211 |
| Net property, plant and equipment | 6,063,547 | 5,730,891 |
| Goodwill | 416,160 | 416,160 |
| Other intangible assets | 768,162 | 775,269 |
| Equity investments | 557,681 | 566,211 |
| Other assets ⁽³⁾ | 14,525 | 11,757 |
| Total assets | \$8,813,322 | \$8,014,350 |
| LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts and imbalance payables ⁽⁴⁾ | \$360,028 | \$349,801 |
| Accrued ad valorem taxes | 38,871 | 26,633 |
| Accrued liabilities ⁽⁵⁾ | 78,798 | 47,899 |
| Total current liabilities | 477,697 | 424,333 |
| Long-term liabilities | | |
| Long-term debt | 4,176,346 | 3,464,712 |
| Deferred income taxes | 8,592 | 7,409 |
| Asset retirement obligations | 147,082 | 143,394 |
| Other liabilities ⁽⁶⁾ | 128,757 | 3,491 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 4,460,777 | 3,619,006 |
| Total liabilities | 4,938,474 | 4,043,339 |
| Equity and partners' capital | | |
| Common units (152,602,105 units issued and outstanding at March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017) | 2,842,612 | 2,950,010 |
| Class C units (13,505,277 and 13,243,883 units issued and outstanding at March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017, respectively) ⁽⁷⁾ | 784,105 | 780,040 |
| General partner units (2,583,068 units issued and outstanding at March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017) | 185,812 | 179,232 |
| Total partners' capital | 3,812,529 | 3,909,282 |
| Noncontrolling interest | 62,319 | 61,729 |
| Total equity and partners' capital | 3,874,848 | 3,971,011 |
| Total liabilities, equity and partners' capital | \$8,813,322 | \$8,014,350 |

(1) Accounts receivable, net includes amounts receivable from affiliates (as defined in Note 1) of \$56.3 million and \$36.3 million as of March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017, respectively.

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- (2) Other current assets includes affiliate amounts of \$5.7 million and zero as of March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017, respectively.
- (3) Other assets includes affiliate amounts of \$0.2 million and zero as of March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017, respectively.
- (4) Accounts and imbalance payables includes affiliate amounts of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million as of March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017, respectively.
- (5) Accrued liabilities includes affiliate amounts of \$2.1 million and \$0.2 million as of March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017, respectively.
- (6) Other liabilities includes affiliate amounts of \$42.4 million and \$0.7 million as of March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017, respectively.
- (7) The Class C units will convert into common units on a one-for-one basis on March 1, 2020, unless the Partnership elects to convert such units earlier or Anadarko extends the conversion date. See Note 5.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL
(UNAUDITED)

| thousands | Partners' Capital | | | | Total |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| | Common Units | Class C Units | General Partner Units | Noncontrolling Interest | |
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | \$2,950,010 | \$780,040 | \$179,232 | \$ 61,729 | \$3,971,011 |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change ⁽¹⁾ | (41,135) | (3,536) | (696) | 958 | (44,409) |
| Net income (loss) | 59,133 | 6,791 | 83,439 | 2,985 | 152,348 |
| Above-market component of swap agreements with Anadarko ⁽²⁾ | 14,282 | — | — | — | 14,282 |
| Amortization of beneficial conversion feature of Class C units | (810) | 810 | — | — | — |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interest owner | — | — | — | (3,353) | (3,353) |
| Distributions to unitholders | (140,394) | — | (76,192) | — | (216,586) |
| Contributions of equity-based compensation from Anadarko | 1,435 | — | 29 | — | 1,464 |
| Other | 91 | — | — | — | 91 |
| Balance at March 31, 2018 | \$2,842,612 | \$784,105 | \$185,812 | \$ 62,319 | \$3,874,848 |

⁽¹⁾ See Note 1.

⁽²⁾ See Note 6.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|
| thousands | 2018 | 2017 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 152,348 | \$ 103,991 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 76,842 | 69,702 |
| Impairments | 148 | 164,742 |
| Non-cash equity-based compensation expense | 1,563 | 1,209 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,331 | 3,128 |
| Accretion and amortization of long-term obligations, net | 1,378 | 1,101 |
| Equity income, net – affiliates | (20,424) | (19,461) |
| Distributions from equity investment earnings – affiliates | 20,941 | 19,114 |
| (Gain) loss on divestiture and other, net ⁽¹⁾ | (116) | (119,487) |
| Lower of cost or market inventory adjustments | 143 | 45 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, net | (28,648) | (1,513) |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts and imbalance payables and accrued liabilities, net | 27,075 | (29,940) |
| Change in other items, net | 9,015 | (15) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 241,596 | 192,616 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Capital expenditures | (302,297) | (125,944) |
| Contributions in aid of construction costs from affiliates | — | 1,310 |
| Acquisitions from third parties | — | (155,287) |
| Distributions from equity investments in excess of cumulative earnings – affiliates | 8,013 | 3,453 |
| Proceeds from the sale of assets to third parties | 116 | 34 |
| Proceeds from property insurance claims | — | 24,000 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (294,168) | (252,434) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Borrowings, net of debt issuance costs | 1,337,525 | (11) |
| Repayments of debt | (630,000) | — |
| Increase (decrease) in outstanding checks | (6,684) | 1,024 |
| Proceeds from the issuance of common units, net of offering expenses | — | (158) |
| Distributions to unitholders ⁽²⁾ | (216,586) | (185,565) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interest owner | (3,353) | (3,370) |
| Net contributions from (distributions to) Anadarko | — | (14) |
| Above-market component of swap agreements with Anadarko ⁽²⁾ | 14,282 | 12,297 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 495,184 | (175,797) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 442,612 | (235,615) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 78,814 | 357,925 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 521,426 | \$ 122,310 |
| Supplemental disclosures | | |
| Accretion expense and revisions to the Deferred purchase price obligation – Anadarko | \$— | \$(4,094) |
| Interest paid, net of capitalized interest | 28,514 | 28,656 |
| Taxes paid (reimbursements received) | (87) | 189 |
| Accrued capital expenditures | 229,484 | 85,280 |

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Fair value of properties and equipment from non-cash third party transactions ⁽³⁾ — 548,628

(1) Includes losses related to an incident at the DBM complex for the three months ended March 31, 2017. See Note 1.

(2) See Note 6.

(3) See Note 3.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

General. Western Gas Partners, LP is a growth-oriented Delaware master limited partnership (“MLP”) formed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in 2007 to acquire, own, develop and operate midstream assets.

For purposes of these consolidated financial statements, the “Partnership” refers to Western Gas Partners, LP and its subsidiaries. The Partnership’s general partner, Western Gas Holdings, LLC (the “general partner”), is owned by Western Gas Equity Partners, LP (“WGP”), a Delaware MLP formed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in September 2012 to own the Partnership’s general partner, as well as a significant limited partner interest in the Partnership. WGP has no independent operations or material assets other than owning the partnership interests in the Partnership (see Holdings of Partnership equity in Note 5). Western Gas Equity Holdings, LLC is WGP’s general partner and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. “Anadarko” refers to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries, excluding the Partnership and the general partner, and “affiliates” refers to subsidiaries of Anadarko, excluding the Partnership, but including equity interests in Fort Union Gas Gathering, LLC (“Fort Union”), White Cliffs Pipeline, LLC (“White Cliffs”), Rendezvous Gas Services, LLC (“Rendezvous”), Enterprise EF78 LLC (the “Mont Belvieu JV”), Texas Express Pipeline LLC (“TEP”), Texas Express Gathering LLC (“TEG”) and Front Range Pipeline LLC (“FRP”). The interests in TEP, TEG and FRP are referred to collectively as the “TEFR Interests.” “MGR assets” refers to the Red Desert complex and the Granger straddle plant.

The Partnership is engaged in the business of gathering, compressing, treating, processing and transporting natural gas; gathering, stabilizing and transporting condensate, natural gas liquids (“NGLs”) and crude oil; and gathering and disposing of produced water. In addition, in its capacity as a processor of natural gas, the Partnership also buys and sells natural gas, NGLs and condensate on behalf of itself and as agent for its customers under certain of its contracts. The Partnership provides these midstream services for Anadarko, as well as for third-party producers and customers. As of March 31, 2018, the Partnership’s assets and investments consisted of the following:

| | Owned and Operated | Operated Interests | Non-Operated Interests | Equity Interests |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Gathering systems ⁽¹⁾ | 12 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Treating facilities | 19 | 3 | — | 3 |
| Natural gas processing plants/trains | 20 | 4 | — | 2 |
| NGL pipelines | 2 | — | — | 3 |
| Natural gas pipelines | 5 | — | — | — |
| Oil pipelines | — | 1 | — | 1 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes the DBM water systems.

These assets and investments are located in the Rocky Mountains (Colorado, Utah and Wyoming), North-central Pennsylvania, Texas and New Mexico.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

Basis of presentation. The following table outlines the Partnership's ownership interests and the accounting method of consolidation used in the Partnership's consolidated financial statements for entities not wholly owned:

| | Percentage Interest | |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Equity investments ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Fort Union | 14.81 | % |
| White Cliffs | 10 | % |
| Rendezvous | 22 | % |
| Mont Belvieu JV | 25 | % |
| TEP | 20 | % |
| TEG | 20 | % |
| FRP | 33.33 | % |
| Proportionate consolidation ⁽²⁾ | | |
| Marcellus Interest systems | 33.75 | % |
| Newcastle system | 50 | % |
| Springfield system | 50.1 | % |
| Full consolidation | | |
| Chipeta ⁽³⁾ | 75 | % |

- Investments in non-controlled entities over which the Partnership exercises significant influence are accounted for
- (1) under the equity method. "Equity investment throughput" refers to the Partnership's share of average throughput for these investments.
- (2) The Partnership proportionately consolidates its associated share of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses attributable to these assets.
- (3) The 25% interest in Chipeta Processing LLC ("Chipeta") held by a third-party member is reflected within noncontrolling interest in the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Partnership and entities in which it holds a controlling financial interest. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

Certain information and note disclosures commonly included in annual financial statements have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes should be read in conjunction with the Partnership's 2017 Form 10-K, as filed with the SEC on February 16, 2018. Management believes that the disclosures made are adequate to make the information not misleading.

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WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

Presentation of Partnership assets. The term “Partnership assets” includes both the assets owned and the interests accounted for under the equity method by the Partnership as of March 31, 2018 (see Note 8). Because Anadarko controls the Partnership through its control of WGP, which owns the Partnership’s entire general partner interest, each acquisition of Partnership assets from Anadarko has been considered a transfer of net assets between entities under common control. As such, the Partnership assets acquired from Anadarko were initially recorded at Anadarko’s historic carrying value, which did not correlate to the total acquisition price paid by the Partnership. Further, after an acquisition of Partnership assets from Anadarko, the Partnership may be required to recast its financial statements to include the activities of such Partnership assets from the date of common control.

For those periods requiring recast, the consolidated financial statements for periods prior to the Partnership’s acquisition of the Partnership assets from Anadarko are prepared from Anadarko’s historical cost-basis accounts and may not necessarily be indicative of the actual results of operations that would have occurred if the Partnership had owned the Partnership assets during the periods reported. Net income (loss) attributable to the Partnership assets acquired from Anadarko for periods prior to the Partnership’s acquisition of the Partnership assets is not allocated to the limited partners.

Use of estimates. In preparing financial statements in accordance with GAAP, management makes informed judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Management evaluates its estimates and related assumptions regularly, using historical experience and other methods considered reasonable. Changes in facts and circumstances or additional information may result in revised estimates and actual results may differ from these estimates. Effects on the business, financial condition and results of operations resulting from revisions to estimates are recognized when the facts that give rise to the revisions become known. The information furnished herein reflects all normal recurring adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements, and certain prior-period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current-year presentation.

Insurance recoveries. In December 2015, there was an initial fire and secondary explosion at the processing facility within the Delaware Basin Midstream, LLC (“DBM”) complex. The majority of the damage from the incident was to the liquid handling facilities and the amine treating units at the inlet of the complex. During the three months ended March 31, 2017, a \$5.7 million loss was recorded in Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net in the consolidated statements of operations, related to a change in the Partnership’s estimate of the amount that would be recovered under the property insurance claim based on further discussions with insurers. During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Partnership received \$29.8 million in cash proceeds from insurers, including \$5.8 million in proceeds from business interruption insurance claims and \$24.0 million in proceeds from property insurance claims.

Recently adopted accounting standards. ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash requires an entity to explain the changes in the total of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and restricted cash equivalents on the statement of cash flows and to provide a reconciliation of the totals in that statement to the related captions in the balance sheet when the cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and restricted cash equivalents are presented in more than one line item on the balance sheet. The Partnership adopted this ASU using a retrospective approach on January 1, 2018, and the adoption did not impact the consolidated financial statements.

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Revenue from contracts with customers (Topic 606). The Partnership adopted ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) (“Topic 606”) on January 1, 2018, using the modified retrospective method applied to contracts that were not completed as of January 1, 2018. The cumulative effect adjustment that was recognized in the opening balance of equity and partners’ capital was a decrease of \$44.4 million. The comparative historical financial information has not been adjusted and continues to be reported under Revenue Recognition (Topic 605) (“Topic 605”).

Effective January 1, 2018, the Partnership changed its accounting policy for revenue recognition as detailed below:

Fee-based gathering / processing. Under Topic 605, fee revenues were recognized based on the rate in effect for the month of service, even when certain fees were charged on an upfront or limited-term basis. In addition, deficiency fees were charged and recognized only when the customer did not meet the specified delivery minimums for the completed performance period. Under Topic 606, revenues continue to be recognized based on the rate in effect when the fee is either the same rate per unit over the contract term or when the fee escalates and the escalation factor approximates inflation. Under Topic 606, the Partnership recognizes revenue associated with upfront or limited-term fees over the expected period of customer benefit, which is generally the life of the related properties. In addition, deficiency fees are estimated and recognized during the performance period as the services are performed for the customer’s delivered volumes. Under Topic 606, differences between Service revenues – fee based recognized and amounts billed to customers are recognized as contract assets or contract liabilities, as appropriate. This results in a change in the timing of revenue and changes to net income as a result of the revenue contract’s consideration provisions.

Cost of service rate adjustments. Under Topic 605, revenue was recognized based on the amounts billed to customers each period. Under Topic 606, fixed minimum volume commitment demand fees and variable fees that are also billed on these minimum volumes are recognized as Service revenues – fee based on a consistent per-unit rate over the term of the contract. Annual adjustments are made to the cost of service rates charged to customers, and, as a result, a cumulative catch-up revenue adjustment related to the services already provided under the contract may be recorded in future periods, with revenues for the remaining term of the contract recognized on a consistent per-unit rate. Fees received on volumes in excess of the minimum volumes are recognized as Service revenues – fee based as service is provided to the customer based on the billing rate in effect for the performance period. This revenue recognition timing does not affect billings to customers, and differences between amounts billed and revenue recognized are recorded as contract assets or liabilities, as appropriate.

Aid in construction. Under Topic 605, aid in construction reimbursements were reflected as a reduction to property, plant and equipment upon receipt (and a reduction to capital expenditures). Under Topic 606, reimbursement of capital costs received from customers is reflected as a contract liability (deferred revenue) upon receipt. The contract liability is amortized to Service revenues – fee based over the expected period of customer benefit, which is generally the life of the related properties.

Percent-of-proceeds gathering / processing. Under Topic 605, the Partnership recognized cost of product expense when the product was purchased from a producer to whom it provides services, and the Partnership recognized revenue when the product was sold to Anadarko or a third party. Under Topic 606, in some instances, where all or a percentage of the proceeds from the sale must be returned to the producer, the net margin from the purchase and sale transactions is presented net within Service revenues – product based because the Partnership is acting as the producer’s agent in the product sale.

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Noncash consideration - keep-whole and percent-of-product agreements. Under Topic 605, the Partnership recognized revenues only upon the sale of the related products. Under Topic 606, the Partnership recognizes Service revenues – product based for the products received as noncash consideration in exchange for the services provided, with the keep-whole noncash consideration value based on the net value of the NGLs over the replacement residue gas cost. Under Topic 606, revenue from product sales is recognized, along with cost of product expense related to the sale, when the product is sold to Anadarko or a third party.

Wellhead purchase / sale incorporated into gathering / processing. Under Topic 605, the natural gas purchase cost was recognized as cost of product expense and any specified gathering or processing fees charged to the producer were recognized as revenues. Under Topic 606, the fees charged to the producer under this contract type are recognized as adjustments to the amount recognized in cost of product expense instead of revenues when such fees relate to services performed after control of the product transfers to the Partnership.

The following tables summarize the impact of adopting Topic 606 on the impacted line items within the consolidated statement of operations and the consolidated balance sheet. The differences between revenue as reported following Topic 606 and revenue as it would have been reported under Topic 605 are due to the changes described above.

| | Three Months Ended | | |
|--|--------------------|--|---|
| | March 31, 2018 | | |
| thousands | As Reported | Without Adoption of Topic 606 | Effect of Change Increase/(Decrease) |
| Revenues | | | |
| Service revenues – fee based | \$338,419 | \$342,338 | \$ (3,919) |
| Service revenues – product based | 22,593 | — | 22,593 |
| Product sales | 75,937 | 292,291 | (216,354) |
| Expenses | | | |
| Cost of product | 77,799 | 274,966 | (197,167) |
| Operation and maintenance | 88,279 | 88,139 | 140 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 76,842 | 76,153 | 689 |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | 1,502 | 1,509 | (7) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest | 2,985 | 2,498 | 487 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP | 149,363 | 151,185 | (1,822) |

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| thousands | March 31, 2018 | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | As Reported | Without Adoption of Topic 606 | Effect of Change Increase/(Decrease) |
| Assets | | | |
| Other current assets | \$22,747 | \$ 16,909 | \$ 5,838 |
| Net property, plant and equipment | 6,063,547 | 5,977,144 | 86,403 |
| Other assets | 14,525 | 14,303 | 222 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Accrued liabilities | 78,798 | 74,090 | 4,708 |
| Deferred income taxes | 8,592 | 8,746 | (154) |
| Other liabilities | 128,757 | 2,553 | 126,204 |
| Equity and partners' capital | | | |
| Total equity and partners' capital | 3,874,848 | 3,913,143 | (38,295) |

New accounting standards issued but not yet adopted. ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) requires lessees to recognize a lease liability and a right-of-use ("ROU") asset for all leases, including operating leases, with a term greater than 12 months on the balance sheet. This ASU modifies the definition of a lease and outlines the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of leasing arrangements by both lessees and lessors. The Partnership plans to make certain elections allowing the Partnership not to reassess contracts that commenced prior to adoption, to continue applying its current accounting policy for land easements and not to recognize ROU assets or lease liabilities for short-term leases. The Partnership continues to review contracts in its portfolio of leased assets to assess the impact of adopting this ASU, which is expected to primarily affect other assets and other long-term liabilities. To facilitate compliance with this ASU, the Partnership is implementing new accounting software and continuing to evaluate its systems, processes, and internal controls during 2018. The Partnership will adopt this ASU on January 1, 2019, using a modified retrospective approach for all comparative periods presented according to the ASU as it is currently written.

Revenue and cost of product. Upon adoption of the new revenue recognition standard on January 1, 2018 (discussed in Recently adopted accounting standards), the Partnership changed its accounting policy for revenue recognition as described below.

The Partnership provides gathering, processing, treating, transportation and disposal services pursuant to a variety of contracts. Under these arrangements, the Partnership receives fees and/or retains a percentage of products or a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of the customer's products. These revenues are included in Service revenues and Product sales in the consolidated statements of operations. Payment is generally received from the customer in the month following the service or delivery of the product. Contracts with customers generally have initial terms ranging from 5 to 10 years.

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Service revenues – fee based is recognized for fee-based contracts in the month of service based on the volumes delivered by the customer. Producers' wells or production facilities are connected to the Partnership's gathering systems for gathering, processing, treating, transportation and disposal of natural gas, NGLs, condensate, crude oil and produced water, as applicable. Revenues are valued based on the rate in effect for the month of service when the fee is either the same rate per unit over the contract term or when the fee escalates and the escalation factor approximates inflation. Deficiency fees charged to customers that do not meet their minimum delivery requirements are recognized as services are performed based on an estimate of the fees that will be billed upon completion of the performance period. Because of its significant upfront capital investment, the Partnership may charge additional service fees to customers for only a portion of the contract term (i.e., for the first year of a contract or until reaching a volume threshold), and these fees are recognized as revenue over the expected period of customer benefit, which is generally the life of the related properties.

The Partnership also receives Service revenues – fee based from contracts that have minimum volume commitment demand fees and fees that require periodic rate redeterminations based upon the related facility cost of service. These fees include fixed and variable consideration that are recognized on a consistent per-unit rate over the term of the contract. Annual adjustments are made to the cost of service rates charged to customers, and a cumulative catch-up revenue adjustment related to services already provided to the minimum volumes under the contract may be recorded in future periods, with revenues for the remaining term of the contract recognized on a consistent per-unit rate.

Service revenues – product based includes service revenues from percent-of-proceeds gathering and processing contracts that are recognized net of the cost of product for purchases from the Partnership's customers since it is acting as the agent in the product sale. Keep-whole and percent-of-product agreements result in Service revenues – product based being recognized when the natural gas and/or NGLs are received from the customer as noncash consideration for the services provided. Noncash consideration for these services is valued at the time the services are provided. Revenue from product sales is also recognized, along with the cost of product expense related to the sale, when the product received as noncash consideration is sold to either Anadarko or a third party.

The Partnership also purchases natural gas volumes from producers at the wellhead or from a production facility, typically at an index price, and charges the producer fees associated with the downstream gathering and processing services. When the fees relate to services performed after control of the product has transferred to the Partnership, the fees are treated as a reduction of the purchase cost. Revenue from product sales is recognized, along with cost of product expense related to the sale, when the purchased product is sold to either Anadarko or a third party.

The Partnership receives aid in construction reimbursements for certain capital costs necessary to provide services to customers (i.e., connection costs, etc.) under certain service contracts. Aid in construction reimbursements are reflected as a contract liability upon receipt and amortized to Service revenues – fee based over the expected period of customer benefit, which is generally the life of the related properties.

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2. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

The following table summarizes the Partnership's revenue from contracts with customers:

| thousands | Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 |
|---|---|
| Revenue from customers | |
| Service revenues – fee based | \$338,419 |
| Service revenues – product based | 22,593 |
| Product sales | 77,180 |
| Total revenue from customers | 438,192 |
| Revenue from other than customers | |
| Net gains (losses) on commodity price swap agreements | (1,243) |
| Other | 219 |
| Total revenues and other | \$437,168 |

Contract balances. Receivables from customers, which are included in Accounts receivable, net on the consolidated balance sheets were \$252.3 million and \$244.4 million as of March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017, respectively. Contract assets primarily relate to accrued deficiency fees the Partnership expects to charge customers once the related performance periods are completed. The following table summarizes the current period activity related to contract assets from contracts with customers:

| thousands | |
|--|----------|
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | \$— |
| Cumulative effect of adopting Topic 606 | 5,129 |
| Amounts transferred to Accounts receivable, net from contract assets recognized in the adoption effect | (2,494) |
| Additional estimated revenues recognized | 3,425 |
| Balance at March 31, 2018 | \$6,060 |
| Contract assets at March 31, 2018 | |
| Other current assets | \$5,838 |
| Other assets | 222 |
| Total contract assets from contracts with customers | \$6,060 |

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2. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

Contract liabilities primarily relate to (i) fees that are charged to customers for only a portion of the contract term and must be recognized as revenues over the expected period of customer benefit, (ii) fixed and variable fees under cost of service contracts that are received from customers for which revenue recognition is deferred and (iii) aid in construction payments received from customers that must be recognized over the expected period of customer benefit. The following table summarizes the current period activity related to contract liabilities from contracts with customers:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| thousands | |
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | \$— |
| Cumulative effect of adopting Topic 606 | 120,717 |
| Cash received or receivable, excluding revenues recognized during the period | 28,538 |
| Revenues recognized during the period that were included in the adoption effect | (1,027) |
| Balance at March 31, 2018 | \$148,228 |
| Contract liabilities at March 31, 2018 | |
| Accrued liabilities | \$22,024 |
| Other liabilities | 126,204 |
| Total contract liabilities from contracts with customers | \$148,228 |

Transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations. Revenues expected to be recognized from certain performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) as of March 31, 2018, are reflected in the following table. The Partnership applies the optional exemptions in Topic 606 and does not disclose consideration for remaining performance obligations with an original expected duration of one year or less or for variable consideration related to unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) performance obligations. Therefore, the following table represents only a small portion of expected future consolidated revenues from existing contracts as most future revenues from customers are dependent on future variable customer volumes and in some cases variable commodity prices for those volumes.

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| thousands | |
| Remainder of 2018 | \$267,905 |
| 2019 | 440,723 |
| 2020 | 496,050 |
| 2021 | 469,728 |
| 2022 | 460,992 |
| Thereafter | 1,697,687 |
| Total | \$3,833,085 |

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3. ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES

Property exchange. On March 17, 2017, the Partnership acquired an additional 50% interest in the Delaware Basin JV Gathering LLC (“DBJV”) system (the “Additional DBJV System Interest”) from a third party in exchange for (a) the Partnership’s 33.75% non-operated interest in two natural gas gathering systems located in northern Pennsylvania (the “Non-Operated Marcellus Interest”), commonly referred to as the Liberty and Rome systems, and (b) \$155.0 million of cash consideration (collectively, the “Property Exchange”). The Partnership previously held a 50% interest in, and operated, the DBJV system.

The Property Exchange was reflected as a nonmonetary transaction whereby the acquired Additional DBJV System Interest was recorded at the fair value of the divested Non-Operated Marcellus Interest plus the \$155.0 million of cash consideration. The Property Exchange resulted in a net gain of \$125.7 million recorded as Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net in the consolidated statements of operations. Results of operations attributable to the Property Exchange were included in the consolidated statements of operations beginning on the acquisition date in the first quarter of 2017.

DBJV acquisition - Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko. Prior to the Partnership’s agreement with Anadarko to settle its deferred purchase price obligation early, the consideration that would have been paid by the Partnership for the March 2015 acquisition of DBJV from Anadarko consisted of a cash payment to Anadarko due on March 31, 2020. In May 2017, the Partnership reached an agreement with Anadarko to settle this obligation with a cash payment to Anadarko of \$37.3 million, which was equal to the estimated net present value of the obligation at March 31, 2017.

4. PARTNERSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS

The partnership agreement requires the Partnership to distribute all of its available cash (as defined in the partnership agreement) to unitholders of record on the applicable record date within 45 days of the end of each quarter. The Board of Directors of the Partnership’s general partner (the “Board of Directors”) declared the following cash distributions to the Partnership’s common and general partner unitholders for the periods presented:

thousands

| Total Quarterly Distribution Quarterly Ended | Total Quarterly Cash Distribution | Date of Distribution |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| March 31 0.875 | \$ 188,753 | May 2017 |
| June 30 0.890 | 207,491 | August 2017 |
| September 30 0.905 | 212,038 | November 2017 |
| December 31 0.920 | 216,586 | February 2018 |
| 2018 March 31 0.935 | \$ 221,133 | May 2018 |

(1)

(1) The Board of Directors declared a cash distribution to the Partnership's unitholders for the first quarter of 2018 of \$0.935 per unit, or \$221.1 million in aggregate, including incentive distributions, but excluding distributions on Class C units (see Class C unit distributions below). The cash distribution is payable on May 14, 2018, to unitholders of record at the close of business on May 2, 2018.

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4. PARTNERSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

Available cash. The amount of available cash (as defined in the partnership agreement) generally is all cash on hand at the end of the quarter, plus, at the discretion of the general partner, working capital borrowings made subsequent to the end of such quarter, less the amount of cash reserves established by the Partnership's general partner to provide for the proper conduct of the Partnership's business, including reserves to fund future capital expenditures; to comply with applicable laws, debt instruments or other agreements; or to provide funds for distributions to its unitholders and to its general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters. Working capital borrowings generally include borrowings made under a credit facility or similar financing arrangement. Working capital borrowings may only be those that, at the time of such borrowings, were intended to be repaid within 12 months. In all cases, working capital borrowings are used solely for working capital purposes or to fund distributions to partners.

Class C unit distributions. The Class C units receive quarterly distributions at a rate equivalent to the Partnership's common units. The distributions are paid in the form of additional Class C units ("PIK Class C units") until the scheduled conversion date on March 1, 2020 (unless earlier converted), and the Class C units are disregarded with respect to distributions of the Partnership's available cash until they are converted into common units. The number of additional PIK Class C units to be issued in connection with a distribution payable on the Class C units is determined by dividing the corresponding distribution attributable to the Class C units by the volume-weighted-average price of the Partnership's common units for the ten days immediately preceding the payment date for the common unit distribution, less a 6% discount. The Partnership records the PIK Class C unit distributions at fair value at the time of issuance. This Level 2 fair value measurement uses the Partnership's unit price as a significant input in the determination of the fair value. See Note 5 for further discussion of the Class C units.

Series A Preferred unit distributions. As further described in Note 5, the Partnership issued Series A Preferred units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership to private investors in 2016. The Series A Preferred unitholders received quarterly distributions in cash equal to \$0.68 per Series A Preferred unit, subject to certain adjustments. On March 1, 2017, 50% of the outstanding Series A Preferred units converted into common units on a one-for-one basis, and on May 2, 2017, all remaining Series A Preferred units converted into common units on a one-for-one basis. Such converted common units were entitled to distributions made to common unitholders with respect to the quarter during which the applicable conversion occurred and did not include a prorated Series A Preferred unit distribution. For the quarter ended March 31, 2017, the Series A Preferred unitholders received an aggregate cash distribution of \$7.5 million (paid in May 2017).

General partner interest and incentive distribution rights. As of March 31, 2018, the general partner was entitled to 1.5% of all quarterly distributions that the Partnership makes prior to its liquidation and, as the holder of the incentive distribution rights ("IDRs"), was entitled to incentive distributions at the maximum distribution sharing percentage of 48.0% for all periods presented, after the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels had been achieved. The maximum distribution sharing percentage of 49.5% does not include any distributions that the general partner may receive on common units that it may acquire.

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5. EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL

Equity offerings. In July 2017, the Partnership filed a registration statement with the SEC for the issuance of up to an aggregate of \$500.0 million of common units pursuant to a new continuous offering program that has not yet been initiated.

Class C units. In November 2014, the Partnership issued 10,913,853 Class C units to APC Midstream Holdings, LLC ("AMH"), pursuant to a Unit Purchase Agreement with Anadarko and AMH. The Class C units were issued to partially fund the acquisition of DBM.

When issued, the Class C units were scheduled to convert into common units on a one-for-one basis on December 31, 2017. In February 2017, Anadarko elected to extend the conversion date of the Class C units to March 1, 2020. The Partnership can elect to convert the Class C units earlier or Anadarko can extend the conversion date again.

The Class C units were issued at a discount to the then-current market price of the common units into which they are convertible. This discount, totaling \$34.8 million, represents a beneficial conversion feature, and at issuance, was reflected as an increase in common unitholders' capital and a decrease in Class C unitholder capital to reflect the fair value of the Class C units at issuance. The beneficial conversion feature is considered a non-cash distribution that is recognized from the date of issuance through the date of conversion, resulting in an increase in Class C unitholder capital and a decrease in common unitholders' capital as amortized. The beneficial conversion feature is amortized assuming the extended conversion date of March 1, 2020, using the effective yield method. The impact of the beneficial conversion feature amortization is included in the calculation of earnings per unit.

Series A Preferred units. In 2016, the Partnership issued 21,922,831 Series A Preferred units to private investors. The Series A Preferred units were issued at a discount to the then-current market price of the common units into which they were convertible, representing a beneficial conversion feature at issuance. The impact of the beneficial conversion feature amortization was included in the calculation of earnings per unit. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the amortization for the beneficial conversion feature of the Series A Preferred units was \$48.1 million.

Pursuant to an agreement between the Partnership and the holders of the Series A Preferred units, 50% of the Series A Preferred units converted into common units on a one-for-one basis on March 1, 2017, and all remaining Series A Preferred units converted into common units on a one-for-one basis on May 2, 2017. The Partnership has an effective registration statement with the SEC relating to the public resale of the common units issued upon conversion of the Series A Preferred units.

Partnership interests. The Partnership's common units are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "WES."

The following table summarizes the Partnership's units issued during the three months ended March 31, 2018:

| | Common Units | Class C Units | General Partner Units | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | 152,602,105 | 13,243,883 | 2,583,068 | 168,429,056 |
| PIK Class C units | — | 261,394 | — | 261,394 |
| Balance at March 31, 2018 | 152,602,105 | 13,505,277 | 2,583,068 | 168,690,450 |

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5. EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL (CONTINUED)

Holdings of Partnership equity. As of March 31, 2018, WGP held 50,132,046 common units, representing a 29.7% limited partner interest in the Partnership, and, through its ownership of the general partner, WGP indirectly held 2,583,068 general partner units, representing a 1.5% general partner interest in the Partnership, and 100% of the IDRs. As of March 31, 2018, other subsidiaries of Anadarko collectively held 2,011,380 common units and 13,505,277 Class C units, representing an aggregate 9.2% limited partner interest in the Partnership. As of March 31, 2018, the public held 100,458,679 common units, representing the remaining 59.6% limited partner interest in the Partnership.

Net income (loss) per common unit. Net income (loss) attributable to the Partnership assets acquired from Anadarko for periods prior to the Partnership's acquisition of the Partnership assets is not allocated to the unitholders for purposes of calculating net income (loss) per common unit. Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP earned on and subsequent to the date of acquisition of the Partnership assets is allocated as follows:

General partner. The general partner's allocation is equal to cash distributions plus its portion of undistributed earnings or losses. Specifically, net income equal to the amount of available cash (as defined by the partnership agreement) is allocated to the general partner consistent with actual cash distributions and capital account allocations, including incentive distributions. Undistributed earnings (net income in excess of distributions) or undistributed losses (available cash in excess of net income) are then allocated to the general partner in accordance with its weighted-average ownership percentage during each period.

Series A Preferred unitholders. The Series A Preferred units were not considered a participating security as they only had distribution rights up to the specified per-unit quarterly distribution and had no rights to the Partnership's undistributed earnings and losses. As such, the Series A Preferred unitholders' allocation was equal to their cash distribution plus the amortization of the Series A Preferred units beneficial conversion feature (see Series A Preferred units above).

Common and Class C unitholders. The Class C units are considered a participating security because they participate in distributions with common units according to a predetermined formula (see Note 4). The common and Class C unitholders' allocation is equal to their cash distributions plus their respective portions of undistributed earnings or losses. Specifically, net income equal to the amount of available cash (as defined by the partnership agreement) is allocated to the common and Class C unitholders consistent with actual cash distributions and capital account allocations. Undistributed earnings or undistributed losses are then allocated to the common and Class C unitholders in accordance with their respective weighted-average ownership percentages during each period. The common unitholder allocation also includes the impact of the amortization of the Series A Preferred units and Class C units beneficial conversion features. The Class C unitholder allocation is similarly impacted by the amortization of the Class C units beneficial conversion feature (see Class C units above).

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5. EQUITY AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL (CONTINUED)

Calculation of net income (loss) per unit. Basic net income (loss) per common unit is calculated by dividing the net income (loss) attributable to common unitholders by the weighted-average number of common units outstanding during the period. The common units issued in connection with acquisitions and equity offerings are included on a weighted-average basis for periods they were outstanding. Diluted net income (loss) per common unit is calculated by dividing the sum of (i) the net income (loss) attributable to common units adjusted for distributions on the Series A Preferred units and a reallocation of the common and Class C limited partners' interest in net income (loss) assuming, prior to the actual conversion, conversion of the Series A Preferred units into common units, and (ii) the net income (loss) attributable to the Class C units as a participating security, by the sum of the weighted-average number of common units outstanding plus the dilutive effect of (i) the weighted-average number of outstanding Class C units and (ii) the weighted-average number of common units outstanding assuming, prior to the actual conversion, conversion of the Series A Preferred units.

The following table illustrates the Partnership's calculation of net income (loss) per common unit:

| thousands except per-unit amounts | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|-----------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP | \$149,363 | \$101,889 |
| Series A Preferred units interest in net (income) loss ⁽¹⁾ | — | (28,174) |
| General partner interest in net (income) loss | (83,439) | (68,162) |
| Common and Class C limited partners' interest in net income (loss) | \$65,924 | \$5,553 |
| Net income (loss) allocable to common units ⁽¹⁾ | \$58,323 | \$1,714 |
| Net income (loss) allocable to Class C units ⁽¹⁾ | 7,601 | 3,839 |
| Common and Class C limited partners' interest in net income (loss) | \$65,924 | \$5,553 |
| Net income (loss) per unit | | |
| Common units – basic and diluted ²⁾ | \$0.38 | \$0.01 |
| Weighted-average units outstanding | | |
| Common units – basic and diluted | 152,602 | 134,448 |
| Excluded due to anti-dilutive effect: | | |
| Class C units ⁽²⁾ | 13,380 | 12,452 |
| Series A Preferred units assuming conversion to common units ⁽²⁾ | — | 18,147 |

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted to reflect amortization of the beneficial conversion features.

The impact of Class C units would be anti-dilutive for all periods presented and the conversion of Series A

⁽²⁾ Preferred units would be anti-dilutive for the three months ended March 31, 2017. On March 1, 2017, 50% of the outstanding Series A Preferred units converted into common units on a one-for-one basis, and on May 2, 2017, all remaining Series A Preferred units converted into common units on a one-for-one basis.

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Affiliate transactions. Revenues from affiliates include amounts earned by the Partnership from services provided to Anadarko as well as from the sale of residue and NGLs to Anadarko. In addition, the Partnership purchases natural gas from an affiliate of Anadarko pursuant to gas purchase agreements. Operation and maintenance expense includes amounts accrued for or paid to affiliates for the operation of the Partnership assets, whether in providing services to affiliates or to third parties, including field labor, measurement and analysis, and other disbursements. A portion of the Partnership's general and administrative expenses is paid by Anadarko, which results in affiliate transactions pursuant to the reimbursement provisions of the Partnership's omnibus agreement. Affiliate expenses do not bear a direct relationship to affiliate revenues, and third-party expenses do not bear a direct relationship to third-party revenues.

Cash management. Anadarko operates a cash management system whereby excess cash from most of its subsidiaries' separate bank accounts is generally swept to centralized accounts. Prior to the Partnership's acquisition of the Partnership assets, third-party sales and purchases related to such assets were received or paid in cash by Anadarko within its centralized cash management system. The outstanding affiliate balances were entirely settled through an adjustment to net investment by Anadarko in connection with the acquisition of the Partnership assets. Subsequent to the acquisition of Partnership assets from Anadarko, transactions related to such assets are cash-settled directly with third parties and with Anadarko affiliates. Chipeta cash settles its transactions directly with third parties and Anadarko, as well as with the other subsidiaries of the Partnership.

Note receivable - Anadarko. Concurrently with the closing of the Partnership's May 2008 initial public offering, the Partnership loaned \$260.0 million to Anadarko in exchange for a 30-year note bearing interest at a fixed annual rate of 6.50%, payable quarterly. The fair value of the note receivable from Anadarko was \$316.2 million and \$325.2 million at March 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017, respectively. The fair value of the note reflects consideration of credit risk and any premium or discount for the differential between the stated interest rate and quarter-end market interest rate, based on quoted market prices of similar debt instruments. Accordingly, the fair value of the note receivable from Anadarko is measured using Level 2 inputs.

Commodity price swap agreements. The Partnership has commodity price swap agreements with Anadarko to mitigate exposure to a majority of the commodity price risk inherent in its percent-of-proceeds, percent-of-product and keep-whole contracts. Notional volumes for each of the commodity price swap agreements are not specifically defined. Instead, the commodity price swap agreements apply to the actual volume of natural gas, condensate and NGLs purchased and sold. The commodity price swap agreements do not satisfy the definition of a derivative financial instrument and, therefore, are not required to be measured at fair value. The Partnership's net gains (losses) on commodity price swap agreements were \$(1.2) million and \$(0.5) million for three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and are reported in the consolidated statements of operations as affiliate Product sales in 2018 and as affiliate Product sales and Cost of product expense in 2017 (see Note 1).

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Revenues or costs attributable to volumes sold and purchased during 2017 and 2018 for the DJ Basin complex and MGR assets are recognized in the consolidated statements of operations at the applicable market price in the tables below. The Partnership also records a capital contribution from Anadarko in the Partnership's consolidated statement of equity and partners' capital for an amount equal to (i) the amount by which the swap price for product sales exceeds the applicable market price in the tables below, minus (ii) the amount by which the swap price for product purchases exceeds the market price in the tables below. For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the capital contribution from Anadarko was \$14.3 million. The tables below summarize the swap prices compared to the forward market prices:

| per barrel except natural gas | DJ Basin Complex | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| | 2017 - | 2017 | 2018 |
| | 2018 | Market | Market |
| | Swap | Prices | Prices |
| | Prices | (1) | (1) |
| Ethane | \$18.41 | \$ 5.09 | \$ 5.41 |
| Propane | 47.08 | 18.85 | 28.72 |
| Isobutane | 62.09 | 26.83 | 32.92 |
| Normal butane | 54.62 | 26.20 | 32.71 |
| Natural gasoline | 72.88 | 41.84 | 48.04 |
| Condensate | 76.47 | 45.40 | 49.36 |
| Natural gas (per MMBtu) | 5.96 | 3.05 | 2.21 |

| per barrel except natural gas | MGR Assets | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2017 - | 2017 | 2018 |
| | 2018 | Market | Market |
| | Swap | Prices | Prices |
| | Prices | (1) | (1) |
| Ethane | \$23.11 | \$ 4.08 | \$ 2.52 |
| Propane | 52.90 | 19.24 | 25.83 |
| Isobutane | 73.89 | 25.79 | 30.03 |
| Normal butane | 64.93 | 25.16 | 29.82 |
| Natural gasoline | 81.68 | 45.01 | 47.25 |
| Condensate | 81.68 | 53.55 | 56.76 |
| Natural gas (per MMBtu) | 4.87 | 3.05 | 2.21 |

Represents the New York Mercantile Exchange forward strip price as of December 1, 2016, and December 20,

(1) 2017, for the 2017 Market Prices and 2018 Market Prices, respectively, adjusted for product specification, location, basis and, in the case of NGLs, transportation and fractionation costs.

Gathering and processing agreements. The Partnership has significant gathering and processing arrangements with affiliates of Anadarko on a majority of its systems. The Partnership's natural gas gathering, treating and transportation throughput (excluding equity investment throughput) attributable to production owned or controlled by Anadarko was 36% and 32% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The Partnership's natural gas processing throughput (excluding equity investment throughput) attributable to production owned or controlled by Anadarko was 36% and 49% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The Partnership's

crude oil, NGL and produced water gathering, treating, transportation and disposal throughput (excluding equity investment throughput) attributable to production owned or controlled by Anadarko was 63% and 54% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

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Commodity purchase and sale agreements. The Partnership sells a significant amount of its natural gas, condensate and NGLs to Anadarko Energy Services Company (“AES”), Anadarko’s marketing affiliate. In addition, the Partnership purchases natural gas, condensate and NGLs from AES pursuant to purchase agreements. The Partnership’s purchase and sale agreements with AES are generally one-year contracts, subject to annual renewal.

WES LTIP. The general partner awards phantom units under the Western Gas Partners, LP 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan, effective October 17, 2017. Awards granted prior to October 17, 2017, were awarded under the Western Gas Partners, LP 2008 Long-Term Incentive Plan. These awards are primarily granted to its independent directors, but also from time to time to its executive officers and Anadarko employees performing services for the Partnership. The phantom units awarded to the independent directors vest one year from the grant date, while all other awards are subject to graded vesting over a three-year service period. Compensation expense is recognized over the vesting period and was \$0.1 million for each of the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017.

Anadarko Incentive Plan. General and administrative expenses included \$2.1 million and \$1.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, of equity-based compensation expense, allocated to the Partnership by Anadarko, for awards granted to the executive officers of the general partner and other employees under the Anadarko Petroleum Corporation 2012 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (“Anadarko Incentive Plan”). Of this amount, \$1.5 million is reflected as contributions to partners’ capital in the Partnership’s consolidated statement of equity and partners’ capital for the three months ended March 31, 2018.

Contributions in aid of construction costs from affiliates. On certain of the Partnership’s capital projects, Anadarko is obligated to reimburse the Partnership for all or a portion of project capital expenditures. The majority of such arrangements are associated with projects related to pipeline construction activities and production well tie-ins. For periods prior to January 1, 2018, the cash receipts resulting from such reimbursements were presented as “Contributions in aid of construction costs from affiliates” within the investing section of the consolidated statements of cash flows. As discussed in Recently adopted accounting standards in Note 1, upon adoption of Topic 606, affiliate reimbursements of capital costs are reflected as contract liabilities upon receipt, amortized to Service revenues – fee based over the expected period of customer benefit, and presented within the operating section of the consolidated statements of cash flows.

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6. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES (CONTINUED)

Summary of affiliate transactions. The following table summarizes material affiliate transactions:

| thousands | Three Months Ended | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|
| | March 31, 2018 | 2017 |
| Revenues and other ⁽¹⁾ | \$241,062 | \$315,155 |
| Equity income, net – affiliates ⁽¹⁾ | 20,424 | 19,461 |
| Cost of product ⁽¹⁾ | 20,244 | 15,988 |
| Operation and maintenance ⁽²⁾ | 20,248 | 17,089 |
| General and administrative ⁽³⁾ | 11,614 | 9,535 |
| Operating expenses | 52,106 | 42,612 |
| Interest income ⁽⁴⁾ | 4,225 | 4,225 |
| Interest expense ⁽⁵⁾ | — | 71 |
| Distributions to unitholders ⁽⁶⁾ | 124,164 | 103,123 |
| Above-market component of swap agreements with Anadarko | 14,282 | 12,297 |

Represents amounts earned or incurred on and subsequent to the date of the acquisition of Partnership assets, as well as amounts earned or incurred by Anadarko on a historical basis related to the Partnership assets prior to the acquisition of such assets, recognized under gathering, treating or processing agreements, and purchase and sale agreements.

Represents expenses incurred on and subsequent to the date of the acquisition of Partnership assets, as well as expenses incurred by Anadarko on a historical basis related to the Partnership assets prior to the acquisition of such assets.

Represents general and administrative expense incurred on and subsequent to the date of the acquisition of Partnership assets, as well as a management services fee for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Anadarko for periods prior to the acquisition of the Partnership assets by the Partnership. These amounts include equity-based compensation expense allocated to the Partnership by Anadarko (see WES LTIP and Anadarko Incentive Plan within this Note 6).

⁽⁴⁾ Represents interest income recognized on the note receivable from Anadarko.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes amounts related to the Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko (see Note 3 and Note 10).

⁽⁶⁾ Represents distributions paid under the partnership agreement (see Note 4 and Note 5).

Concentration of credit risk. Anadarko was the only customer from whom revenues exceeded 10% of the Partnership's consolidated revenues for all periods presented in the consolidated statements of operations.

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7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of the historical cost of property, plant and equipment is as follows:

| thousands | Estimated Useful Life | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Land | n/a | \$4,449 | \$ 4,450 |
| Gathering systems and processing complexes | 3 to 47 years | 7,305,279 | 7,114,701 |
| Pipelines and equipment | 15 to 45 years | 137,765 | 137,644 |
| Assets under construction | n/a | 794,012 | 577,914 |
| Other | 3 to 40 years | 30,578 | 36,393 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | | 8,272,083 | 7,871,102 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | 2,208,536 | 2,140,211 |
| Net property, plant and equipment | | \$6,063,547 | \$ 5,730,891 |

The cost of property classified as “Assets under construction” is excluded from capitalized costs being depreciated. These amounts represent property that is not yet suitable to be placed into productive service as of the respective balance sheet date.

Impairments. During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Partnership recognized impairments of \$0.1 million. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Partnership recognized impairments of \$178.4 million, including an impairment of \$158.8 million at the Granger complex, which was impaired to its estimated fair value of \$48.5 million using the income approach and Level 3 fair value inputs, due to a reduced throughput fee as a result of a producer’s bankruptcy. The remaining \$19.6 million of impairments was primarily related to (i) an \$8.2 million impairment due to the cancellation of a plant project at the Hilight system, (ii) a \$3.7 million impairment at the Granger straddle plant, which was impaired to its estimated salvage value of \$0.6 million using the income approach and Level 3 fair value inputs, (iii) a \$3.1 million impairment of the Fort Union equity investment, (iv) a \$2.0 million impairment of an idle facility in northeast Wyoming, which was impaired to its estimated salvage value of \$0.4 million using the market approach and Level 3 fair value inputs, and (v) the cancellation of a pipeline project in West Texas.

8. EQUITY INVESTMENTS

The following table presents the activity in the Partnership’s equity investments for the three months ended March 31, 2018:

| thousands | Fort Union | White Cliffs | Rendezvous | Mont Belvieu JV | TEG | TEP | FRP | Total |
|---|---------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | \$7,030 | \$44,945 | \$ 42,528 | \$110,299 | \$15,879 | \$178,975 | \$166,555 | \$566,211 |
| Investment earnings (loss), net of amortization | 144 | 2,673 | 225 | 7,090 | 1,066 | 4,417 | 4,809 | 20,424 |
| Distributions | (144) | (2,527) | (710) | (7,100) | (1,127) | (4,480) | (4,853) | (20,941) |
| Distributions in excess of cumulative earnings ⁽¹⁾ | (741) | (1,228) | (1,162) | (1,325) | (20) | (2,168) | (1,369) | (8,013) |
| Balance at March 31, 2018 | \$6,289 | \$43,863 | \$ 40,881 | \$108,964 | \$15,798 | \$176,744 | \$165,142 | \$557,681 |

(1)

Distributions in excess of cumulative earnings, classified as investing cash flows in the consolidated statements of cash flows, are calculated on an individual investment basis.

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9. COMPONENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL

A summary of accounts receivable, net is as follows:

| thousands | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Trade receivables, net | \$188,550 | \$160,387 |
| Other receivables, net | 524 | 45 |
| Total accounts receivable, net | \$189,074 | \$160,432 |

A summary of other current assets is as follows:

| thousands | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Natural gas liquids inventory | \$9,275 | \$10,788 |
| Imbalance receivables | 6,293 | 1,640 |
| Prepaid insurance | 1,341 | 2,388 |
| Contract assets | 5,838 | — |
| Total other current assets | \$22,747 | \$14,816 |

A summary of accrued liabilities is as follows:

| thousands | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Accrued interest expense | \$50,022 | \$40,632 |
| Short-term asset retirement obligations | 1,339 | 2,304 |
| Short-term remediation and reclamation obligations | 833 | 833 |
| Income taxes payable | 2,666 | 2,495 |
| Contract liabilities | 22,024 | — |
| Other | 1,914 | 1,635 |
| Total accrued liabilities | \$78,798 | \$47,899 |

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10. DEBT AND INTEREST EXPENSE

At March 31, 2018, the Partnership's debt consisted of 2.600% Senior Notes due 2018 (the "2018 Notes"), 5.375% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "2021 Notes"), 4.000% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "2022 Notes"), 3.950% Senior Notes due 2025 (the "2025 Notes"), 4.650% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "2026 Notes"), 4.500% Senior Notes due 2028 (the "2028 Notes"), 5.450% Senior Notes due 2044 (the "2044 Notes") and 5.300% Senior Notes due 2048 (the "2048 Notes").

The following table presents the Partnership's outstanding debt:

| thousands | March 31, 2018 | | | December 31, 2017 | | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| | Principal | Carrying Value | Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ | Principal | Carrying Value | Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2018 Notes | \$350,000 | \$349,810 | \$349,542 | \$350,000 | \$349,684 | \$350,631 |
| 2021 Notes | 500,000 | 496,095 | 522,069 | 500,000 | 495,815 | 530,647 |
| 2022 Notes | 670,000 | 668,906 | 670,857 | 670,000 | 668,849 | 684,043 |
| 2025 Notes | 500,000 | 492,120 | 487,240 | 500,000 | 491,885 | 500,885 |
| 2026 Notes | 500,000 | 495,360 | 508,551 | 500,000 | 495,245 | 520,144 |
| 2028 Notes | 400,000 | 394,285 | 401,807 | — | — | — |
| 2044 Notes | 600,000 | 593,262 | 605,816 | 600,000 | 593,234 | 637,827 |
| 2048 Notes | 700,000 | 686,508 | 698,234 | — | — | — |
| RCF | — | — | — | 370,000 | 370,000 | 370,000 |
| Total long-term debt | \$4,220,000 | \$4,176,346 | \$4,244,116 | \$3,490,000 | \$3,464,712 | \$3,594,177 |

⁽¹⁾ Fair value is measured using the market approach and Level 2 inputs.

Debt activity. The following table presents the debt activity of the Partnership for the three months ended March 31, 2018:

| thousands | Carrying Value |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | \$ 3,464,712 |
| RCF borrowings | 260,000 |
| Issuance of 2028 Notes | 400,000 |
| Issuance of 2048 Notes | 700,000 |
| Repayments of RCF borrowings | (630,000) |
| Other | (18,366) |
| Balance at March 31, 2018 | \$ 4,176,346 |

Senior Notes. The 2018 Notes, which are due in August 2018, were classified as long-term debt on the consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2018, as the Partnership has the ability and intent to refinance these obligations using long-term debt.

The 2028 Notes and 2048 Notes issued in March 2018 were offered at prices to the public of 99.435% and 99.169%, respectively, of the face amount. Including the effects of the issuance and underwriting discounts, the effective interest rates of the 2028 Notes and 2048 Notes are 4.682% and 5.431%, respectively. Interest is paid on each such series semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning September 1, 2018. A portion of the proceeds (net of underwriting discounts, original issue discounts and debt issuance costs) was used to repay amounts outstanding under the senior unsecured revolving credit facility ("RCF") and for general partnership purposes, including to fund capital expenditures.

At March 31, 2018, the Partnership was in compliance with all covenants under the indentures governing its outstanding notes.

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Revolving credit facility. In February 2018, the Partnership entered into the five-year \$1.5 billion RCF by amending and restating the \$1.2 billion credit facility that was originally entered into in February 2014. The RCF is expandable to a maximum of \$2.0 billion, matures in February 2023, with options to extend maturity by up to two additional one year increments, and bears interest at the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”), plus applicable margins ranging from 1.00% to 1.50%, or an alternate base rate equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 0.50%, or (c) LIBOR plus 1.00%, in each case plus applicable margins currently ranging from zero to 0.50%, based upon the Partnership’s senior unsecured debt rating. The Partnership is required to pay a quarterly facility fee ranging from 0.125% to 0.250% of the commitment amount (whether used or unused), also based upon its senior unsecured debt rating.

As of March 31, 2018, the Partnership had no outstanding RCF borrowings and \$4.6 million in outstanding letters of credit, resulting in \$1,495.4 million available borrowing capacity under the RCF. As of March 31, 2018 and 2017, the interest rate on any outstanding RCF borrowings was 3.18% and 2.28%, respectively. The facility fee rate was 0.20% at March 31, 2018 and 2017. At March 31, 2018, the Partnership was in compliance with all covenants under the RCF.

Interest expense. The following table summarizes the amounts included in interest expense:

| thousands | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Third parties | | |
| Long-term debt | \$(41,283) | \$(34,619) |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs and commitment fees | (2,054) | (1,630) |
| Capitalized interest | 4,054 | 816 |
| Total interest expense – third parties | (39,283) | (35,433) |
| Affiliates | | |
| Deferred purchase price obligation – Anadarko ⁽¹⁾ | — | (71) |
| Total interest expense – affiliates | — | (71) |
| Interest expense | \$(39,283) | \$(35,504) |

⁽¹⁾ See Note 3 for a discussion of the Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko.

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11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation and legal proceedings. In February 2017, DBJV, at the time a 50/50 joint venture between a third party and the Partnership, initiated an arbitration against SWEPI LP (“SWEPI”) for breach of a 2007 gas gathering agreement between it and DBJV (the “GGA”). Specifically, DBJV seeks to collect approximately \$194.2 million in gathering fees under the GGA for the period January 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017. SWEPI disputes DBJV’s calculation of the cost of service based rate and filed a counterclaim for \$14.9 million alleging overpayment of fees under the GGA for the years 2013 through 2015. The final arbitration hearing began April 30, 2018, and the Partnership expects to receive a decision by the end of the fourth quarter of 2018. Under the terms of the Property Exchange, the Partnership’s former joint venture partner in DBJV will owe 50% of any amounts to be paid, and have a right to 50% of any amounts received, by the Partnership as a result of this arbitration proceeding. Pursuant to an agreement between the parties, if the arbitrators determine that DBJV is owed an amount of money by SWEPI for underpaid gathering fees for the period from January 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017, that amount will be paid to DBJV over five years as a supplemental gathering fee under the currently effective gas gathering agreement between the parties. Any other amounts owed by either party will be paid in cash within ninety days of the conclusion of the arbitration. As part of the adoption of Topic 606 (see Note 1), during the first quarter of 2018, the Partnership recorded a \$7.5 million contract liability and reduced total equity and partners’ capital related to the counterclaim for the years 2013 through 2015 under the GGA revenue contract. Any amounts awarded to DBJV under the arbitration would be recognized in the period the arbitration decision is received. The Partnership intends to vigorously prosecute its claims and vigorously defend the counterclaims asserted by SWEPI. Management does not believe the outcome of this proceeding will have a materially unfavorable effect on the Partnership’s financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. In addition, from time to time, the Partnership is involved in legal, tax, regulatory and other proceedings in various forums regarding performance, contracts and other matters that arise in the ordinary course of business. Management is not aware of any such proceeding the final disposition of which could have a material adverse effect on the Partnership’s financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Other commitments. The Partnership has short-term payment obligations, or commitments, related to its capital spending programs, as well as those of its unconsolidated affiliates, the majority of which is expected to be paid in the next twelve months. These commitments relate primarily to construction and expansion projects at the DBJV system and the DJ Basin and DBM complexes.

Lease commitments. Anadarko, on behalf of the Partnership, has entered into lease arrangements for corporate offices, shared field offices and equipment supporting the Partnership’s operations, for which Anadarko charges the Partnership lease expense. The leases for the corporate offices and shared field offices extend through 2028 and 2033, respectively. Lease expense charged to the Partnership associated with these lease arrangements was \$13.8 million and \$8.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

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

The following discussion analyzes our financial condition and results of operations and should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which are included under Part I, Item 1 of this quarterly report, as well as our historical consolidated financial statements, and the notes thereto, which are included under Part II, Item 8 of our 2017 Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on February 16, 2018.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have made in this Form 10-Q, and may from time to time make in other public filings, press releases and statements by management, forward-looking statements concerning our operations, economic performance and financial condition. These forward-looking statements include statements preceded by, followed by or that otherwise include the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "estimates," "projects," "target," "goal," "plans," "objective," similar expressions or variations on such expressions. These statements discuss future expectations, contain projections of results of operations or financial condition or include other "forward-looking" information.

Although we and our general partner believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, neither we nor our general partner can give any assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- our ability to pay distributions to our unitholders;
- our and Anadarko's assumptions about the energy market;
- future throughput (including Anadarko production) that is gathered or processed by or transported through our assets;
- our operating results;
- competitive conditions;
- technology;
- the availability of capital resources to fund acquisitions, capital expenditures and other contractual obligations, and our ability to access those resources from Anadarko or through the debt or equity capital markets;
- the supply of, demand for, and price of, oil, natural gas, NGLs and related products or services;
- our ability to mitigate exposure to the commodity price risks inherent in our percent-of-proceeds, percent-of-product and keep-whole contracts through the extension of our commodity price swap agreements with Anadarko, or otherwise;
- weather and natural disasters;
- inflation;
- the availability of goods and services;
- general economic conditions, internationally, domestically or in the jurisdictions in which we are doing business;

federal, state and local laws, including those that limit Anadarko and other producers' hydraulic fracturing or other oil and natural gas operations;

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environmental liabilities;

legislative or regulatory changes, including changes affecting our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes;

changes in the financial or operational condition of Anadarko;

the creditworthiness of Anadarko or our other counterparties, including financial institutions, operating partners, and other parties;

changes in Anadarko's capital program, strategy or desired areas of focus;

our commitments to capital projects;

our ability to use the RCF;

our ability to repay debt;

conflicts of interest among us, our general partner, WGP and its general partner, and affiliates, including Anadarko;

our ability to maintain and/or obtain rights to operate our assets on land owned by third parties;

our ability to acquire assets on acceptable terms from Anadarko or third parties, and Anadarko's ability to generate an inventory of assets suitable for acquisition;

non-payment or non-performance of Anadarko or other significant customers, including under our gathering, processing, transportation and disposal agreements and our \$260.0 million note receivable from Anadarko;

the timing, amount and terms of future issuances of equity and debt securities;

the outcome of pending and future regulatory, legislative, or other proceedings or investigations, including the investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board related to Anadarko's operations in Colorado, and continued or additional disruptions in operations that may occur as Anadarko and we comply with regulatory orders or other state or local changes in laws or regulations in Colorado; and

other factors discussed below, in "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Critical Accounting Estimates" included in our 2017 Form 10-K, and in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and in our other public filings and press releases.

The risk factors and other factors noted throughout or incorporated by reference in this Form 10-Q could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We are a growth-oriented Delaware MLP formed by Anadarko to acquire, own, develop and operate midstream assets. We currently own or have investments in assets located in the Rocky Mountains (Colorado, Utah and Wyoming), North-central Pennsylvania, Texas and New Mexico. We are engaged in the business of gathering, compressing, treating, processing and transporting natural gas; gathering, stabilizing and transporting condensate, NGLs and crude oil; and gathering and disposing of produced water. In addition, in our capacity as a processor of natural gas, we also buy and sell natural gas, NGLs and condensate on behalf of ourselves and as agent for our customers under certain of our contracts. We provide these midstream services for Anadarko, as well as for third-party producers and customers. As of March 31, 2018, our assets and investments consisted of the following:

| | Owned and Operated | Operated Interests | Non-Operated Interests | Equity Interests |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Gathering systems ⁽¹⁾ | 12 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Treating facilities | 19 | 3 | — | 3 |
| Natural gas processing plants/trains | 20 | 4 | — | 2 |
| NGL pipelines | 2 | — | — | 3 |
| Natural gas pipelines | 5 | — | — | — |
| Oil pipelines | — | 1 | — | 1 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes the DBM water systems.

Significant financial and operational events during the three months ended March 31, 2018, included the following:

In March 2018, we completed an offering of \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2028 Notes and \$700.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2048 Notes. A portion of the net proceeds was used to repay amounts outstanding under the RCF and for general partnership purposes, including to fund capital expenditures. See Liquidity and Capital Resources within this Item 2 for additional information.

In February 2018, we entered into the five-year \$1.5 billion (expandable to \$2.0 billion) RCF by amending and restating the \$1.2 billion credit facility originally entered into in February 2014. See Liquidity and Capital Resources within this Item 2 for additional information.

We raised our distribution to \$0.935 per unit for the first quarter of 2018, representing a 2% increase over the distribution for the fourth quarter of 2017 and a 7% increase over the distribution for the first quarter of 2017.

Throughput attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets totaled 3,627 MMcf/d for the three months ended March 31, 2018, representing an 8% decrease compared to the three months ended March 31, 2017.

Throughput for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets totaled 258 MBbls/d for the three months ended March 31, 2018, representing a 53% increase compared to the three months ended March 31, 2017.

Operating income (loss) was \$188.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, representing a 36% increase compared to the three months ended March 31, 2017.

Adjusted gross margin for natural gas assets (as defined under the caption Key Performance Metrics within this Item 2) averaged \$1.00 per Mcf for the three months ended March 31, 2018, representing an 18% increase compared to the three months ended March 31, 2017.

Adjusted gross margin for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets (as defined under the caption Key Performance Metrics within this Item 2) averaged \$1.84 per Bbl for the three months ended March 31, 2018, representing a 7% decrease compared to the three months ended March 31, 2017.

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Significant Item Affecting Comparability. On January 1, 2018, we adopted Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) (“Topic 606”). The comparative historical financial information has not been adjusted and continues to be reported under Revenue Recognition (Topic 605). The following table summarizes the impact of adopting Topic 606 on the consolidated statement of operations:

| thousands | Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| | As Reported | Without Adoption of Topic 606 | Effect of Change Increase/(Decrease) |
| Revenues | | | |
| Service revenues – fee based | \$338,419 | \$342,338 | \$ (3,919) |
| Service revenues – product based | 22,593 | — | 22,593 |
| Product sales | 75,937 | 292,291 | (216,354) |
| Expenses | | | |
| Cost of product | 77,799 | 274,966 | (197,167) |
| Operation and maintenance | 88,279 | 88,139 | 140 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 76,842 | 76,153 | 689 |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | 1,502 | 1,509 | (7) |

For more information on the adoption of Topic 606, see Note 1—Description of Business and Basis of Presentation in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES

Property exchange. On March 17, 2017, we acquired the Additional DBJV System Interest from a third party in exchange for the Non-Operated Marcellus Interest and \$155.0 million of cash consideration. We previously held a 50% interest in, and operated, the DBJV system. The Property Exchange resulted in a net gain of \$125.7 million recorded as Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net in the consolidated statements of operations.

See Note 3—Acquisitions and Divestitures in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Presentation of Partnership assets. The term “Partnership assets” includes both the assets owned and the interests accounted for under the equity method by us as of March 31, 2018 (see Note 8—Equity Investments in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q). Because Anadarko controls us through its control of WGP, which owns the entire interest in our general partner, each acquisition of Partnership assets from Anadarko has been considered a transfer of net assets between entities under common control. As such, the Partnership assets we acquired from Anadarko were initially recorded at Anadarko’s historic carrying value, which did not correlate to the total acquisition price paid by us. Further, after an acquisition of Partnership assets from Anadarko, we may be required to recast our financial statements to include the activities of such Partnership assets from the date of common control.

For those periods requiring recast, the consolidated financial statements for periods prior to our acquisition of the Partnership assets from Anadarko have been prepared from Anadarko’s historical cost-basis accounts and may not necessarily be indicative of the actual results of operations that would have occurred if we had owned the Partnership assets during the periods reported. For ease of reference, we refer to the historical financial results of the Partnership assets prior to our acquisitions from Anadarko as being “our” historical financial results.

EQUITY OFFERINGS

Series A Preferred units. In 2016, we issued 21,922,831 Series A Preferred units to private investors. Pursuant to an agreement between us and the holders of the Series A Preferred units, 50% of the Series A Preferred units converted into common units on a one-for-one basis on March 1, 2017, and all remaining Series A Preferred units converted into common units on a one-for-one basis on May 2, 2017. See Note 5—Equity and Partners' Capital in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OPERATING RESULTS

The following tables and discussion present a summary of our results of operations:

| thousands | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|-----------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Total revenues and other ⁽¹⁾ | \$437,168 | \$516,193 |
| Equity income, net – affiliates | 20,424 | 19,461 |
| Total operating expenses ⁽¹⁾ | 269,582 | 522,516 |
| Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net | 116 | 119,487 |
| Proceeds from business interruption insurance claims ⁽²⁾ | — | 5,767 |
| Operating income (loss) | 188,126 | 138,392 |
| Interest income – affiliates | 4,225 | 4,225 |
| Interest expense | (39,283) | (35,504) |
| Other income (expense), net | 782 | 430 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 153,850 | 107,543 |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | 1,502 | 3,552 |
| Net income (loss) | 152,348 | 103,991 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest | 2,985 | 2,102 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP | \$149,363 | \$101,889 |
| Key performance metrics ⁽³⁾ | | |
| Adjusted gross margin | \$368,546 | \$331,556 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 272,119 | 254,994 |
| Distributable cash flow | 231,436 | 216,503 |

Revenues and other include amounts earned from services provided to our affiliates, as well as from the sale of residue and NGLs to our affiliates. Operating expenses include amounts charged by our affiliates for services, as well as reimbursement of amounts paid by affiliates to third parties on our behalf. See Significant Item Affecting Comparability within this Item 2 and Note 6—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

⁽²⁾ See Note 1—Description of Business and Basis of Presentation in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow are defined under the caption Key

⁽³⁾ Performance Metrics within this Item 2. For reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, see Key Performance Metrics—Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures within this Item 2.

For purposes of the following discussion, any increases or decreases “for the three months ended March 31, 2018” refer to the comparison of the three months ended March 31, 2018, to the three months ended March 31, 2017.

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Throughput

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | Inc/ (Dec) |
| Throughput for natural gas assets (MMcf/d) | | | |
| Gathering, treating and transportation | 816 | 1,443 | (43)% |
| Processing | 2,755 | 2,442 | 13 % |
| Equity investment ⁽¹⁾ | 152 | 162 | (6)% |
| Total throughput for natural gas assets | 3,723 | 4,047 | (8)% |
| Throughput attributable to noncontrolling interest for natural gas assets | 96 | 109 | (12)% |
| Total throughput attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets | 3,627 | 3,938 | (8)% |
| Throughput for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets (MBbls/d) | | | |
| Gathering, treating, transportation and disposal | 124 | 44 | 182 % |
| Equity investment ⁽²⁾ | 134 | 125 | 7 % |
| Total throughput for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets | 258 | 169 | 53 % |

⁽¹⁾ Represents our 14.81% share of average Fort Union throughput and 22% share of average Rendezvous throughput.

⁽²⁾ Represents our 10% share of average White Cliffs throughput, 25% share of average Mont Belvieu JV throughput, 20% share of average TEG and TEP throughput, and 33.33% share of average FRP throughput.

Natural gas assets

Gathering, treating and transportation throughput decreased by 627 MMcf/d for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to (i) the Property Exchange in March 2017 (decrease of 529 MMcf/d), (ii) volumes from the Bison facility being taken to a third-party treater (decrease of 45 MMcf/d), (iii) the sale of the Helper and Clawson systems in June 2017 (decrease of 34 MMcf/d), and (iv) production declines in the areas around the Marcellus Interest (decrease of 17 MMcf/d).

Processing throughput increased by 313 MMcf/d for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to (i) increased production in the areas around the DBM and DJ Basin complexes, (ii) the start-up of Train VI at the DBM complex in December 2017 and (iii) increased throughput at the MGR assets due to downtime at the Granger straddle plant in 2017. These increases were partially offset by lower throughput at the Chipeta complex due to production declines in the area.

Equity investment throughput decreased by 10 MMcf/d for the three months ended March 31, 2018, due to decreased throughput at the Rendezvous and Fort Union systems due to production declines in the area.

Crude oil, NGL and produced water assets

Gathering, treating, transportation and disposal throughput increased by 80 MBbls/d for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to throughput from the DBM water systems, which commenced operation during the second quarter of 2017.

Equity investment throughput increased by 9 MBbls/d for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to increased volumes on FRP and TEP as a result of increased NGL production in the DJ Basin area and an increase at the Mont Belvieu JV due to higher inlet throughput.

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Service Revenues

| thousands except percentages | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | Inc/ (Dec) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----|---------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | | |
| Service revenues – fee based | \$338,419 | \$307,814 | 10 | % |
| Service revenues – product based | 22,593 | — | NM | |
| Total service revenues | \$361,012 | \$307,814 | 17 | % |

NM-Not Meaningful

Service revenues – fee based increased by \$30.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to increases of (i) \$26.4 million at the DJ Basin complex due to increased throughput (\$15.9 million) and a higher processing fee (\$10.5 million) due to a new contract effective August 2017, (ii) \$17.0 million at the DBM complex due to increased throughput and (iii) \$6.9 million at the DBM water systems, which commenced operation during the second quarter of 2017. These increases were partially offset by decreases of (i) \$8.2 million due to the Property Exchange in March 2017, (ii) \$4.3 million at the Springfield system due to a lower cost of service rate and (iii) \$3.9 million due to the adoption of Topic 606 as discussed under Significant Item Affecting Comparability within this Item 2.

Service revenues – product based increased by \$22.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, due to the adoption of Topic 606 as discussed under Significant Item Affecting Comparability within this Item 2. Under Topic 606, certain of our customer agreements result in revenues being recognized when the natural gas and/or NGLs are received from the customer as noncash consideration for the services provided. In addition, retained proceeds from sales of customer products where we are acting as their agent are included in Service revenues – product based.

Product Sales

| thousands except percentages and per-unit amounts | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | Inc/ (Dec) |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|------|---------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | | |
| Natural gas sales ⁽¹⁾ | \$28,368 | \$79,915 | (65) | % |
| Natural gas liquids sales ⁽¹⁾ | 47,569 | 126,610 | (62) | % |
| Total Product sales | \$75,937 | \$206,525 | (63) | % |
| Gross average sales price per unit ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | |
| Natural gas (per Mcf) | \$2.37 | \$3.06 | (23) | % |
| Natural gas liquids (per Bbl) | 27.90 | 21.88 | 28 | % |

⁽¹⁾ Includes the effects of commodity price swap agreements for the MGR assets and DJ Basin complex, excluding the amounts considered above market with respect to these swap agreements that were recorded as capital contributions in the consolidated statement of equity and partners' capital. See Note 6—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Natural gas sales decreased by \$51.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to a decrease of \$68.1 million from the adoption of Topic 606 as discussed under Significant Item Affecting Comparability within this Item 2, partially offset by increases of (i) \$13.8 million at the DBM complex due to an increase in volumes sold and (ii) \$4.5 million at the DJ Basin complex due to an increase in volumes sold.

NGLs sales decreased by \$79.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to a decrease of \$148.3 million from the adoption of Topic 606 as discussed under Significant Item Affecting Comparability within this Item 2. This decrease was partially offset by increases of (i) \$46.5 million at the DBM complex due to an increase

in average price and volumes sold due to the start-up of Train VI in December 2017, (ii) \$10.1 million at the DJ Basin complex due to an increase in the swap market price and volumes sold and (iii) \$4.1 million at the Brasada complex due to volumes sold under a new sales agreement beginning January 1, 2018.

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Equity Income, Net – Affiliates

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| thousands except percentages | 2018 | 2017 | Inc/ (Dec) |
| Equity income, net – affiliates | \$20,424 | \$19,461 | 5 % |

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, equity income, net – affiliates increased by \$1.0 million, primarily due to increased volumes at the TEFR Interests.

Cost of Product and Operation and Maintenance Expenses

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| thousands except percentages | 2018 | 2017 | Inc/ (Dec) |
| NGL purchases ⁽¹⁾ | \$41,602 | \$108,373 | (62)% |
| Residue purchases ⁽¹⁾ | 27,278 | 78,316 | (65)% |
| Other | 8,919 | 2,670 | NM |
| Cost of product | 77,799 | 189,359 | (59)% |
| Operation and maintenance | 88,279 | 73,760 | 20 % |
| Total Cost of product and Operation and maintenance expenses | \$166,078 | \$263,119 | (37)% |

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, includes the effects of commodity price swap agreements for the MGR assets and DJ Basin complex, excluding the amounts considered above market with respect to these swap agreements that were recorded as capital contributions in the consolidated statement of equity and partners' capital. See Note 6—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

NGL purchases decreased by \$66.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to a decrease of \$129.9 million from the adoption of Topic 606 as discussed under Significant Item Affecting Comparability within this Item 2, partially offset by increases of (i) \$40.9 million at the DBM complex due to an increase in average price and volumes purchased due to the start-up of Train VI in December 2017, (ii) \$11.5 million at the DJ Basin complex due to an increase in average price and volumes purchased, (iii) \$3.6 million at the Brasada complex due to volumes purchased under a new purchase agreement beginning January 1, 2018, (iv) \$2.3 million at the Hilight system due to an increase in average price and (v) \$2.1 million due to the Property Exchange in March 2017.

Residue purchases decreased by \$51.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to a decrease of \$63.9 million from the adoption of Topic 606 as discussed under Significant Item Affecting Comparability within this Item 2, partially offset by an increase of \$12.5 million at the DBM complex due to an increase in volumes purchased due to the start-up of Train VI in December 2017.

Other items increased by \$6.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to increases of (i) \$7.2 million at the DJ Basin complex due to changes in affiliate contract terms in August 2017 and (ii) \$3.0 million at the DBM complex due to changes in imbalance positions. These increases were partially offset by a decrease of \$3.4 million from the adoption of Topic 606 as discussed under Significant Item Affecting Comparability within this Item 2.

Operation and maintenance expense increased by \$14.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to increases of (i) \$4.8 million at the DBM complex primarily due to increases in equipment rentals, utilities expense and salaries and wages, (ii) \$4.8 million at the DJ Basin complex primarily due to increases in utilities expense, surface maintenance and plant repairs, contract labor and consulting services, and salaries and wages and (iii) \$3.2 million due to the Property Exchange in March 2017.

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Other Operating Expenses

| thousands except percentages | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Inc/ (Dec) | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|---|
| | 2018 | 2017 | | |
| General and administrative | \$14,132 | \$12,659 | 12 | % |
| Property and other taxes | 12,382 | 12,294 | 1 | % |
| Depreciation and amortization | 76,842 | 69,702 | 10 | % |
| Impairments | 148 | 164,742 | (100) | % |
| Total other operating expenses | \$103,504 | \$259,397 | (60) | % |

General and administrative expenses increased by \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to increases in (i) personnel costs for which we reimbursed Anadarko pursuant to our omnibus agreement and (ii) legal and consulting fees. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in bad debt expense.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$7.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to depreciation expense increases of (i) \$6.6 million due to the Property Exchange in March 2017 and (ii) \$2.0 million related to capital projects at the DBM complex. These increases were partially offset by a decrease of \$2.2 million at the Granger complex due to an impairment recorded in the first quarter of 2017.

Impairment expense for the three months ended March 31, 2017, included (i) a \$158.8 million impairment at the Granger complex, (ii) a \$3.7 million impairment at the Granger straddle plant and (iii) an impairment related to the cancellation of a pipeline project in West Texas. For further information on impairment expense for the three months ended March 31, 2017, see Note 7—Property, Plant and Equipment in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

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Interest Income – Affiliates and Interest Expense

| thousands except percentages | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | Inc/ (Dec) | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|--------|---------------|--|
| | 2018 | 2017 | | | |
| Note receivable – Anadarko | \$4,225 | \$4,225 | — | % | |
| Interest income – affiliates | \$4,225 | \$4,225 | — | % | |
| Third parties | | | | | |
| Long-term debt | \$(41,283) | \$(34,619) | 19 | % | |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs and commitment fees | (2,054) | (1,630) | 26 | % | |
| Capitalized interest | 4,054 | 816 | NM | | |
| Affiliates | | | | | |
| Deferred purchase price obligation – Anadarko ⁽¹⁾ | — | (71) | (100)% | | |
| Interest expense | \$(39,283) | \$(35,504) | 11 | % | |

⁽¹⁾ See Note 3—Acquisitions and Divestitures in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q for a discussion of the Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko.

Interest expense increased by \$3.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to (i) \$3.0 million of interest incurred on the 2048 Notes issued in March 2018, (ii) \$2.2 million of interest incurred on the RCF and (iii) \$1.5 million of interest incurred on the 2028 Notes issued in March 2018. These increases were partially offset by an increase in capitalized interest of \$3.2 million, primarily due to construction of the Mentone plant beginning in the fourth quarter of 2017 and continued construction and expansion at the DBM and DJ Basin complexes.

Income Tax (Benefit) Expense

| thousands except percentages | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | Inc/ (Dec) | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------|---------------|--|
| | 2018 | 2017 | | | |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | \$153,850 | \$107,543 | 43 | % | |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | 1,502 | 3,552 | (58) | % | |
| Effective tax rate | 1 | % 3 | % | | |

We are not a taxable entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, our income apportionable to Texas is subject to Texas margin tax. For all periods presented, the variance from the federal statutory rate, which is zero percent as a non-taxable entity, was primarily due to our share of Texas margin tax.

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KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

| thousands except percentages and per-unit amounts | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | Inc/ (Dec) |
| Adjusted gross margin for natural gas assets ⁽¹⁾ | \$325,872 | \$301,505 | 8 % |
| Adjusted gross margin for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets ⁽²⁾ | 42,674 | 30,051 | 42 % |
| Adjusted gross margin ⁽³⁾ | 368,546 | 331,556 | 11 % |
| Adjusted gross margin per Mcf for natural gas assets ⁽⁴⁾ | 1.00 | 0.85 | 18 % |
| Adjusted gross margin per Bbl for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets ⁽⁵⁾ | 1.84 | 1.98 | (7) % |
| Adjusted EBITDA ⁽³⁾ | 272,119 | 254,994 | 7 % |
| Distributable cash flow ⁽³⁾ | 231,436 | 216,503 | 7 % |

Adjusted gross margin for natural gas assets is calculated as total revenues and other for natural gas assets (less reimbursements for electricity-related expenses recorded as revenue), less cost of product for natural gas assets,

- ⁽¹⁾ plus distributions from our equity investments in Fort Union and Rendezvous, and excluding the noncontrolling interest owner's proportionate share of revenue and cost of product. See the reconciliation of Adjusted gross margin for natural gas assets to its most comparable GAAP measure below.

Adjusted gross margin for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets is calculated as total revenues and other for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets (less reimbursements for electricity-related expenses recorded as

- ⁽²⁾ revenue), less cost of product for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets, and plus distributions from our equity investments in White Cliffs, the Mont Belvieu JV, and the TEFR Interests. See the reconciliation of Adjusted gross margin for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets to its most comparable GAAP measure below.

- ⁽³⁾ For a reconciliation of Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, see the description below.

- ⁽⁴⁾ Average for period. Calculated as Adjusted gross margin for natural gas assets, divided by total throughput (MMcf/d) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP for natural gas assets.

- ⁽⁵⁾ Average for period. Calculated as Adjusted gross margin for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets, divided by total throughput (MBbls/d) for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets.

Adjusted gross margin. We define Adjusted gross margin attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP ("Adjusted gross margin") as total revenues and other (less reimbursements for electricity-related expenses recorded as revenue), less cost of product, plus distributions from equity investments, and excluding the noncontrolling interest owner's proportionate share of revenue and cost of product. We believe Adjusted gross margin is an important performance measure of the core profitability of our operations, as well as our operating performance as compared to that of other companies in the midstream industry.

Adjusted gross margin increased by \$37.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to (i) increased throughput at the DBM complex, (ii) increased throughput and a higher processing fee at the DJ Basin complex and (iii) the start-up of the DBM water systems during the second quarter of 2017. These increases were partially offset by decreases from (i) the Property Exchange in March 2017 and (ii) a lower cost of service rate at the Springfield system.

To facilitate investor and industry analyst comparisons between us and our peers, we also disclose Adjusted gross margin per Mcf for natural gas assets and Adjusted gross margin per Bbl for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets. Adjusted gross margin per Mcf for natural gas assets increased by \$0.15 for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to (i) the Property Exchange in March 2017, (ii) increased throughput and a higher processing fee at the DJ Basin complex and (iii) increased throughput at the DBM complex. Adjusted gross margin per Bbl for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets decreased by \$0.14 for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to (i) a lower cost of service rate at the Springfield oil gathering system and (ii) the start-up of the DBM water systems during the second quarter of 2017. These decreases were partially offset by higher distributions received from the

Mont Belvieu JV and TEP.

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Adjusted EBITDA. We define Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP (“Adjusted EBITDA”) as net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP, plus distributions from equity investments, non-cash equity-based compensation expense, interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization, impairments, and other expense (including lower of cost or market inventory adjustments recorded in cost of product), less gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net, income from equity investments, interest income, income tax benefit, and other income. We believe that the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA provides information useful to investors in assessing our financial condition and results of operations and that Adjusted EBITDA is a widely accepted financial indicator of a company’s ability to incur and service debt, fund capital expenditures and make distributions. Adjusted EBITDA is a supplemental financial measure that management and external users of our consolidated financial statements, such as industry analysts, investors, commercial banks and rating agencies, use to assess the following, among other measures:

• our operating performance as compared to other publicly traded partnerships in the midstream industry, without regard to financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis;

• the ability of our assets to generate cash flow to make distributions; and

• the viability of acquisitions and capital expenditure projects and the returns on investment of various investment opportunities.

Adjusted EBITDA increased by \$17.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to a \$111.7 million decrease in cost of product (net of lower of cost or market inventory adjustments) and a \$6.4 million increase in distributions from equity investments. These amounts were partially offset by a \$79.0 million decrease in total revenues and other, a \$14.5 million increase in operation and maintenance expenses and a \$5.8 million decrease in business interruption proceeds.

Distributable cash flow. We define “Distributable cash flow” as Adjusted EBITDA, plus interest income and the net settlement amounts from the sale and/or purchase of natural gas, condensate and NGLs under our commodity price swap agreements to the extent such amounts are not recognized as Adjusted EBITDA, less Service revenues – fee based recognized in Adjusted EBITDA (less than) in excess of customer billings, net cash paid (or to be paid) for interest expense (including amortization of deferred debt issuance costs originally paid in cash, offset by non-cash capitalized interest), maintenance capital expenditures, Series A Preferred unit distributions and income taxes. We compare Distributable cash flow to the cash distributions we expect to pay our unitholders. Using this measure, management can quickly compute the Coverage ratio of distributable cash flow to planned cash distributions. We believe Distributable cash flow is useful to investors because this measurement is used by many companies, analysts and others in the industry as a performance measurement tool to evaluate our operating and financial performance and compare it with the performance of other publicly traded partnerships.

While Distributable cash flow is a measure we use to assess our ability to make distributions to our unitholders, it should not be viewed as indicative of the actual amount of cash that we have available for distributions or that we plan to distribute for a given period. Furthermore, to the extent Distributable cash flow includes realized amounts recorded as capital contributions from Anadarko attributable to activity under our commodity price swap agreements, it is not a reflection of our ability to generate cash from operations.

Distributable cash flow increased by \$14.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to a \$17.1 million increase in Adjusted EBITDA, a \$7.5 million decrease in Series A Preferred unit distributions and a \$2.0 million increase in the above-market component of the swap agreements with Anadarko. These amounts were partially offset by a \$7.1 million increase in net cash paid for interest expense and a \$5.3 million increase in cash paid for maintenance capital expenditures.

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Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures. Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow are not defined in GAAP. The GAAP measure used by us that is most directly comparable to Adjusted gross margin is operating income (loss), while net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP and net cash provided by operating activities are the GAAP measures used by us that are most directly comparable to Adjusted EBITDA. The GAAP measure used by us that is most directly comparable to Distributable cash flow is net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP. Our non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow should not be considered as alternatives to the GAAP measures of operating income (loss), net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP, net cash provided by operating activities or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow have important limitations as analytical tools because they exclude some, but not all, items that affect operating income (loss), net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP and net cash provided by operating activities. Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Our definitions of Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies in our industry, thereby diminishing their utility.

Management compensates for the limitations of Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow as analytical tools by reviewing the comparable GAAP measures, understanding the differences between Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable cash flow compared to (as applicable) operating income (loss), net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP and net cash provided by operating activities, and incorporating this knowledge into its decision-making processes. We believe that investors benefit from having access to the same financial measures that our management uses in evaluating our operating results.

The following tables present (a) a reconciliation of the GAAP financial measure of operating income (loss) to the non-GAAP financial measure of Adjusted gross margin, (b) a reconciliation of the GAAP financial measures of net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP and net cash provided by operating activities to the non-GAAP financial measure of Adjusted EBITDA and (c) a reconciliation of the GAAP financial measure of net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP to the non-GAAP financial measure of Distributable cash flow:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 2017 | |
|--|--|------------|
| thousands | | |
| Reconciliation of Operating income (loss) to Adjusted gross margin | | |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ 188,126 | \$ 138,392 |
| Add: | | |
| Distributions from equity investments | 28,954 | 22,567 |
| Operation and maintenance | 88,279 | 73,760 |
| General and administrative | 14,132 | 12,659 |
| Property and other taxes | 12,382 | 12,294 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 76,842 | 69,702 |
| Impairments | 148 | 164,742 |
| Less: | | |
| Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net | 116 | 119,487 |
| Proceeds from business interruption insurance claims | — | 5,767 |
| Equity income, net – affiliates | 20,424 | 19,461 |
| Reimbursed electricity-related charges recorded as revenues | 15,453 | 13,969 |
| Adjusted gross margin attributable to noncontrolling interest | 4,324 | 3,876 |
| Adjusted gross margin | \$ 368,546 | \$ 331,556 |
| Adjusted gross margin for natural gas assets | \$ 325,872 | \$ 301,505 |
| Adjusted gross margin for crude oil, NGL and produced water assets | 42,674 | 30,051 |

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| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| thousands | 2018 | 2017 |
| Reconciliation of Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP to Adjusted EBITDA | | |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP | \$149,363 | \$101,889 |
| Add: | | |
| Distributions from equity investments | 28,954 | 22,567 |
| Non-cash equity-based compensation expense | 2,152 | 1,246 |
| Interest expense | 39,283 | 35,504 |
| Income tax expense | 1,502 | 3,552 |
| Depreciation and amortization ⁽¹⁾ | 76,116 | 69,049 |
| Impairments | 148 | 164,742 |
| Other expense ⁽¹⁾ | 143 | 45 |
| Less: | | |
| Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net | 116 | 119,487 |
| Equity income, net – affiliates | 20,424 | 19,461 |
| Interest income – affiliates | 4,225 | 4,225 |
| Other income ⁽¹⁾ | 777 | 427 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$272,119 | \$254,994 |
| Reconciliation of Net cash provided by operating activities to Adjusted EBITDA | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$241,596 | \$192,616 |
| Interest (income) expense, net | 35,058 | 31,279 |
| Uncontributed cash-based compensation awards | 589 | 37 |
| Accretion and amortization of long-term obligations, net | (1,378) | (1,101) |
| Current income tax (benefit) expense | 171 | 424 |
| Other (income) expense, net | (782) | (430) |
| Distributions from equity investments in excess of cumulative earnings – affiliates | 8,013 | 3,453 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | 28,648 | 1,513 |
| Accounts and imbalance payables and accrued liabilities, net | (27,075) | 29,940 |
| Other items, net | (9,015) | 15 |
| Adjusted EBITDA attributable to noncontrolling interest | (3,706) | (2,752) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$272,119 | \$254,994 |
| Cash flow information of Western Gas Partners, LP | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$241,596 | \$192,616 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (294,168) | (252,434) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 495,184 | (175,797) |

⁽¹⁾ Includes our 75% share of depreciation and amortization; other expense; and other income attributable to the Chipeta complex.

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| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| thousands except Coverage ratio | | |
| Reconciliation of Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP to Distributable cash flow and calculation of the Coverage ratio | | |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Western Gas Partners, LP | \$ 149,363 | \$ 101,889 |
| Add: | | |
| Distributions from equity investments | 28,954 | 22,567 |
| Non-cash equity-based compensation expense | 2,152 | 1,246 |
| Non-cash settled interest expense, net ⁽¹⁾ | — | 71 |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | 1,502 | 3,552 |
| Depreciation and amortization ⁽²⁾ | 76,116 | 69,049 |
| Impairments | 148 | 164,742 |
| Above-market component of swap agreements with Anadarko ⁽³⁾ | 14,282 | 12,297 |
| Other expense ⁽²⁾ | 143 | 45 |
| Less: | | |
| Recognized Service revenues – fee based (less than) in excess of customer billings ⁽⁴⁾ | (494) | — |
| Gain (loss) on divestiture and other, net | 116 | 119,487 |
| Equity income, net – affiliates | 20,424 | 19,461 |
| Cash paid for maintenance capital expenditures ⁽²⁾ | 16,434 | 11,122 |
| Capitalized interest | 4,054 | 816 |
| Cash paid for (reimbursement of) income taxes | (87) | 189 |
| Series A Preferred unit distributions | — | 7,453 |
| Other income ⁽²⁾ | 777 | 427 |
| Distributable cash flow | \$ 231,436 | \$ 216,503 |
| Distributions declared ⁽⁵⁾ | | |
| Limited partners – common units | \$ 142,683 | |
| General partner | 78,450 | |
| Total | \$ 221,133 | |
| Coverage ratio | 1.05 | x |

(1) Includes amounts related to the Deferred purchase price obligation - Anadarko. See Note 3—Acquisitions and Divestitures in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

(2) Includes our 75% share of depreciation and amortization; other expense; cash paid for maintenance capital expenditures; and other income attributable to the Chipeta complex.

(3) See Note 6—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

(4) See Note 1—Description of Business and Basis of Presentation in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

(5) Reflects cash distributions of \$0.935 per unit declared for the three months ended March 31, 2018.

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LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary cash requirements are for acquisitions and capital expenditures, debt service, customary operating expenses, quarterly distributions to our limited partners and general partner, and distributions to our noncontrolling interest owner. Our sources of liquidity as of March 31, 2018, included cash and cash equivalents, cash flows generated from operations, interest income on our \$260.0 million note receivable from Anadarko, available borrowing capacity under the RCF, and issuances of additional equity or debt securities. We believe that cash flows generated from these sources will be sufficient to satisfy our short-term working capital requirements and long-term maintenance and expansion capital expenditure requirements. The amount of future distributions to unitholders will depend on our results of operations, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors, including the extension of our commodity price swap agreements, and will be determined by the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. Due to our cash distribution policy, we expect to rely on external financing sources, including equity and debt issuances, to fund expansion capital expenditures and future acquisitions. However, to limit interest expense, we may use operating cash flows to fund expansion capital expenditures or acquisitions, which could result in subsequent borrowings under the RCF to pay distributions or fund other short-term working capital requirements.

Our partnership agreement requires that we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in the partnership agreement) to unitholders of record on the applicable record date within 45 days of the end of each quarter. We have made cash distributions to our unitholders each quarter since our IPO and have increased our quarterly distribution each quarter since the second quarter of 2009. The Board of Directors declared a cash distribution to our unitholders for the first quarter of 2018 of \$0.935 per unit, or \$221.1 million in aggregate, including incentive distributions, but excluding distributions on Class C units. The cash distribution is payable on May 14, 2018, to unitholders of record at the close of business on May 2, 2018. In connection with the closing of the DBM acquisition in November 2014, we issued Class C units that will receive distributions in the form of additional Class C units until March 1, 2020, unless earlier converted (see Note 4—Partnership Distributions in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q). The Class C unit distribution, if paid in cash, would have been \$12.6 million for the first quarter of 2018.

Management continuously monitors our leverage position and coordinates our capital expenditure program, quarterly distributions and acquisition strategy with our expected cash flows and projected debt-repayment schedule. We will continue to evaluate funding alternatives, including additional borrowings and the issuance of debt or equity securities, to secure funds as needed or to refinance outstanding debt balances with longer term notes. To facilitate potential debt or equity securities offerings, we have the ability to sell securities under our shelf registration statements. Our ability to generate cash flows is subject to a number of factors, some of which are beyond our control. Read Risk Factors under Part II, Item 1A of this Form 10-Q.

Working capital. As of March 31, 2018, we had a \$255.6 million working capital surplus, which we define as the amount by which current assets exceed current liabilities. Working capital is an indication of our liquidity and potential need for short-term funding. Our working capital requirements are driven by changes in accounts receivable and accounts payable and factors such as credit extended to, and the timing of collections from, our customers, and the level and timing of our spending for maintenance and expansion activity. As of March 31, 2018, we had \$1,495.4 million available for borrowing under the RCF. See Note 10—Debt and Interest Expense in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

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Capital expenditures. Our business is capital intensive, requiring significant investment to maintain and improve existing facilities or develop new midstream infrastructure. We categorize capital expenditures as either of the following:

maintenance capital expenditures, which include those expenditures required to maintain the existing operating capacity and service capability of our assets, such as to replace system components and equipment that have been subject to significant use over time, become obsolete or reached the end of their useful lives, to remain in compliance with regulatory or legal requirements or to complete additional well connections to maintain existing system throughput and related cash flows (for fiscal year 2018, the general partner's Board of Directors has approved Estimated Maintenance Capital Expenditures (as defined in our partnership agreement) of \$19.5 million per quarter); or

expansion capital expenditures, which include expenditures to construct new midstream infrastructure and those expenditures incurred to extend the useful lives of our assets, reduce costs, increase revenues or increase system throughput or capacity from current levels, including well connections that increase existing system throughput.

Capital expenditures in the consolidated statements of cash flows reflect capital expenditures on a cash basis, when payments are made. Capital incurred is presented on an accrual basis. Capital expenditures as presented in the consolidated statements of cash flows and capital incurred were as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------|
| thousands | 2018 | 2017 |
| Acquisitions | \$— | \$155,287 |
| Expansion capital expenditures | \$285,863 | \$113,512 |
| Maintenance capital expenditures | 16,434 | 11,122 |
| Total capital expenditures ^{(1) (2)} | \$302,297 | \$124,634 |
| Capital incurred ⁽²⁾ | \$327,473 | \$130,661 |

(1) Capital expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2017, are presented net of \$1.3 million of contributions in aid of construction costs from affiliates.

(2) For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, included \$4.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, of capitalized interest.

Acquisitions during 2017 included the Additional DBJV System Interest. See Note 3—Acquisitions and Divestitures and Note 6—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Capital expenditures, excluding acquisitions, increased by \$177.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018. Expansion capital expenditures increased by \$172.4 million (including a \$3.2 million increase in capitalized interest) for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to increases of \$148.6 million at the DBJV system, \$58.3 million at the DJ Basin complex and \$6.7 million at the Haley system, all due to pipe and compression projects. These increases were partially offset by decreases of (i) \$26.7 million at the DBM water systems, which commenced operation during the second quarter of 2017 and (ii) \$13.2 million at the DBM complex due to the start-up of Train VI in December 2017. Maintenance capital expenditures increased by \$5.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to increases at the DJ Basin complex and DBJV system.

We have updated our estimated total capital expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2018, (including equity investments and our 75% share of Chipeta's capital expenditures, but excluding acquisitions) from an originally

reported \$1.0 billion to \$1.1 billion, to a current range of \$1.35 billion to \$1.45 billion.

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Historical cash flow. The following table and discussion present a summary of our net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities, investing activities and financing activities:

| thousands | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net cash provided by (used in): | | |
| Operating activities | \$241,596 | \$192,616 |
| Investing activities | (294,168) | (252,434) |
| Financing activities | 495,184 | (175,797) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | \$442,612 | \$(235,615) |

Operating Activities. Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2018, increased primarily due to the impact of changes in working capital items. Refer to Operating Results within this Item 2 for a discussion of our results of operations as compared to the prior periods.

Investing Activities. Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2018, included the following:

\$302.3 million of capital expenditures, primarily related to construction and expansion at the DBJV system and the DBM and DJ Basin complexes; and

\$8.0 million of distributions received from equity investments in excess of cumulative earnings.

Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2017, included the following:

\$155.3 million of cash consideration paid as part of the Property Exchange;

\$124.6 million of capital expenditures, net of \$1.3 million of contributions in aid of construction costs from affiliates, primarily related to plant construction and expansion at the DBM complex and DBJV system;

\$24.0 million of proceeds from property insurance claims attributable to the incident at the DBM complex in 2015; and

\$3.5 million of distributions received from equity investments in excess of cumulative earnings.

Financing Activities. Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2018, included the following:

\$1.08 billion of net proceeds from the offering of the 2028 Notes and 2048 Notes in March 2018, after underwriting and original issue discounts and offering costs, which were or will be used to repay amounts outstanding under the RCF and for general partnership purposes, including to fund capital expenditures;

\$630.0 million of repayments of outstanding borrowings under the RCF;

\$256.8 million of borrowings under the RCF, net of extension costs, which were used for general partnership purposes, including to fund capital expenditures;

\$216.6 million of distributions paid to our unitholders;

\$14.3 million of capital contributions from Anadarko related to the above-market component of swap agreements; and

\$3.4 million of distributions paid to the noncontrolling interest owner of Chipeta.

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Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2017, included the following:

\$185.6 million of distributions paid to our unitholders;

\$12.3 million of capital contributions from Anadarko related to the above-market component of swap agreements; and

\$3.4 million of distributions paid to the noncontrolling interest owner of Chipeta.

Debt and credit facility. At March 31, 2018, our debt consisted of \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes, \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2021 Notes, \$670.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2022 Notes, \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Notes, \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2026 Notes, \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2028 Notes, \$600.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2044 Notes and \$700.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2048 Notes. As of March 31, 2018, the carrying value of our outstanding debt was \$4.2 billion. See Note 10—Debt and Interest Expense in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Senior Notes. The 2018 Notes, which are due in August 2018, were classified as long-term debt on the consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2018, as we have the ability and intent to refinance these obligations using long-term debt. The 2028 Notes and 2048 Notes issued in March 2018 were offered at prices to the public of 99.435% and 99.169%, respectively, of the face amount. Including the effects of the issuance and underwriting discounts, the effective interest rates of the 2028 Notes and 2048 Notes are 4.682% and 5.431%, respectively. Interest is paid on each such series semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning September 1, 2018. A portion of the proceeds (net of underwriting discounts, original issue discounts and debt issuance costs) was used to repay amounts outstanding under the RCF and for general partnership purposes, including to fund capital expenditures. At March 31, 2018, we were in compliance with all covenants under the indentures governing our outstanding notes.

Revolving credit facility. In February 2018, we entered into the five-year \$1.5 billion RCF by amending and restating the \$1.2 billion credit facility that was originally entered into in February 2014. The RCF is expandable to a maximum of \$2.0 billion, matures in February 2023, with options to extend maturity by up to two additional one year increments, and bears interest at LIBOR, plus applicable margins ranging from 1.00% to 1.50%, or an alternate base rate equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 0.50%, or (c) LIBOR plus 1.00%, in each case plus applicable margins currently ranging from zero to 0.50%, based upon our senior unsecured debt rating. We are required to pay a quarterly facility fee ranging from 0.125% to 0.250% of the commitment amount (whether used or unused), also based upon our senior unsecured debt rating.

As of March 31, 2018, we had no outstanding RCF borrowings and \$4.6 million in outstanding letters of credit, resulting in \$1,495.4 million available for borrowing under the RCF. At March 31, 2018, the interest rate on the RCF was 3.18% and the facility fee rate was 0.20%. At March 31, 2018, we were in compliance with all covenants under the RCF.

Securities. We may issue an indeterminate amount of common units and various debt securities under our effective shelf registration statement on file with the SEC. We may also issue common units under the \$500.0 million COP, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions and other factors at the time of offering. As of March 31, 2018, we had issued no common units under the registration statement associated with the \$500.0 million COP.

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Credit risk. We bear credit risk represented by our exposure to non-payment or non-performance by our counterparties, including Anadarko, financial institutions, customers and other parties. Generally, non-payment or non-performance results from a customer's inability to satisfy payables to us for services rendered or volumes owed pursuant to gas imbalance agreements. We examine and monitor the creditworthiness of third-party customers and may establish credit limits for third-party customers.

We do not, however, maintain a credit limit with respect to Anadarko. Consequently, we are subject to the risk of non-payment or late payment by Anadarko for gathering, processing, transportation and disposal fees and for proceeds from the sale of residue, NGLs and condensate to Anadarko.

We expect our exposure to concentrated risk of non-payment or non-performance to continue for as long as we remain substantially dependent on Anadarko for our revenues. Additionally, we are exposed to credit risk on the note receivable from Anadarko. We are also party to agreements with Anadarko under which Anadarko is required to indemnify us for certain environmental claims, losses arising from rights-of-way claims, failures to obtain required consents or governmental permits and income taxes with respect to the assets acquired from Anadarko. Finally, we have entered into various commodity price swap agreements with Anadarko in order to reduce our exposure to a majority of the commodity price risk inherent in our percent-of-proceeds, percent-of-product and keep-whole contracts, and are subject to performance risk thereunder. See Note 6—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Our ability to make distributions to our unitholders may be adversely impacted if Anadarko becomes unable to perform under the terms of our gathering, processing, transportation and disposal agreements, our natural gas and NGL purchase agreements, Anadarko's note payable to us, our omnibus agreement, the services and secondment agreement, the contribution agreements or the commodity price swap agreements.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

Our contractual obligations include, among other things, a revolving credit facility, other third-party long-term debt, capital obligations related to our expansion projects and various operating leases. Refer to Note 10—Debt and Interest Expense and Note 11—Commitments and Contingencies in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q for an update to our contractual obligations as of March 31, 2018.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements other than operating leases and standby letters of credit. The information pertaining to operating leases and our standby letters of credit required for this item is provided under Note 11—Commitments and Contingencies and Note 10—Debt and Interest Expense, respectively, included in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

RECENT ACCOUNTING DEVELOPMENTS

See Note 1—Description of Business and Basis of Presentation in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Commodity price risk. Certain of our processing services are provided under percent-of-proceeds and keep-whole agreements in which Anadarko is typically responsible for the marketing of the natural gas, condensate and NGLs. Under percent-of-proceeds agreements, we receive a specified percentage of the net proceeds from the sale of residue and/or NGLs. Under keep-whole agreements, we keep 100% of the NGLs produced and the processed natural gas, or value of the natural gas, is returned to the producer, and since some of the gas is used and removed during processing, we compensate the producer for the amount of gas used and removed in processing by supplying additional gas or by paying an agreed-upon value for the gas used.

To mitigate a majority of our exposure to the commodity price risk inherent in our percent-of-proceeds, percent-of-product and keep-whole contracts, we currently have in place commodity price swap agreements with Anadarko covering activity at the DJ Basin complex and the MGR assets. On December 20, 2017, we renewed these commodity price swap agreements through December 31, 2018, with an effective date of January 1, 2018. See Note 6—Transactions with Affiliates in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

We consider our exposure to commodity price risk associated with the above-described arrangements to be minimal given the existence of the commodity price swap agreements with Anadarko resulting in the relatively small amount of our operating income (loss) that is impacted by changes in market prices. Accordingly, we do not expect that a 10% increase or decrease in commodity prices would have a material impact on our operating income (loss), financial condition or cash flows for the next twelve months, excluding the effect of imbalances described below.

We bear a limited degree of commodity price risk with respect to settlement of our natural gas imbalances that arise from differences in gas volumes received into our systems and gas volumes delivered by us to customers, as well as instances where our actual liquids recovery or fuel usage varies from the contractually stipulated amounts. Natural gas volumes owed to or by us that are subject to monthly cash settlement are valued according to the terms of the contract as of the balance sheet dates, and generally reflect market index prices. Other natural gas volumes owed to or by us are valued at our weighted-average cost of natural gas as of the balance sheet dates and are settled in-kind. Our exposure to the impact of changes in commodity prices on outstanding imbalances depends on the timing of settlement of the imbalances.

Interest rate risk. The FOMC raised its target range for the federal funds rate three separate times during 2017 and once again in March 2018. These increases, and any future increases, in the federal funds rate will ultimately result in an increase in our financing costs. As of March 31, 2018, we had no outstanding borrowings under the RCF (which bears interest at a rate based on LIBOR or, at our option, an alternative base rate). A 10% change in LIBOR would have resulted in no change in net income (loss) and the fair value of the borrowings under the RCF at March 31, 2018. We may incur additional variable-rate debt in the future, either under the RCF or other financing sources, including commercial bank borrowings or debt issuances.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Partnership's general partner (for purposes of this Item 4, "Management") performed an evaluation of the Partnership's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on this evaluation, Management concluded that the Partnership's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2018.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2018, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

DBM, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Partnership, is currently in negotiations with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") with respect to alleged noncompliance with certain Risk Management Plan regulations under the Clean Air Act at its DBM complex. In addition, Kerr-McGee Gathering LLC, also a wholly owned subsidiary of the Partnership, is currently in negotiations with the EPA and the Department of Justice with respect to alleged non-compliance with the leak detection and repair requirements of the federal Clean Air Act ("LDAR requirements") at its Fort Lupton facility in the DJ Basin complex and WGR Operating, LP, another wholly owned subsidiary of the Partnership, is in negotiations with the EPA with respect to alleged non-compliance with LDAR requirements at its Granger, Wyoming facility. Although management cannot predict the outcome of settlement discussions in these matters, management believes that it is reasonably likely a resolution of these matters will result in a fine or penalty for each matter in excess of \$100,000.

Except as discussed above, we are not a party to any legal, regulatory or administrative proceedings other than proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business. Management believes that there are no such proceedings for which a final disposition could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, cash flows or financial condition, or for which disclosure is otherwise required by Item 103 of Regulation S-K.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

Security holders and potential investors in our securities should carefully consider the risk factors set forth under Part I, Item 1A in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, together with all of the other information included in this document, and in our other public filings, press releases and public discussions with management of the Partnership. Additionally, for a full discussion of the risks associated with Anadarko's business, see Item 1A under Part I in Anadarko's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, Anadarko's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and Anadarko's other public filings, press releases and public discussions with Anadarko management. We have identified these risk factors as important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any written or oral forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf.

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

PIK Class C units. On February 13, 2018, in connection with the quarterly distribution for the Class C units for the fourth quarter of 2017, we issued 261,394 additional Class C units ("PIK Class C units") with an implied fair value of \$13.7 million to APC Midstream Holdings, LLC, a subsidiary of Anadarko and the holder of the Class C units. No proceeds were received as consideration for the issuance of the PIK Class C units. The PIK Class C units were issued in reliance on an exemption from registration under Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. All outstanding Class C units will convert into common units on a one-for-one basis on March 1, 2020, unless we elect to convert such units earlier or Anadarko extends the conversion date. For more information, see Note 5—Equity and Partners' Capital in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

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Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits designated by an asterisk (*) are filed herewith and those designated with asterisks (**) are furnished herewith; all exhibits not so designated are incorporated herein by reference to a prior filing as indicated.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 2.1# | <u>Contribution, Conveyance and Assumption Agreement by and among Western Gas Partners, LP, Western Gas Holdings, LLC, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, WGR Holdings, LLC, Western Gas Resources, Inc., WGR Asset Holding Company LLC, Western Gas Operating, LLC and WGR Operating, LP, dated as of May 14, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 14, 2008, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 2.2# | <u>Contribution Agreement, dated as of November 11, 2008, by and among Western Gas Resources, Inc., WGR Asset Holding Company LLC, WGR Holdings, LLC, Western Gas Holdings, LLC, Western Gas Partners, LP, Western Gas Operating, LLC and WGR Operating, LP. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 13, 2008, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 2.3# | <u>Contribution Agreement, dated as of July 10, 2009, by and among Western Gas Resources, Inc., WGR Asset Holding Company LLC, Anadarko Uintah Midstream, LLC, WGR Holdings, LLC, Western Gas Holdings, LLC, WES GP, Inc., Western Gas Partners, LP, Western Gas Operating, LLC and WGR Operating, LP. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 23, 2009, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 2.4# | <u>Contribution Agreement, dated as of January 29, 2010 by and among Western Gas Resources, Inc., WGR Asset Holding Company LLC, Mountain Gas Resources LLC, WGR Holdings, LLC, Western Gas Holdings, LLC, WES GP, Inc., Western Gas Partners, LP, Western Gas Operating, LLC and WGR Operating, LP. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 3, 2010 File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 2.5# | <u>Contribution Agreement, dated as of July 30, 2010, by and among Western Gas Resources, Inc., WGR Asset Holding Company LLC, WGR Holdings, LLC, Western Gas Holdings, LLC, WES GP, Inc., Western Gas Partners, LP, Western Gas Operating, LLC and WGR Operating, LP. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 5, 2010, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 2.6# | <u>Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2011, by and among Western Gas Partners, LP, Kerr-McGee Gathering LLC and Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 18, 2011 File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 2.7# | <u>Contribution Agreement, dated as of December 15, 2011, by and among Western Gas Resources, Inc., WGR Asset Holding Company LLC, WGR Holdings, LLC, Western Gas Holdings, LLC, WES GP, Inc., Western Gas Partners, LP, Western Gas Operating, LLC and WGR Operating, LP. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2011, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 2.8# | <u>Contribution Agreement, dated as of February 27, 2013, by and among Anadarko Marcellus Midstream, L.L.C., Western Gas Partners, LP, Western Gas Operating, LLC, WGR Operating, LP, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 5, 2013, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 2.9# | <u>Contribution Agreement, dated as of February 27, 2014, by and among WGR Asset Holding Company LLC, APC Midstream Holdings, LLC, Western Gas Partners, LP, Western Gas Operating, LLC, WGR Operating, LP and Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.9 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 28, 2014, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 2.10# | <u>Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated October 28, 2014, by and among Western Gas Partners, LP, Maguire Midstream LLC and Nuevo Midstream, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 28, 2014, File No. 001-34046).</u> |

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2.11# Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of March 2, 2015, by and among WGR Asset Holding Company LLC, Delaware Basin Midstream, LLC, Western Gas Partners, LP, and Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 3, 2015, File No. 001-34046).

2.12# Amendment No. 1 to Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of May 22, 2017, by and between WGR Asset Holding Company LLC and Delaware Basin Midstream, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 23, 2017, File No. 001-34046).

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| 2.13# | <u>Contribution Agreement, dated as of February 24, 2016, by and among WGR Asset Holding Company, LLC, APC Midstream Holdings, LLC, Western Gas Partners, LP, Western Gas Operating, LLC, WGR Operating, LP and Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 1, 2016, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 2.14# | <u>Interest Swap and Purchase Agreement, dated February 9, 2017, among Western Gas Partners, LP, WGR Operating, LP, Delaware Basin JV Gathering, LLC, Williams Partners L.P., Williams Midstream Gas Services LLC and Appalachia Midstream Services, L.L.C. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 9, 2017, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 3.1 | <u>Certificate of Limited Partnership of Western Gas Partners, LP (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on October 15, 2007, File No. 333-146700).</u> |
| 3.2 | <u>Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Western Gas Partners, LP, dated March 14, 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 16, 2016, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 3.3 | <u>Amendment No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Western Gas Partners, LP, dated March 14, 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 16, 2016, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 3.4 | <u>Amendment No. 2 to Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Western Gas Partners, LP, dated February 22, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 23, 2017, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 3.5 | <u>Amendment No. 3 to Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Western Gas Partners, LP, dated November 9, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 9, 2017, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 3.6 | <u>Certificate of Formation of Western Gas Holdings, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on October 15, 2007, File No. 333-146700).</u> |
| 3.7 | <u>Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Western Gas Holdings, LLC, dated December 12, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 12, 2012, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.1 | <u>Specimen Unit Certificate for the Common Units (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on June 13, 2008, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.2 | <u>Indenture, dated as of May 18, 2011, among Western Gas Partners, LP, as Issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein, as Guarantors, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 18, 2011, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.3 | <u>First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 18, 2011, among Western Gas Partners, LP, as Issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein, as Guarantors, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 18, 2011, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.4 | <u>Form of 5.375% Senior Notes due 2021 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 18, 2011, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.5 | <u>Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 28, 2012, among Western Gas Partners, LP, as Issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 28, 2012, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.6 | <u>Form of 4.000% Senior Notes due 2022 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 28, 2012, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.7 | <u>Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 14, 2013, among Western Gas Partners, LP, as Issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Western Gas</u> |

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Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 14, 2013, File No. 001-34046).

4.8 Form of 2.600% Senior Notes due 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 14, 2013, File No. 001-34046).

4.9 Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 20, 2014, among Western Gas Partners, LP, as Issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 20, 2014, File No. 001-34046).

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| 4.10 | <u>Form of 5.450% Senior Notes due 2044 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 20, 2014, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.11 | <u>Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 4, 2015, among Western Gas Partners, LP, as Issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 4, 2015, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.12 | <u>Form of 3.950% Senior Notes due 2025 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 4, 2015, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.13 | <u>Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 12, 2016, among Western Gas Partners, LP, as Issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 12, 2016, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.14 | <u>Form of 4.650% Senior Notes due 2026 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 12, 2016, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.15 | <u>Ninth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 2, 2018, among Western Gas Partners, LP, as Issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 2, 2018, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.16 | <u>Form of 4.500% Senior Notes due 2028 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 2, 2018, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.17 | <u>Form of 5.300% Senior Notes due 2048 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 2, 2018, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.18 | <u>Registration Rights Agreement by and between Western Gas Partners, LP and the Purchasers party thereto, dated as of March 14, 2016, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 16, 2016, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 4.19 | <u>Consent and Conversion Agreement, dated as of February 22, 2017, by and among the Partnership and the holders of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.16 to Western Gas Partners, LP's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 23, 2017, File No. 001-34046).</u> |
| 31.1* | <u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u> |
| 31.2* | <u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u> |
| 32.1** | <u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u> |
| 101.INS* | XBRL Instance Document |
| 101.SCH* | XBRL Schema Document |
| 101.CAL* | XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document |
| 101.DEF* | XBRL Definition Linkbase Document |
| 101.LAB* | XBRL Label Linkbase Document |
| 101.PRE* | XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document |

Pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K, the registrant agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

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SIGNATURES

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

WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP

May 2, 2018

/s/ Benjamin M. Fink
Benjamin M. Fink
President and Chief Executive Officer
Western Gas Holdings, LLC
(as general partner of Western Gas Partners, LP)

May 2, 2018

/s/ Jaime R. Casas
Jaime R. Casas
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Western Gas Holdings, LLC
(as general partner of Western Gas Partners, LP)