



**DCP Midstream, LLC**  
**Consolidated Financial Statements for the**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010**

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

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of DCP Midstream, LLC and its subsidiaries (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of DCP Midstream, LLC and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Emphasis-of-Matter

The consolidated financial statements give retrospective effect to new disclosure requirements regarding offsetting of assets and liabilities as disclosed in Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

/s/Deloitte&ToucheLLP

February 22, 2013 (May 13, 2013 as to Note 12)

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

	<u>December31,</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>December31,</u> <u>2011</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Currentassets:		
Cashandcashequivalents.....	\$ 4	\$ 9
Accountsreceivable:		
Customers,netofallowancefordoubtfulaccounts of\$2millioneachperiod .....	886	981
Affiliates.....	172	307
Other.....	35	44
Inventories.....	105	105
Unrealizedgainsonderivativeinstruments.....	57	107
Other.....	30	24
Totalcurrentassets.....	<u>1,289</u>	<u>1,577</u>
Property,plantandequipment,net.....	7,331	6,448
Investmentsinunconsolidatedaffiliates.....	872	154
Intangibleassets,net.....	336	362
Goodwill.....	723	723
Unrealizedgainsonderivativeinstruments.....	10	23
Otherlong-termassets.....	223	125
Totalassets.....	<u>\$ 10,784</u>	<u>\$ 9,412</u>
<b>LIABILITIESANDEQUITY</b>		
Currentliabilities:		
Accountspayable:		
Trade.....	\$ 1,065	\$ 1,547
Affiliates.....	37	127
Other.....	51	49
Short-termborrowings.....	958	370
Distributionspayabletomembers.....	—	95
Currentmaturitiesoflong-termdebt.....	250	—
Unrealizedlossesonderivativeinstruments.....	65	113
Accruedtaxes.....	32	36
Capitalspendingaccrual.....	99	84
Other.....	218	226
Totalcurrentliabilities.....	<u>2,775</u>	<u>2,647</u>
Defferedincometaxes.....	92	93
Long-termdebt.....	4,443	3,820
Unrealizedlossesonderivativeinstruments.....	11	40
Otherlong-termliabilities.....	146	123
Totalliabilities.....	<u>7,467</u>	<u>6,723</u>
Commitmentsandcontingentliabilities		
Equity:		
Members'interest.....	2,413	2,164
Accumulatedothercomprehensiveloss.....	(9)	(12)
Totalmembers'equity.....	<u>2,404</u>	<u>2,152</u>
Noncontrollinginterest.....	913	537
Totalequity.....	<u>3,317</u>	<u>2,689</u>
Totalliabilitiesandequity.....	<u>\$ 10,784</u>	<u>\$ 9,412</u>

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

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Operating revenues:			
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products.....	\$ 7,826	\$ 9,638	\$ 8,163
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products to affiliates.....	1,886	2,874	2,414
Transportation, storage and processing.....	373	392	360
Trading and marketing gains, net.....	86	78	44
Total operating revenues.....	<u>10,171</u>	<u>12,982</u>	<u>10,981</u>
Operating costs and expenses:			
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products.....	7,662	9,400	8,208
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products from affiliates.....	510	1,098	736
Operating and maintenance.....	667	626	551
Depreciation and amortization.....	291	449	413
General and administrative.....	297	295	239
Step acquisition—equity interest re-measurement gain.....	—	—	(9)
Total operating costs and expenses.....	<u>9,427</u>	<u>11,868</u>	<u>10,138</u>
Operating income.....	744	1,114	843
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates.....	34	26	34
Interest expense, net.....	(193)	(213)	(253)
Income before income taxes.....	585	927	624
Income tax expense.....	(2)	(3)	(5)
Net income.....	583	924	619
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests.....	(97)	(61)	(27)
Net income attributable to members' interests.....	<u>\$ 486</u>	<u>\$ 863</u>	<u>\$ 592</u>

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

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Net income.....	\$ 583	\$ 924	\$ 619
Other comprehensive income:			
Net unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow hedges .....	1	(16)	(19)
Reclassification of cash flow hedges into earnings .....	11	20	24
Total other comprehensive income.....	12	4	5
Total comprehensive income.....	595	928	624
Total comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests .....	(106)	(64)	(28)
Total comprehensive income attributable to members' interests .....	<u>\$ 489</u>	<u>\$ 864</u>	<u>\$ 596</u>

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

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Cashflowsfromoperatingactivities:			
Netincome.....	\$ 583	\$ 924	\$ 619
Adjustmentstoreconcilenet incometonetcashprovidedbyoperatingactivities:			
Depreciationandamortization.....	291	449	413
Earningsfromunconsolidatedaffiliates.....	(34)	(26)	(34)
Distributionsfromunconsolidatedaffiliates....	36	38	47
Stepacquisition—equityinterestre-measurement gain.....	—	—	(9)
Netunrealized(gains)lossesonderivativeinstruments.....	—	(47)	74
Deferred incometaxbenefit.....	(1)	(36)	(4)
Other,net.....	6	—	(4)
Changesinoperatingassetsandliabilitieswhich provided(used)cash:			
Accountsreceivable.....	241	(63)	(74)
Inventories.....	(9)	(1)	(5)
Accountspayable.....	(630)	474	69
Other.....	(139)	14	(97)
Netcashprovidedbyoperatingactivities.....	<u>344</u>	<u>1,726</u>	<u>995</u>
Cashflowsfrominvestingactivities:			
Capitalexpenditures.....	(2,285)	(1,113)	(538)
Acquisitions,netofcashacquired.....	(123)	(439)	(281)
Proceedsfromsaleoftwo-thirdsinterestinSand HillsandSouthernHills .....	919	—	—
Investmentsinunconsolidatedaffiliates.....	(240)	(6)	(2)
Proceedsfromsaleofassets.....	1	18	2
Purchasesofavailable-for-salesecurities.....	—	—	(623)
Proceedsfromsalesofavailable-for-salesecurities.....	—	—	633
Netcashusedininvestingactivities.....	<u>(1,728)</u>	<u>(1,540)</u>	<u>(809)</u>
Cashflowsfromfinancingactivities:			
Paymentofdividendsanddistributionstomembers .....	(405)	(789)	(575)
Proceedsfromdebt.....	2,915	2,024	1,468
Paymentofdebt.....	(2,042)	(1,675)	(1,636)
Proceedsfromissuanceofcommonunitsbyasubidiary,netofofferingcosts .....	455	170	189
Proceedsfromcommercialpaper,net.....	588	183	187
Distributionspaidtononcontrollinginterests..	(112)	(86)	(64)
Purchaseofadditionalinterestinasubidiary..	—	—	(4)
Deferredfinancingcosts.....	(20)	(12)	(7)
Netcashprovidedby(usedin)financingactivities.....	<u>1,379</u>	<u>(185)</u>	<u>(442)</u>
Netchangeincashandcashequivalents.....	(5)	1	(256)
Cashandcashequivalents,beginningofperiod....	9	8	264
Cashandcashequivalents,endofperiod.....	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ 9</u>	<u>\$ 8</u>

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**CONSOLIDATEDSTATEMENTSOFCANGESINEQUITY**  
(millions)

	<b>Members' Equity</b>			
	<b>Members' Interest</b>	<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss)Income</b>	<b>Noncontrolling Interest</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>
Balance, January 1, 2010.....	\$ 2,020	\$ (17)	\$ 315	\$ 2,318
Net income.....	592	—	27	619
Other comprehensive income.....	—	4	1	5
Dividends and distributions.....	(581)	—	(64)	(645)
Purchase of additional interest in a subsidiary .....	—	—	(5)	(5)
Issuance of common units by a subsidiary .....	42	—	147	189
Balance, December 31, 2010.....	2,073	(13)	421	2,481
Net income.....	863	—	61	924
Other comprehensive income.....	—	1	3	4
Dividends and distributions.....	(807)	—	(86)	(893)
Equity-based compensation.....	—	—	3	3
Issuance of common units by a subsidiary, net of offering costs.....	35	—	135	170
Balance, December 31, 2011.....	\$ 2,164	\$ (12)	\$ 537	\$ 2,689
Net income.....	486	—	97	583
Other comprehensive income.....	—	3	9	12
Dividends and distributions.....	(310)	—	(112)	(422)
Issuance of common units by a subsidiary, net of offering costs.....	73	—	382	455
Balance, December 31, 2012.....	<u>\$ 2,413</u>	<u>\$ (9)</u>	<u>\$ 913</u>	<u>\$ 3,317</u>

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**DCPMIDSTREAM,LLC**  
**NOTESTOCONSOLIDATEDFINANCIALSTATEMENTS**  
**YearsEndedDecember31,2012,2011and2010**

**1.DescriptionofBusinessandBasisofPresentation**

DCPMidstream,LLC,withitsconsolidatedsubsidiaries,orus,we,our,ortheCompany,isajointventureowned50%bySpectraEnergyCorporationanditsaffiliates,orSpectra Energy,and50%byPhillips66anditsaffiliates, orPhillips66.Weoperateinthe midstreamnaturalgasindustry.Ourprimaryoperationsconsistofgathering,processing,compressing, treating,transportingand storingnaturalgasandfractionating,transporting ,gathering,processingandstoringnaturalgasliquids,orNGLs,and/orcondensateas wellasmarketing,fromwhichwegeneraterevenues primarilybytradingandmarketingnaturalgasand NGLs.

DCPMidstreamPartners,LP,orDCPPartners,isa masterlimitedpartnership,ofwhichweactasgeneralpartner.Asof December31,2012and2011,weownedanapproximate 27%and26% limitedpartnerinterest,respectively .Additionally,asof December31,2012and2011,weownedanapproximate 1%generalpartnerinterestinDCPPartners,forb othperiods,aswellas incentivedistributionrightsthatentitleustore ceiveanincreasingshareofavailablecashaspre- defineddistributiontargetsare achieved.AsthegeneralpartnerofDCPPartners,we have responsibilityforitsoperations.Weexercise controloverDCPPartners andweaccountforitasaconsolidatedsubsidiary. TransactionsbetweenusandDCPPartnershavebeen identifiedintheconsolidated financialstatementsastransactionsbetweenaffili ates.

PrioritoMay1,2012,wewereowned50%byConocoPhillips.OnMay1,2012,ConocoPhillipscreatedtwo independentpublicly tradedcompaniesbyseparatingitsdownstreambusinesses,includingits50%ownershipinterestin, toanewlyformedcompany, Phillips66.

Wearegovernedbyafivememberboardofdirectors ,consistingoftwovotingmembersfromeachofour ownersandourChief ExecutiveOfficer,anon-votingmember.Alldecisionsrequiringtheapprovaloffourboardofdirectors aremadebysimplemajority voteoftheboard,butmustincludeatleastonevote frombothaSpectraEnergyandPhillips66(orConocoPhillipsprioritoMay1, 2012)boardmember.Intheeventtheboardcannot reachamajoritydecision,thedecisionisappealed totheChiefExecutiveOfficers ofbothSpectraEnergyandPhillips66.

Theconsolidatedfinancialstatementsinclude the accounts of the Company and all majority-owned subsidiaries where we have the ability to exercise control and undivided interests in jointly owned assets. We also consolidate DCPPartners, which we control as the general partner and where the limited partners do not have substantive kick-out or participating rights. Investments in greater than 20% owned affiliates that are not variable interest entities and where we do not have the ability to exercise control, and investments in less than 20% owned affiliates where we have the ability to exercise significant influence, are accounted for using the equity method. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

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

**2.SummaryofSignificantAccountingPolicies**

**UseofEstimates** —Conformitywithaccountingprinciplesgenerally acceptedintheUnitedStatesofAmerica,orGAAP, requiresmanagementtomakeestimatesandassumptions thataffecttheamountsreportedintheconsolidatedfinancialstatementsand notes.Althoughtheseestimatesarebasedonmanagement'sbestavailableknowledgeofcurrentandexpectedfutureevents,actual resultscoulddifferfromthoseestimates.

**CashandCashEquivalents** —Cashandcashequivalentsincludeallcashbalancesandinvestmentsinhighlyliquidfinancial instrumentspurchasedwithanoriginalstatedmaturityof90daysorless.

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

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

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

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

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

**Cash Flow and Fair Value Hedges** — For derivatives designated as a cash flow hedge or a fair value hedge, we maintain formal documentation of the hedge. In addition, we formally assess both at the inception of the hedging relationship and on an ongoing basis, whether the hedge contract is highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows or fair values of the hedged items. All components of each derivative gain or loss are included in the assessment of hedge effectiveness, unless otherwise noted.

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

The fair value of a derivative designated as a fair value hedge is recorded for balance sheet purposes as unrealized gains or losses on derivative instruments, as well as the offsetting loss or gain on the hedged item earnings in the current period. All derivatives designated and accounted for as fair value hedges are classified in the same category as the item being hedged in the consolidated results of operations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Goodwill and Intangible Assets* —Goodwill is the cost of an acquisition less the fair value of the net assets of the acquired business. We perform an annual impairment test of goodwill in the third quarter, and update the test during interim periods when we believe events or changes in circumstances indicate that we may not be able to recover the carrying value of a reporting unit. We primarily use a discounted cash flow analysis to perform the assessment. Key assumptions in the analysis include the use of an appropriate discount rate, terminal year multiples, and estimated future cash flows including an estimate of operating and general and administrative costs. In estimating cash flows, we incorporate current market information, as well as historical and other factors, into our forecasted commodity prices. For certain reporting units, we may elect to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than the carrying value. If actual results are not consistent with our assumptions and estimates, or our assumptions and estimates change due to new information, we may be exposed to goodwill impairment charges, which would be recognized in the period in which the carrying value exceeds fair value.

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

*Long-Lived Assets* —We evaluate whether the carrying value of long-lived assets has been impaired when circumstances indicate the carrying value of those assets may not be recoverable. This evaluation is based on undiscounted cash flow projections. The carrying amount is not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and

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eventual disposition of the asset. We consider various factors when determining if these assets should be evaluated for impairment, including but not limited to:

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

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

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

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

**Dividends and Distributions** — Under the terms of the Second Amended and Restated LLC Agreement dated July 5, 2005, as amended, or the LLC Agreement, we are required to make quarterly distributions to Spectra Energy and Phillips 66 (or Conoco Phillips prior to May 1, 2012) based on allocated taxable income. The LLC Agreement provides for taxable income to be allocated in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 704(c). This Code Section accounts for the variation between the adjusted tax basis and the fair market value of assets contributed to the joint venture. The distribution is based on the highest taxable income received by a member, with the other members receiving a proportionate amount to maintain the ownership capital accounts at 50% for both Spectra Energy and Phillips 66. Tax distributions to the members are calculated based on estimated annual taxable income according to their respective ownership percentages at the date the distribution becomes due. Our board of directors determines the amount of the periodic dividend to be paid by considering net income attributable to members' distributable income. The LLC Agreement restricts payment of dividends except with the approval of both members. Dividends are allocated to the members in accordance with their respective ownership percentages.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We generally report revenues gross in the consolidated statements of operations, as we typically act as the principal in these transactions, take custody of the product, and incur the risks and rewards of ownership. New or amended contracts for certain sales

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and purchases of inventory with the same counterparty, when entered into in contemplation of one another, are reported net as one transaction. We recognize revenues for our NGL and residue gas derivative trading activities net in the consolidated statements of operations as trading and marketing gains and losses. These activities include mark-to-market gains and losses on energy trading contracts, and the settlement of financial or physical energy trading contracts.

Revenue for goods and services provided but not invoiced is estimated each month and recorded along with the related purchases of goods and services used but not invoiced. These estimates are generally based on estimated commodity prices, preliminary throughput measurements and allocations and contract data. There are no material differences between the actual amounts and the estimated amounts of revenues and purchases recorded at December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Quantities of natural gas or NGLs over-delivered or under-delivered related to imbalance agreements with customers, producers or pipelines are recorded monthly as accounts receivable or accounts payable using current market prices or the weighted-average prices of natural gas or NGLs at the plant or system. These balances are settled with deliveries of natural gas or NGLs, or with cash. Included in the consolidated balance sheets as accounts receivable—other as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 were imbalances totaling \$35 million and \$44 million, respectively. Included in the consolidated balance sheets as accounts payable—other, as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 were imbalances totaling \$51 million and \$49 million, respectively.

**Significant Customers** — Phillips 66 (or ConocoPhillips prior to May 1, 2012), a related party, was a significant customer in each of the past three years. See Note 4 Agreements and Transactions with Related Parties and Affiliates.

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

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

**Accounting for Sales of Units by a Subsidiary** — We account for sales of units by a subsidiary by recording an increase in members' interest equal to the amount of net proceeds received in excess of the carrying value of the units sold. The remaining net proceeds are recorded as an increase to noncontrolling interest.

**Capitalized Interest** — We capitalize interest during construction on major projects. Interest is calculated on the monthly outstanding capital balance and ceases in the month that the asset is placed into service. We also capitalize interest on non-equity method investments which are devoting substantially all efforts to establishing a new business and have not yet begun planned principal operations. Capitalization ceases when the investee commences planned principal operations. The rates used to calculate capitalized interest are the weighted-average cost of debt, including the impact of interest rate swaps.

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

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

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**3.Acquisitions**

On July 3, 2012, DCP Partners acquired the Crossroads processing plant and associated gathering system, or the Crossroads System, from Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P. for \$63 million. DCP Partners financed the acquisition with borrowings under its revolving credit facility. The Crossroads System, located in the southeastern portion of Harrison County in East Texas, includes approximately 8 miles of gas gathering pipeline, an 80 million cubic feet per day, or MMcf/d, cryogenic processing plant, approximately 20 miles of NGL pipeline and a 50% ownership interest in an approximately 11-mile residual gas pipeline, or CrossPoint Pipeline, LLC, which is accounted for as an unconsolidated affiliate using the equity method.

DCP Partners has accounted for the Crossroads System business combination using estimates of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The preliminary estimates of the fair value of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are subject to revisions, which may result in adjustments in the preliminary values as additional information relative to the fair value of assets and liabilities becomes available. The values assigned to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed may change in subsequent financial statements pending the final estimates of fair value. The following table summarizes the aggregate consideration and fair value of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the acquisition of Crossroads as of the acquisition date:

	<b>July 3, 2012</b>
	<b>(millions)</b>
Aggregate consideration.....	\$ 63
Accounts receivable.....	\$ 4
Property, plant and equipment .....	63
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates .....	6
Other current liabilities.....	(4)
Other long-term liabilities.....	(6)
Total.....	\$ 63

On April 12, 2012, DCP Partners announced that it has acquired a 10% ownership interest in the Texas Express Pipeline joint venture, from the operator, Enterprise Products Partners L.P., or Enterprise, representing an approximate investment of \$85 million in the joint venture. In conjunction with the agreement, DCP Partners paid \$11 million for its 10% ownership interest in the Texas Express Pipeline joint venture, representing DCP Partners' share of the investment through the closing date. DCP Partners will be responsible for spending approximately \$75 million for its share of the remaining construction costs of the pipeline. Originating near Skellytown in Carson County, Texas, the 20-inch diameter Texas Express Pipeline will extend approximately 580 miles to Enterprise's NGL fractionation and storage complex in Mont Belvieu, Texas, and will provide access to other third-party facilities in the area. The Texas Express Pipeline will have an initial capacity of approximately 280,000 barrels per day, or Bbls/d. The Texas Express Pipeline has long-term, fee-based, ship-or-pay transportation commitments, including a commitment from us of 20,000 Bbls/d. Enterprise will construct and operate the pipeline, which is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2013.

On April 12, 2012, we announced we have entered into an agreement with Enterprise and Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, or Anadarko, to design and construct a new NGL pipeline, or the Front Range Pipeline, that will originate in the Denver-Julesburg Basin, or the DJ Basin, in Colorado and extend approximately 435 miles to Skellytown, Texas. We, Enterprise and Anadarko each hold a 33.33% interest in the Front Range Pipeline. The Front Range Pipeline will connect to third-party systems and the Texas Express Pipeline, and will provide takeaway capacity and market access to the Gulf Coast markets. The Front Range Pipeline will have an initial capacity of approximately 150,000 Bbls/d. The Front Range Pipeline has long-term, fee-based, ship-or-pay transportation commitments, including a commitment from us of 40,000 Bbls/d, which will increase to 48,000 Bbls/d in 2019. Enterprise will construct and operate the pipeline, which is expected to be in service in the fourth quarter of 2013.

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

***Dividends and Distributions***

During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we paid tax distributions of \$244 million, \$281 million and \$275 million, respectively, based on estimated annual taxable income allocated to Spectra Energy and Phillips 66 (or Conoco Phillips prior to May 1, 2012) according to their respective ownership percentages at the date the distributions became due. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we declared and paid dividends of \$161 million, \$508 million and \$300 million, respectively, to Spectra Energy and Phillips 66 (or Conoco Phillips prior to May 1, 2012), allocated in accordance with their respective ownership percentages.

During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, DCP Partners paid distributions of \$106 million, \$79 million and \$57 million, respectively, to its public unit holders.

***DCP Sand Hills Pipeline, LLC and DCP Southern Hills Pipeline, LLC***

During the fourth quarter of 2012, we completed the sale of a one-third interest in Sand Hills Pipeline, LLC, or Sand Hills, and Southern Hills Pipeline, LLC, or Southern Hills, to both Spectra Energy and Phillips 66, for aggregate consideration of approximately \$919 million. The proceeds from this transaction were reused to repay borrowings under our term loan and for general corporate purposes. As a result of this transaction, we, Spectra Energy and Phillips 66 each own a one-third interest in the two pipeline projects.

***Phillips 66 and Conoco Phillips***

Prior to May 1, 2012, we were owned 50% by Conoco Phillips. On May 1, 2012, Conoco Phillips created two independent publicly traded companies by separating its downstream businesses, including its 50% ownership interest in, to a newly formed company, Phillips 66. In connection with this transaction, on the Phillips 66 separation, Conoco Phillips is not considered a related party for periods after May 1, 2012. In connection with the Phillips 66 separation, as of May 1, 2012, Chevron Phillips Chemical, or CPChem, is owned 50 percent by Phillips 66 and will continue to be considered a related party for periods after May 1, 2012.

***Long-Term NGL Purchases Contract and Transactions*** — We sell a portion of our residue gas to Conoco Phillips and sell a portion of our NGL to Phillips 66 and CPChem. In addition, we purchase natural gas from and provide gathering, transportation and other services to Conoco Phillips. Approximately 40% of our NGL production is committed to Phillips 66 (or Conoco Phillips prior to May 1, 2012) and CPChem under an existing 15-year contract, which expires in 2015. Should the contract not be renegotiated or renewed, it provides for a five-year rate window period through 2020. The NGL contract also grants Phillips 66 (or Conoco Phillips prior to May 1, 2012) the right to purchase at index-based prices certain quantities of NGLs produced at processing plants that are acquired and/or constructed by us in the future in various counties in the Mid-Continent and Permian Basin regions, and the Austin Chalk area. We anticipate continuing to purchase and sell commodities with Conoco Phillips as a third-party and with Phillips 66 and CPChem as related parties, in the ordinary course of business.

We are party to a 15-year gathering and processing agreement with Conoco Phillips, which expires in January 2026, whereby Conoco Phillips has dedicated all of its natural gas production within an area of mutual interest in Oklahoma and Texas. This contract replaces and extends certain contracts that we previously had with Conoco Phillips, and is considered a third-party contract for periods after May 1, 2012.

***Spectra Energy***

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

DCP Partners had propane supply agreements with Spectra Energy that expired in April 2012, which provided DCP Partners propane supply at its marine terminals for up to approximately 185 million gallons of propane annually.

***DCP Partners***

On November 2, 2012, we contributed a 33.33% interest in DCP S Texas GP, or the Eagle Ford System, and a \$43 million fixed price commodity derivative for a three-year period to DCP Partners, for aggregate consideration of \$438 million, less customary



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working capital and other purchase price adjustment two-year term loan agreement and \$87 million was in common unit status. These transactions represent an additional \$17 million plus 33.33% of the working capital. The Goliad Plant will have gas processing capacity of 200 MMcf/d and it will become part of the existing Eagle Ford system. The Goliad Plant will be constructed and funded by DCP SCTexas GP, and will include the new Goliad Plant, a gathering system including compression, liquid handling and residue pipeline interconnect facilities. In connection with this agreement, we also provided DCP Partners with a \$7 million two-year direct commodity price hedge for its 33.33% interest in the Goliad Plant project. The Goliad Plant is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2014.

On July 2, 2012, we contributed our minority ownership interests in two non-operated Mont Belvieu fractionators, or the Mont Belvieu Fractionators, to DCP Partners for an aggregate consideration of \$200 million, plus \$5 million in working capital and other customary purchase price adjustments. DCP Partners considered a two-year term loan agreement to finance \$140 million of the aggregate purchase price. The remaining \$60 million consideration was financed with the issuance by DCP Partners of 1,536,098 common unit status. The \$140 million cash proceeds were received and used to pay down our short-term borrowings. The Mont Belvieu Fractionators consist of a 12.5 percent interest in the Enterprise Fractionator, which is operated by Enterprise, and a 20 percent interest in the Mont Belvieu IFractionation Facility, which is operated by ONEOK Partners. We will continue to account for our ownership interest in DCP Partners.

On March 30, 2012, we contributed our remaining 66.67% interest in Southeast Texas Holdings, GP, or Southeast Texas, and derivative instruments related to the Southeast Texas storage business, together with the Southeast Texas Midstream Business, to DCP Partners, for consideration of \$240 million, plus working capital and other customary purchase price adjustments of \$21 million. \$192 million of the consideration was financed with a portion of the proceeds from DCP Partners' 4.95% 10-year Senior Notes offering. The remaining \$48 million consideration was financed with the issuance by DCP Partners of 1,000,417 common unit status. We also provided fixed NGL commodity derivatives for the three-year period subsequent to closing valued at \$40 million. Certain of the NGL commodity derivatives were valued at \$25 million and fee-based storage arrangement that we had with DCP Partners in conjunction with the remaining portion of the commodity derivatives, valued at \$15 million, mitigate the gathering and processing portion of the commodity price risk. So a result of this transaction, DCP Partners owns 100% of the Southeast Texas Midstream Business through our ownership interest in DCP Partners.

On January 3, 2012, we completed the previously announced contribution of four remaining 49.9% interest in DCP East Texas Holdings, LLC, or East Texas, to DCP Partners, for an aggregate consideration of \$165 million, less working capital and other purchase price adjustments of approximately \$2 million, for a net purchase price of \$163 million. DCP Partners financed approximately \$130 million of the aggregate purchase price with borrowings under its term loan. The remaining \$33 million consideration was financed as a result of this transaction, DCP Partners owns 100% of East Texas, and we will continue to consolidate East Texas through our ownership interest in DCP Partners.

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**Transactionswithotherunconsolidatedaffiliates**

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

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

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	(millions)		
Phillips66(a):			
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products to affiliates.....	\$ 1,028	\$ —	\$ —
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products from affiliates .....	\$ 21	\$ —	\$ —
Operating and general and administrative expenses .....	\$ 3	\$ —	\$ —
ConocoPhillips(a):			
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products to affiliates.....	\$ 800	\$ 2,806	\$ 2,365
Transportation, storage and processing .....	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 18
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products from affiliates .....	\$ 192	\$ 616	\$ 435
Operating and general and administrative expenses (b) .....	\$ (1)	\$ 4	\$ 4
SpectraEnergy:			
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products to affiliates.....	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ 1
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products from affiliates (c).....	\$ 181	\$ 343	\$ 173
Operating and general and administrative expenses .....	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 6
Unconsolidated affiliates:			
Sales of natural gas and petroleum products to affiliates.....	\$ 58	\$ 67	\$ 48
Transportation, storage and processing .....	\$ 16	\$ 17	\$ 19
Purchases of natural gas and petroleum products from affiliates .....	\$ 116	\$ 139	\$ 128

- (a) In connection with the Phillips66 separation, ConocoPhillips is not considered a related party for periods after April 30, 2012 and Phillips66 is considered a related party for periods starting May 1, 2012.
- (b) The year ended December 31, 2012 includes hurricane insurance recovery receivables, which were treated as a reduction to operating expense in the consolidated statements of operations.
- (c) Includes a \$17 million payment received in December 2010, for reimbursement of damages we incurred when an international propane supplier breached its contract with SpectraEnergy.

We had balances with related parties and affiliates as follows:

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	(millions)	
Phillips66(a):		
Accounts receivable .....	\$ 152	\$ —
Accounts payable .....	\$ (14)	\$ —
Other assets .....	\$ 2	\$ —
ConocoPhillips(a):		
Accounts receivable .....	\$ —	\$ 283
Accounts payable .....	\$ —	\$ (73)
Other assets .....	\$ —	\$ 2
SpectraEnergy:		
Accounts payable .....	\$ (6)	\$ (30)
Other assets .....	\$ 1	\$ 1
Unconsolidated affiliates:		
Accounts receivable .....	\$ 20	\$ 24
Accounts payable .....	\$ (17)	\$ (24)

- (a) In connection with the Phillips66 separation, ConocoPhillips is not considered a related party for periods after April 30, 2012 and Phillips66 is considered a related party for periods starting May 1, 2012.

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**5. Inventories**

Inventories were as follows:

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>(millions)</b>	
Natural gas .....	\$ 23	\$ 26
NGLs .....	82	79
Total inventories .....	\$ 105	\$ 105

**6. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment by classification were as follows:

	<b>Depreciable Life</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	
		<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
		<b>(millions)</b>	
Gathering and transmission systems .....	20 - 50 years	\$ 6,919	\$ 6,069
Processing, storage and terminal facilities .....	35 - 60 years	3,035	2,900
Other .....	3 - 30 years	310	287
Construction working progress .....		1,494	1,366
Property, plant and equipment .....		11,758	10,622
Accumulated depreciation .....		(4,427)	(4,174)
Property, plant and equipment, net .....		\$ 7,331	\$ 6,448

Interest capitalized on construction projects during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$84 million, \$22 million and \$13 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2012, we had \$441 million of non-cancelable purchase obligations for capital projects.

We revised the depreciable lives for our gathering and transmission systems, processing, storage and terminal facilities, and other assets, effective April 1, 2012. The key contributing factor to the change in depreciable lives is an increase in the estimated remaining economically recoverable reserves, resulting from the development of techniques that improve commodity production in the regions our assets serve. Advances in extraction processes, along with improved technology used to locate commodity reserves, is giving producers greater access to unconventional commodities. The new remaining depreciable lives resulted in an approximate \$180 million reduction in depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2012.

In connection with our reevaluation of depreciable lives, we corrected the classification for certain assets within the presentation of our major classes of property, plant and equipment as of December 31, 2011.

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$265 million, \$423 million and \$390 million, respectively.

**Asset Retirement Obligations** — As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, we had \$91 million and \$73 million, respectively, of asset retirement obligations, or AROs, in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. During the first quarter of 2012, we recorded a change in estimate to increase our AROs by approximately \$12 million. The change in estimate was primarily attributable to a reassessment of anticipated timing of settlements and of the original ARO estimated amounts. For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, accretion expense was \$3 million, less than \$1 million and \$5 million, respectively. Accretion expense is recorded within operating and maintenance expense in our consolidated statements of operations.

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

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>(millions)</b>	
Balance, beginning of period .....	\$ 73	\$ 79
Accretion expense .....	3	—
Liabilities incurred .....	15	—
Liabilities settled .....	—	(6)
Balance, end of period .....	\$ 91	\$ 73

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

### 7. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

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

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>(millions)</b>	
Beginning of period .....	\$ 723	\$ 721
Acquisitions .....	—	2
End of period .....	\$ 723	\$ 723

We performed our annual goodwill assessment at the reporting unit level. As a result of our assessment, we concluded that the entire amount of goodwill disclosed on the consolidated balance sheet is recoverable. We used a discounted cash flow analysis to perform the assessment. Key assumptions in the analysis include the use of an appropriate discount rate, terminal year multiples, and estimated future cash flows including an estimate of operating and general and administrative costs. In estimating cash flows, we incorporate current market information, as well as historical and other factors, into our forecasted commodity prices. If actual results are not consistent with our assumptions and estimates, or our assumptions and estimates changed due to new information, we may be exposed to goodwill impairment charges, which would be recognized in the period in which the carrying value exceeds fair value.

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

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>(millions)</b>	
Gross carrying amount .....	\$ 524	\$ 524
Accumulated amortization .....	(188)	(162)
Intangible assets, net .....	\$ 336	\$ 362

For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we recorded amortization expense of \$26 million, \$26 million and \$23 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2012, the remaining amortization periods ranged from less than 1 year to 23 years, with a weighted-average remaining period of approximately 18 years.

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Estimated future amortization for these intangible assets is as follows:

<b>Estimated Future Amortization</b>	
(millions)	
2013.....	\$ 26
2014.....	20
2015.....	19
2016.....	19
2017.....	19
Thereafter.....	233
Total.....	<u>\$ 336</u>

**8. Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates**

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

	<b>Percentage Ownership</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	
		<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
		(millions)	
DCP Sand Hills Pipeline, LLC .....	33.33%	\$ 263	\$ —
DCP Southern Hills Pipeline, LLC.....	33.33%	253	—
Discovery Producer Services, LLC.....	40.00%	222	107
Texas Express Pipeline Joint Venture.....	10.00%	41	—
Main Pass Oil Gathering Company.....	66.67%	24	27
Front Range Pipeline Joint Venture.....	33.33%	24	—
Mont Belvieu Enterprise Fractionator .....	12.50%	18	—
Mont Belvieu Fractionation Facility.....	20.00%	15	12
Other unconsolidated affiliates.....	Various	12	8
Total investments in unconsolidated affiliates .....		<u>\$ 872</u>	<u>\$ 154</u>

During the fourth quarter of 2012, we completed the sale of a one-third interest in Sand Hills Pipeline, LLC, or Sand Hills, and Southern Hills Pipeline, LLC, or Southern Hills, to both Spectra Energy and Phillips 66, for aggregate consideration of approximately \$919 million. The proceeds from this transaction were reused to repay borrowings under our term loan and for general corporate purposes. As a result of this transaction, we, Spectra Energy and Phillips 66 each own a one-third interest in the two pipeline projects. Prior to this transaction, we accounted for Sand Hills and Southern Hills as consolidated entities. Subsequent to this transaction, we account for Sand Hills and Southern Hills under the equity method of accounting. The Sand Hills and Southern Hills pipeline projects are currently under construction, and we will continue to operate the pipelines. Upon completion of the pipelines, our direct investment is expected to total between \$700 million and \$800 million.

There was a deficit between the carrying amount of the investment and the underlying equity of Discovery Producer Services, LLC, or Discovery, of \$30 million and \$33 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, which is associated with, and is being amortized over the life of, the underlying long-lived assets of Discovery.

There was an excess of the carrying amount of the investment over the underlying equity of Main Pass Oil Gathering Company, or Main Pass, of \$7 million and \$8 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, which is associated with, and is being amortized over the life of, the underlying long-lived assets of Main Pass.

There was a deficit between the carrying amount of the investment and the underlying equity of Mont Belvieu Fractionation Facility, or Mont Belvieu I, of \$5 million and \$6 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, which is associated with, and is being amortized over the life of, the underlying long-lived assets of Mont Belvieu I.

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Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates amounted to the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(in millions)		
Discovery Producer Services, LLC .....	\$ 13	\$ 22	\$ 25
Main Pass Oil Gathering Company .....	—	—	4
Enterprise Fractionator .....	12	—	—
Mont Belvieu Fractionation Facility .....	9	6	5
Other unconsolidated affiliates .....	—	(2)	—
<b>Totalearningsfromunconsolidatedaffiliates .....</b>	<b>\$ 34</b>	<b>\$ 26</b>	<b>\$ 34</b>

The following table summarizes the combined financial information of unconsolidated affiliates:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(millions)		
Income statement:			
Operating revenues .....	\$ 431	\$ 300	\$ 302
Operating expenses .....	\$ 254	\$ 219	\$ 222
Net income .....	\$ 175	\$ 79	\$ 78

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(millions)	
Balance sheet:		
Current assets .....	\$ 165	\$ 68
Long-term assets .....	3,037	499
Current liabilities .....	(194)	(35)
Long-term liabilities .....	(67)	(51)
<b>Net assets .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,941</b>	<b>\$ 481</b>

## 9. Fair Value Measurement

### Determination of Fair Value

Below is a general description of our valuation methodologies for derivative financial assets and liabilities, which are measured at fair value. Fair values are generally based upon quoted market prices or prices obtained through external sources, where available. If listed market prices or quotes are not available, we determine fair value based upon a market quote, adjusted by other market-based or independently sourced market data such as historical commodity volatilities, crude oil future yield curves, and/or counterparty specific considerations. These adjustments result in a fair value for each asset or liability under an “exit price” methodology, in line with how we believe a market place participant would value the asset or liability. Fair values are adjusted to reflect the credit risk inherent in the transaction as well as the potential impact of liquidating open positions in an orderly manner over a reasonable time period under current conditions. These adjustments may include a amount to reflect counterparty credit quality, the effect of our own creditworthiness, the time value of money and/or the illiquidity of the market.

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

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

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

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

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. While we believe that our valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, we recognize that the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date. We review our fair value policies on a regular basis taking into consideration changes in the market place and, if necessary, will adjust our policies accordingly. See Note 11, Risk Management and Hedging Activities, Credit Risk and Financial Instruments.

### **Valuation Hierarchy**

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

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

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

### **Commodity Derivative Assets and Liabilities**

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

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





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

The following table presents the financial instruments carried at fair value, by consolidated balance sheet caption and by valuation hierarchy, as described above:

	December 31, 2012				December 31, 2011			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Carrying Value
	(millions)							
Current assets (a):								
Commodity derivatives	\$ 18	\$ 23	\$ 16	\$ 57	\$ 29	\$ 55	\$ 23	\$ 107
Long-term assets:								
Commodity derivatives (b)	\$ 2	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 10	\$ 11	\$ 7	\$ 5	\$ 23
Company owned life insurance (c)	\$ —	\$ 23	\$ —	\$ 23	\$ —	\$ 18	\$ —	\$ 18
Current liabilities (d):								
Commodity derivatives	\$ (13)	\$ (34)	\$ (14)	\$ (61)	\$ (36)	\$ (53)	\$ (8)	\$ (97)
Interest rate derivatives	\$ —	\$ (4)	\$ —	\$ (4)	\$ —	\$ (16)	\$ —	\$ (16)
Long-term liabilities (e):								
Commodity derivatives	\$ (3)	\$ (6)	\$ —	\$ (9)	\$ (6)	\$ (28)	\$ (1)	\$ (35)
Interest rate derivatives	\$ —	\$ (2)	\$ —	\$ (2)	\$ —	\$ (5)	\$ —	\$ (5)

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

**Changes in Levels 1 and 2 Fair Value Measurements**

We manage our overall risk at the portfolio level, and in the execution of our strategy, we may use a combination of financial instruments, which may be classified within any level. We typically use OTC derivative contracts in order to mitigate a portion of our exposure to natural gas, NGL and condensate price changes. We also may enter into natural gas derivative contracts to lock in margin around our storage and transportation assets. These instruments are generally classified as Level 2. The determination to classify a financial instrument within Level 1 or Level 2 is based upon the availability of quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and/or the use of identical or similar quoted prices, depending upon the information readily observable in the market, and/or the use of identifiable financial instruments. Depending upon the information readily observable in the market, and/or the use of identifiable financial instruments, the classification of any individual financial instrument may differ from one measurement date to the next. To qualify as a transfer, the asset or liability must have existed in the previous reporting period and moved into a different level during the current period. Amounts transferred in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 are reflected at fair value as of the end of the period. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we had no transfers from Level 1 to Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we had the following transfers from Level 2 to Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(millions)		
Current assets	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1
Long-term assets	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 3
Current liabilities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Long-term liabilities	\$ —	\$ (1)	\$ (3)

These financial instruments have moved into a lower level due to the passage of time.

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**ChangesinLevel3FairValueMeasurements**

The tables below will illustrate a roll forward of the amounts included in our consolidated balance sheets for derivative financial instruments that we have classified within Level 3. The determination to classify a financial instrument within Level 3 is based upon the significance of the unobservable factors used in determining the overall fair value of the instrument. Since financial instruments classified as Level 3 typically include a combination of observable components (that is, components that are actively quoted and can be validated to external sources) and unobservable components, the gains and losses in the table below may include changes in fair value due in part to observable market factors, or changes to our assumptions on the unobservable components. Depending upon the information readily observable in the market, and/or the use of unobservable inputs, which are significant to the overall valuation, the classification of any individual financial instrument may differ from one measurement date to the next. These significant unobservable inputs used in determining fair value include adjustments by other market-based or independently sourced market data such as historical commodity volatilities, crude oil future yield curves, and/or counterparty specific considerations. In the event that there is a movement to/from the classification of an instrument into Level 3 and "Transfers out of Level 3" captions. The table below within the "Transfers out of Level 3" caption.

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

<b>Commodity Derivative Instruments</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>Long-Term Assets</b>	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>
(millions)			

**Year ended December 31, 2012 (a):**

Beginning balance.....	\$	23	\$	5	\$	(8)	\$	(1)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings (b) .....		3		(2)		(10)		1
Transfers into Level 3 (c).....		—		—		—		—
Transfers out of Level 3 (c).....		(1)		—		—		—
Settlements.....		(9)		—		4		—
Ending balance.....	\$	16	\$	3	\$	(14)	\$	—
Net unrealized gains (losses) still held included in earnings (b) .....	\$	17	\$	(2)	\$	(14)	\$	—

**Year ended December 31, 2011 (a):**

Beginning balance.....	\$	50	\$	10	\$	(45)	\$	(1)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings (b) .....		73		(5)		(56)		—
Transfers into Level 3 (c).....		—		—		—		—
Transfers out of Level 3 (c).....		—		—		—		—
Settlements.....		(100)		—		93		—
Ending balance.....	\$	23	\$	5	\$	(8)	\$	(1)
Net unrealized gains (losses) still held included in earnings (b) .....	\$	23	\$	(5)	\$	(8)	\$	—

- (a) There were no purchases, issuances and sales of derivatives for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.  
(b) Represents the amount of total gains or losses for the period, included in trading and marketing gains, net, attributable to changes in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets and liabilities classified as Level 3.  
(c) Amounts transferred in and amounts transferred out are reflected at fair values as of the end of the period.

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**Quantitative Information and Fair Value Sensitivity Estimates Related to Level 3 Unobservable Inputs**

We utilize the market approach to measure the fair value of four commodity contracts. The significant unobservable inputs used in this approach are longer dated price quotes. Our sensitivity to these longer dated forward curve prices are presented in the table below. Significant changes in any of those inputs in isolation would result in significantly different fair value measurements, depending on our short or long position in these contracts.

<u>Product Group</u>	<u>Fair Value (millions)</u>	<u>Forward Curve Range</u>	
<b>Assets:</b>			
NGLs.....	\$ 18	\$0.18–\$2.18	Per gallon
Natural Gas .....	1	\$3.51–\$4.27	Per MMBtu(a)
Total assets .....	<u>\$ 19</u>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
NGLs.....	\$ (13)	\$0.18–\$2.13	Per gallon
Natural gas .....	(1)	\$3.51–\$4.27	Per MMBtu
Total liabilities .....	<u>\$ (14)</u>		

(a) MMBtu represents one million British thermal units.

**Estimated Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Valuation of a contract's fair value is validated by an internal group independent of the marketing group. While common industry practices are used to develop valuation techniques, changes in pricing methodologies or the underlying assumptions could result in significantly different fair values and income recognition. When available, quoted market prices or prices obtained through external sources are used to determine a contract's fair value. For contracts with a delivery location or duration for which quoted market prices are not available, fair value is determined based on pricing models developed primarily from historical and expected relationship with quoted market prices.

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

The fair value of four interest rate swaps and commodity non-trading derivatives is based on prices supported by quoted market prices and other external sources and prices based on models and other valuation methods. The "prices supported by quoted market prices and other external sources" category includes our interest rate swaps, our NGL and crude oil swaps, and our NYMEX positions in natural gas. In addition, this category includes our forward positions in natural gas for which our forward price curves are obtained from a third-party pricing service and then validated through an internal process which includes the use of independent broker quotes. This category also includes our forward positions in NGLs at points for which over-the-counter, or OTC, broker quotes for similar assets or liabilities are available for the full term of the instrument. This category also includes "strip" transactions whose pricing inputs are directly or indirectly observable from external sources and then modeled to daily or monthly prices as appropriate. The "prices based on models and other valuation methods" category includes the value of transactions for which input to the fair value of the instrument are unobservable in the marketplace and are considered significant to the overall fair value of the instrument. The fair value of these instruments may be based upon an internally developed price curve, which was constructed as a result of the long dated nature of the transaction or the illiquidity of the market point.

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

The fair value of accounts receivable, accounts payable and short-term borrowings are not materially different from their carrying amounts because of the short-term nature of these instruments or the stated rates approximating market rates. Derivative instruments are carried at fair value. As of December 31, 2012, the carrying and fair value of four long-term debt, including current maturities of long-term debt, was \$4,693 million and \$5,236 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2011, the carrying and fair value of four long-term debt was \$3,820 million and \$4,264 million, respectively. We determine the fair value of four variable rate debt based upon

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the discounted present value of expected future cash flows, taking into account the difference between the contractual borrowing spread and the spread for similar credit facilities available in the marketplace. We determine the fair value of our fixed-rate debt based on quotes obtained from bond dealers. We classify the fair value of our outstanding debt balances with in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

**10. Financing**

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>(millions)</b>	
Short-term borrowings .....	\$ 958	\$ 370
DCPMidstream's debt securities:		
Issued November 2008, interest at 9.700% payable semiannually, due December 2013 .....	250	250
Issued October 2005, interest at 5.375% payable semiannually, due October 2015 .....	200	200
Issued February 2009, interest at 9.750% payable semiannually, due March 2019 .....	450	450
Issued March 2010, interest at 5.350% payable semiannually, due March 2020 .....	600	600
Issued September 2011, interest at 4.750% payable semiannually, due September 2021 .....	500	500
Issued August 2000, interest at 8.125% payable semiannually, due August 2030(a) .....	300	300
Issued October 2006, interest at 6.450% payable semiannually, due November 2036 .....	300	300
Issued September 2007, interest at 6.750% payable semiannually, due September 2037 .....	450	450
DC Partners' debt securities:		
Issued September 2010, interest at 3.25% payable semiannually, due October 2015 .....	250	250
Issued November 2012, interest at 2.50% payable semiannually, due December 2017 .....	500	—
Issued March 2012, interest at 4.95% payable semiannually, due April 2022 .....	350	—
DC Partners' revolving credit facility, weighted average variable interest rate of 1.47% and 1.69%, respectively, due November 2016(b) .....	525	497
Fair value adjustments related to interest rate swap fair value hedges (a) .....	32	34
Unamortized discount .....	(14)	(11)
Total debt .....	5,651	4,190
Current maturities of long-term debt .....	(250)	—
Short-term borrowings .....	(958)	(370)
Total long-term debt .....	<u>\$ 4,443</u>	<u>\$ 3,820</u>

- (a) In December 2008, the swaps associated with this debt were terminated. The remaining long-term fair value of approximately \$32 million related to the swaps is being amortized as a reduction to interest expense through the maturity date of the debt.
- (b) \$150 million has been swapped to a fixed interest rate obligation with the effective fixed interest rates ranging from 2.94% to 2.99%, for an effective interest rate of 2.25% on the \$525 million of outstanding debt under DCP Partners' revolving credit facility as of December 31, 2012. \$450 million of debt was swapped to a fixed rate obligation with the effective interest rates ranging from 2.94% to 5.19%, for an effective rate of 4.86% on the \$497 million of outstanding debt under the DCP Partners' revolving credit facility as of December 31, 2011.

Approximate future maturities of long-term debt in the year indicated are as follows at December 31, 2012:

<b>Debt Maturities</b>	
<b>(millions)</b>	
2013 .....	\$ 250
2014 .....	—
2015 .....	450
2016 .....	525
2017 .....	500
Thereafter .....	2,950
	<u>4,675</u>
Fair value adjustments related to interest rate swap fair value hedges .....	32
Unamortized discount .....	(14)
Current maturities of long-term debt .....	(250)
Long-term debt .....	<u>\$ 4,443</u>

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*DCPMidstream's Debt Securities* — In September 2011, we issued \$500 million principal amount of 4.75% Senior Notes due September 30, 2021, or the 4.75% Notes, for proceeds of approximately \$496 million, net of unamortized discounts and related offering costs. We will pay interest semiannually on March 30 and September 30 of each year, and our first payment occurred on March 30, 2012. The underwriters' fees and related expenses are deferred in other long-term assets in the consolidated balance sheets and will be amortized over the term of the notes. The net proceeds from this offering were used to repay short-term borrowings and for general corporate purposes.

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

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

*DCPMidstream's Credit Facilities with Financial Institutions* — On March 2, 2012, we entered into a \$2 billion revolving credit facility, or the \$2 Billion Facility, which matures in March 2017 and terminated our existing \$1,250 million revolving credit facility which would have matured in March 2015 and our existing \$450 million revolving credit facility which would have matured in April 2012, or together the \$1.7 Billion Facilities. The \$2 Billion Facility allows for up to two one-year extensions of the March 2017 maturity date, subject to lender consent. There were no borrowings outstanding under the \$2 Billion Facility as of December 31, 2012.

The \$2 Billion Facility may be used to support our commercial paper program, our capital expansion program, working capital requirements and other general corporate purposes as well as for letters of credit, up to a maximum of \$200 million of outstanding letters of credit. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, we had \$958 million and \$370 million of commercial paper outstanding, backed by the \$2 Billion Facility and the \$1.7 Billion Facilities, respectively, which are included in short-term borrowings in our consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, we had \$6 million and \$7 million, respectively, in letters of credit outstanding. As of December 31, 2012, the available capacity under the \$2 Billion Facility was \$1,036 million.

On March 2, 2012, we entered into a \$1 billion delayed draw term loan agreement, or the Term Loan, which matures in September 2014. Proceeds from the Term Loan may be used for our capital expansion program and working capital requirements. On November 15, 2012, we repaid \$250 million of outstanding borrowings under the Term Loan with proceeds from the sale of a one-third interest in Sand Hills and Southern Hills to both Spectra Energy and Phillips 66, as required by the Term Loan agreement. Under the Term Loan agreement, amounts repaid on the Term Loan may not be borrowed, as such; the Term Loan capacity has been reduced to approximately \$750 million as of December 31, 2012. As of December 31, 2012, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Term Loan.

As of December 31, 2012, the unused capacity under the \$2 Billion Facility and Term Loan was \$1,786 million, of which approximately \$960 million was available for general working capital purposes. Our borrowing capacity is limited at December 31, 2012 by the \$2 Billion Facility and Term Loan's financial covenant requirements.

The \$2 Billion Facility bears interest at either: (1) LIBOR, plus an applicable margin of 1.175% based on our current credit rating; or (2) (a) the base rate which shall be the higher of Wells Fargo Bank N.A.'s prime rate, the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50% or the LIBOR Market Index rate plus 1% plus (b) an applicable margin of 0.175% based on our current credit rating. This fee is paid on drawn and undrawn portions of the \$2 Billion Facility.

The Term Loan bears interest at either: (1) LIBOR, plus an applicable margin of 1.375% based on our current credit rating; or (2) (a) the base rate which shall be the higher of Royal Bank of Canada's prime rate, the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50% or the LIBOR Market Index rate plus 1% plus (b) an applicable margin of 0.375% based on our current credit rating. The Term Loan incurs an annual commitment fee of 0.20% based on our current credit rating. This fee is paid on undrawn portions of the Term Loan.

The \$2 Billion Facility and the Term Loan require us to maintain a consolidated leverage ratio (the ratio of consolidated indebtedness to consolidated EBITDA as defined) of not more than 5.0 to 1.0, and following the consummation of qualifying acquisitions (as defined), not more than 5.5 to 1.0, on a temporary basis for three consecutive quarters, including the quarter in which such acquisition is consummated. Any drawn amounts under the Term Loan are required to be repaid from proceeds from the sale or financing with the fiscal period ending December 31, 2012 and continuing through

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the fiscal period ending December 31, 2013, the definition of consolidated EBITDA under the \$2 Billion Facility and the Term Loan has been amended to allow for additional adjustment related to certain projects.

*DCPPartners' Debt Securities* — On November 27, 2012, DCP Partners issued \$500 million of 2.50% 5-year Senior Notes, or the DCP Partners 2.50% Notes, due December 1, 2017. DCP Partners received net proceeds of \$494 million, net of underwriters' fees, related expenses and unamortized discounts. Interest on the notes will be paid semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2013. The underwriters' fees and related expenses are deferred in other long-term assets in the consolidated balances sheets and will be amortized over the term of the notes.

On March 13, 2012, DCP Partners issued \$350 million of 4.95% 10-year Senior Notes, or the DCP Partners 4.95% Notes, due April 1, 2022. DCP Partners received proceeds of \$346 million, net of underwriters' fees, related expenses and unamortized discounts, which were used to fund the cash portion of DCP Partners' acquisition of four 66.67% remaining interest in Southeast Texas and to repay funds borrowed under DCP Partners' Credit Agreement and the DCP Partners Term Loan. Interest on the notes will be paid semiannually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, and DCP Partners' first payment occurred on October 1, 2012. The underwriters' fees and related expenses are deferred in other long-term assets in the consolidated balances sheets and will be amortized over the term of the notes.

In September 2010, DCP Partners issued \$250 million of 3.25% Senior Notes, or the DCP Partners' 3.25% Notes, due October 1, 2015, for proceeds of approximately \$248 million, which are net of unamortized discounts and related offering costs. The DCP Partners' 3.25% Notes mature and become due and payable on October 1, 2015, unless redeemed prior to maturity. DCP Partners' pays interest semiannually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, with the first payment made on April 1, 2011. The net proceeds from this offering were used to repay funds borrowed under the revolving portion of the DCP Partners' Credit Facility.

DCP Partners' debt securities mature and become payable on the respective due dates, unless redeemed prior to maturity, and are not subject to any sinking fund provisions. DCP Partners' debt securities are senior unsecured obligations, and are redeemable at a premium at DCP Partners' option.

*DCPPartners' Credit Facilities with Financial Institutions* — On November 2, 2012, DCP Partners entered into a 2-year term loan agreement, or the \$344 Million Term Loan, and borrowed \$344 million to fund the cash portion of the acquisition of a 33.33% interest in the Eagle Ford System. On July 2, 2012, DCP Partners entered into a 2-year term loan agreement, or the \$140 Million Term Loan, and borrowed \$140 million to fund the cash portion of its acquisition of the Mont Belvieu Fracturing operators. In November 2012, DCP Partners repaid both term loans with proceeds from the DCP Partners 2.50% Notes.

On January 3, 2012, DCP Partners entered into a 2-year term loan agreement and borrowed \$135 million, which was used to fund a portion of DCP Partners' acquisition of four remaining 49.9% interest in East Texas. In March 2012, DCP Partners repaid this term loan with proceeds from the DCP Partners 4.95% Notes.

DCP Partners has a \$1 billion revolving credit facility, or the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement, that matures November 10, 2016. As of both December 31, 2012 and 2011, DCP Partners had \$1 million of letters of credit issued under the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement. As of December 31, 2012, the unused capacity under the revolving credit facility was \$474 million, which was available for general working capital purposes. DCP Partners' borrowing capacity is limited at December 31, 2012 by DCP Partners' Credit Agreement's financial covenant requirements.

The DCP Partners' Credit Agreement bears interest at the lesser of: (1) LIBOR, plus an applicable margin of 1.25% based on DCP Partners' current credit rating; or (2) (a) the base rate which shall be the higher of Wells Fargo Bank N.A.'s prime rate, the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50% or the LIBOR Market Index rate plus 1% plus (b) an applicable margin of 0.25% based on DCP Partners' current credit rating. The revolving credit facility incurs an annual facility fee of 0.25% based on DCP Partners' current credit rating. This fee is paid on drawn and undrawn portions of the revolving credit facility.

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

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*Other Agreements* —DCP Partners had a contingent letter of credit facility for up to \$10 million, which expired in July 2012.

*Other Financing* —During the year ended December 31, 2012, DCP Partners issued 1,147,654 of its common units, under an on-going equity distribution agreement with a financial institution and received proceeds of \$47 million, net of commissions and offering costs.

In July 2012, DCP Partners closed a private placement of equity with a group of institutional investors in which DCP Partners sold 4,989,802 of its common units at a price of \$35.55 per unit and received proceeds of \$174 million, net of offering costs.

In March 2012, DCP Partners issued 5,148,500 of its common units at \$47.42 per unit. DCP Partners received proceeds of \$234 million, net of offering costs.

During 2011, DCP Partners issued 761,285 of its common units, under an on-going equity distribution agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., and received proceeds from units issued of \$30 million, net of commissions and offering costs.

In March 2011, DCP Partners issued 3,596,636 common units at \$40.55 per unit. DCP Partners received proceeds of \$140 million, net of offering costs.

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

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

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

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

**Commodity Price Risk**

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

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

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

We may execute at times spread transactions when the difference between the current price of natural gas (cash or futures) and the futures market price for natural gas exceeds our cost of storing physical gas in our owned and/or leased storage facilities. The time spread transaction allows us to lock in a margin when this market condition exists. A time spread transaction is executed by establishing a long gas position at one point in time and establishing an equal short gas position at a different point in time. We typically uses swap to execute these transactions, which are not designated as hedging instruments and are recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in the current period consolidated statements of operations. While gas held in our storage locations is recorded at the lower of average cost or market, the derivative instruments that are used to manage our storage facilities are recorded

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at fair value and any changes in fair value are currently recorded in our consolidated statements of operations. Even though we may have economically hedged our exposure and locked in a future margin, the use of lower-of-cost-or-market accounting for our physical inventory and the use of mark-to-market accounting for our derivative instruments may subject our earnings to market volatility.

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

In order for our storage facility to remain operational, a minimum level of base gas must be maintained in each storage cavern, which is capitalized on our consolidated balance sheets as a component of property, plant and equipment, net. During 2011, we commenced an expansion project to build an additional storage cavern. Upon completion of the expansion project, we will be required to purchase a significant amount of base gas to bring the storage cavern into operation. To mitigate risk associated with the forecasted purchase of natural gas in June, July and August 2013, we executed a series of derivative financial instruments, which have been designated as cash flow hedges. These cash flow hedges were in a loss position of \$3 million as of December 31, 2012, and will fluctuate in value through the term of construction. Any effective changes in fair value of these derivative instruments will be deferred in AOCI until the underlying purchase of inventory occurs. While the cash paid or received upon settlement of these hedges will economically offset the cash required to purchase the base gas, following completion of the additional storage cavern, any deferred gain or loss at the time of the purchase will remain in AOCI until the cavern is emptied and the base gas is sold. As of December 31, 2012, there was a deferred loss of \$3 million recognized in AOCI in relation to our 2009 storage cavern expansion, and will remain in AOCI until such time that the cavern is emptied and the base gas is sold.

***NGL Proprietary Trading***

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

We employ established risk limits, policies and procedures to manage risks associated with the natural gas asset based trading and marketing and NGL proprietary trading.

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

As a result of DCP Partners' operations of gathering, processing and transporting natural gas, DCP Partners stake title to a portion of residue gas, NGLs and condensate, which are considered to be DCP Partners' equity volumes. The possession of and the related operations of transporting and marketing of these commodities creates commodity price risk due to market changes in commodity prices, primarily with respect to the prices of NGLs, natural gas and crude oil. DCP Partners has mitigated a portion of its expected commodity cash flow risk associated with these equity volumes through 2016 with commodity derivative instruments. DCP Partners' commodity derivative instruments used for its hedging program are a combination of direct NGL product, crude oil and natural gas hedges. Due to the limited depth of the NGL derivatives market, DCP Partners has used crude oil swaps and costless collar structures for NGLs. Prices of NGLs have generally been related to the price of crude oil, however, there are some periods of time when NGL pricing may be at a greater discount to crude oil pricing, resulting in additional exposure to NGL commodity prices. During 2012, the relationship of NGLs to crude oil has been lower than historical relationships, however, a significant amount of DCP Partners' NGL hedges from 2012 through 2015 are direct products. When crude oil swaps becomes short-term in nature, DCP Partners may periodically convert certain crude oil derivatives to NGL derivatives by entering into offsetting crude oil swaps while adding NGL swaps. These transactions are primarily accomplished through the use of forward contracts that exchange DCP Partners' floating price risk for a fixed price. DCP Partners also utilizes costless collar that minimize its floating price risk by establishing a fixed price floor and a fixed price ceiling. However, the type of instrument that DCP Partners use to mitigate a portion of its risk may vary depending on DCP Partners' risk management objective. These transactions are



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not designated as hedging instruments for accounting purposes and the change in fair value is reflected in the current period within our consolidated statements of operations.

**Interest Rate Risk**

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

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

At December 31, 2011, DCP Partners had interest rate swap agreements totaling \$450 million, of which DCP Partners had designated \$425 million as cash flow hedges and accounted for the remaining \$25 million under the mark-to-market method of accounting. In March 2012, DCP Partners paid down a portion of the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement. As a result of the paydown of the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement, DCP Partners discontinued cash flow hedge accounting on \$225 million of its interest rate swap agreements. \$300 million of swap agreements settled in the second quarter of 2012.

At December 31, 2012, DCP Partners had interest rate swap agreements extending through June 2014 totaling \$150 million, which DCP Partners has designated as cash flow hedges. At December 31, 2012, \$150 million of the agreements reprice prospectively approximately every 30 days. Under the terms of the interest rate swap agreements, DCP Partners pays fixed rates ranging from 2.94% to 2.99%, and receives interest payments based on the one-month LIBOR.

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

In March 2012, DCP Partners settled \$195 million of its forward-starting interest rate swap agreements for \$7 million. The remaining net deferred losses of \$5 million in AOCI will be amortized into interest expense associated with DCP Partners' long-term debt through 2022.

We previously had interest rate cash flow hedges and fair value hedges in place that were terminated in 2000 and 2008, respectively. As a result, the remaining net loss deferred in AOCI relative to these cash flow hedges and the remaining net loss included in long-term debt relative to these fair value hedges will be reclassified to interest expense through the remaining term of the debt through 2030, as the underlying transactions impact earnings.

**Credit Risk**

Our principal customers range from large, natural gas marketing services to industrial end-users for natural gas products and services, as well as large multi-national petrochemical and refining companies, to small regional producers and distributors for our NGL products and services. Substantially all of our natural gas and NGL sales are made at market-based prices. Approximately 40% of our NGL production is committed to Phillips 66 (or ConocoPhillips prior to May 1, 2012) and CPChem, both related parties, under an existing 15-year contract, the primary production commitment of which expires in 2015. This concentration of credit risk may affect our overall credit risk, in that these customers may be similarly affected by changes in economic, regulatory or other factors. Where exposed to credit risk, we analyze the counterparty's financial condition prior to entering into an agreement, establish credit limits and monitor the appropriateness of these limits on an ongoing basis. We may use various master agreements that include language giving us the right to request collateral to mitigate credit exposure. The collateral language provides for a counterparty to post cash or letters of credit for exposure in excess of the established threshold. The threshold amount represents an open credit limit, determined in accordance with our credit policy. The collateral language also provides that the inability to post collateral is sufficient cause to terminate a contract and liquidate all positions. In addition, our master agreements and our standard gas and NGL sales contracts

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contain adequate assurance provisions, which allow us to suspend deliveries and cancel agreements, or continued deliveries to the buyer after the buyer provides security for payment in a satisfactory form.

**Contingent Credit Features**

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

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

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

Depending upon the movement of commodity prices and interest rates, each of our individual contracts with counterparties to our commodity derivative instruments or interest rates swap instruments are in either an asset or net liability position. Our commodity derivative contracts that are not governed by ISDA contracts do not have any credit-risk related contingent features. As of December 31, 2012, we had \$23 million of individual commodity derivative contracts that contain credit-risk related contingent features that are in a net liability position, and have not posted any cash collateral relative to such positions. If a credit-risk related event were to occur and we were required to net settle our position with an individual counterparty, our ISDA contracts permit us to net all outstanding contracts with that counterparty, whether in an asset or net liability position, as well as any cash collateral already posted. As of December 31, 2012, if a credit-risk related event were to occur, we may be required to post additional collateral. Although our commodity derivative contracts that contain credit-risk related contingent features were in a net liability position as of December 31, 2012, if a credit-risk related event were to occur, the net liability position would be partially offset by contracts in an asset position reducing our net liability to \$21 million.

As of December 31, 2012, DCP Partners had \$150 million of individual interest rates swap instruments that were in a net liability position of \$6 million and were subject to credit-risk related contingent features. If DCP Partners were to have an event of default relative to any covenants of the DCP Partners' Credit Agreement, that occurs and is continuing, the counterparties to DCP Partners' swap instruments have the right to request that DCP Partners net settle the instrument in the form of cash.

**Collateral**

As of December 31, 2012, we held cash of less than \$1 million, included in other current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet related to cash postings by third parties, and letters of credit of \$72 million from counterparties to secure their future performance under financial or physical contracts. We had cash deposits with counterparties of \$17 million included in other current assets as of December 31, 2012, to secure our obligation to provide futures services or to perform under financial contracts. As of December 31, 2012, DCP Partners had no cash collateral posted with counterparties to its commodity derivative instruments. As of December 31, 2012, we had issued and outstanding parental guarantees totaling \$25 million in favor of certain counterparties to DCP Partners' commodity derivative instruments to mitigate a portion of DCP Partners' collateral requirements with those counterparties. DCP Partners pays a fee of 0.50% per annum on these guarantees. These parental guarantees reduce the amount of cash DCP Partners may be required to post as collateral. Collateral amounts held or posted may vary, depending on the value of the underlying contracts, and could govern normal purchases and sales, trading and hedging contracts. In many cases, we and our counterparties publicly disclose credit ratings, which may impact the amount of collateral requirements.

Physical forward contracts and financial derivative transactions are generally cash settled at the expiration of the contract term. These transactions are generally subject to specific credit provisions within the contracts that would allow the seller, at its discretion, to

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suspend deliveries, cancel agreements or continued deliveries to the buyer after the buyer provides security for payments satisfactory to the seller.

**Summarized Derivative Information**

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

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(millions)	
Commodity cash flow hedges:		
Net deferred losses in AOCI .....	\$ (5)	\$ (5)
Interest rate cash flow hedges:		
Net deferred losses in AOCI .....	(4)	(7)
Total AOCI .....	\$ (9)	\$ (12)

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

Balance Sheet Line Item	December 31,		Balance Sheet Line Item	December 31,	
	2012	2011		2012	2011
	(millions)			(millions)	
<b>Derivative Assets Designated as Hedging Instruments :</b>			<b>Derivative Liabilities Designated as Hedging Instruments:</b>		
<b>Interest rate derivatives:</b>			<b>Interest rate derivatives:</b>		
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ —	\$ —	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ (4)	\$ (16)
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—long-term .....	—	—	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—long-term .....	(2)	(5)
	\$ —	\$ —		\$ (6)	\$ (21)
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>			<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>		
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ —	\$ —	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—current .....	\$ (3)	\$ —
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—long-term .....	—	—	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—long-term .....	—	(3)
	\$ —	\$ —		\$ (3)	\$ (3)
<b>Derivative Assets Not Designated as Hedging Instruments:</b>			<b>Derivative Liabilities Not Designated as Hedging Instruments:</b>		
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>			<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>		
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments — current .....	\$ 57	\$ 107	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments — current .....	\$ (58)	\$ (97)
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments—long-term .....	10	23	Unrealized losses on derivative instruments—long-term .....	(9)	(32)
	\$ 67	\$ 130		\$ (67)	\$ (129)

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The following table summarizes the impact on our consolidated balance sheets and consolidated statements of operations of our derivative instruments, net of noncontrolling interest, that are accounted for using the cash flow hedging method of accounting for each of the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011:

	Loss Recognized in AOCI on Derivatives – Effective Portion		Loss Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings – Effective Portion		(a)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives – Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing		(a)(b)	Deferred Losses in AOCI Expected to be Reclassified into Earnings Over the Next 12 Months
	2012	2011	2012	2011		2012	2011		
	(millions)		(millions)			(millions)			(millions)
Commodity derivatives .....	\$ (1)	\$ (2)	\$ (1)	\$ —		\$ —	\$ —		\$ —
Interest rate derivatives .....	\$ —	\$ (3)	\$ (3)	\$ (6)	(a)	\$ —	\$ —	(a)(b)	\$ (1)

- (a) Included in interest expense in our consolidated statements of operations.  
(b) For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, no derivative gains or losses were reclassified from AOCI to current period earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedging related to certain forecasted transactions that are not probable of occurring or as a result of exclusion from effectiveness testing.

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

Commodity Derivatives: Statement of Operations Line Item	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(millions)		
Realized gains .....	\$ 86	\$ 28	\$ 118
Unrealized gains (losses) .....	—	50	(74)
Trading and marketing gains, net .....	\$ 86	\$ 78	\$ 44

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

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

<b>December 31, 2012</b>									
<b>Year of Expiration</b>	<b>Crude Oil</b>		<b>Natural Gas</b>		<b>Natural Gas Liquids</b>			<b>Natural Gas Basis Swaps</b>	
	<b>Net Short Position (Bbls) (a)</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>	<b>Net Short Position (MMBtu)</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>	<b>Net Short Position (Bbls)</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>		<b>Net Short Position (MMBtu)</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>
	2013.....	(1,139,514)	478	(18,670,425)	239	(12,966,380)	410	(b)	(1,615,000)
2014.....	(825,500)	119	(365,000)	3	(8,910,000)	4	(c)	(1,350,000)	4
2015.....	(293,000)	13	—	—	—	—		—	—
2016.....	(183,000)	1	—	—	—	—		—	—

(a) Bbls represents barrels.

(b) Includes 34 physical index based derivative contracts totaling (13,612,800) Bbls.

(c) Includes 2 physical index based derivative contracts totaling (9,000,000) Bbls.

<b>December 31, 2011</b>									
<b>Year of Expiration</b>	<b>Crude Oil</b>		<b>Natural Gas</b>		<b>Natural Gas Liquids</b>			<b>Natural Gas Basis Swaps</b>	
	<b>Net Long (Short) Position (Bbls)</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>	<b>Net Long (Short) Position (MMBtu)</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>	<b>Net Long (Short) Position (Bbls)</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>		<b>Net Long (Short) Position (MMBtu)</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>
	2012.....	(1,161,792)	488	(19,768,750)	203	(10,987,055)	427	(a)	10,012,500
2013.....	(797,323)	207	1,835,000	8	(8,966,650)	15	(b)	120,000	22
2014.....	(619,500)	44	(365,000)	3	(9,000,000)	2	(c)	—	—
2015.....	(365,000)	2	—	—	—	—		—	—
2016.....	(183,000)	1	—	—	—	—		—	—

(a) Includes 22 physical index based derivative contracts totaling (11,751,600) barrels, or Bbls.

(b) Includes 3 physical index based derivative contracts totaling (9,036,000) Bbls.

(c) Includes 2 physical index based derivative contracts totaling (9,000,000) Bbls.

As of December 31, 2012, DCP Partners had interest rate swaps outstanding with individual notional values of \$70 million and \$80 million, which, in aggregate, exchange up to \$150 million of DCP Partners' floating rate obligation for a fixed rate obligation through June 2014.

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**12. Offsetting**

Certain of our derivative instruments are subject to master netting or similar arrangement, whereby we may elect to settle multiple positions with an individual counterparty through a single net payment. Each of our individual derivative instruments are presented on a gross basis on the consolidated balance sheets, regardless of our ability to net settle our positions. Instruments that are governed by agreements that include “net settle” provisions allow final settlement, when presented with a termination event, of outstanding amounts, by extinguishing the mutual debts owed between the parties in exchange for a net amount due. We have trade receivables and payables associated with derivative instruments, subject to master netting or similar agreements, which are not included in the table below. The following summarizes the gross and net amounts of our derivative instruments:

Description	December 31, 2012			December 31, 2011		
	Gross Amounts of Assets and (Liabilities) Presented in the Balance Sheet	Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheet—Financial Instruments (a)	Net Amount	Gross Amounts of Assets and (Liabilities) Presented in the Balance Sheet	Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheet—Financial Instruments (a)	Net Amount
	(millions)					
<b>Assets:</b>						
Commodity derivatives .....	\$ 67	\$ (3)	\$ 64	\$ 130	\$ (8)	\$ 122
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Commodity derivatives .....	\$ (70)	\$ 3	\$ (67)	\$ (132)	\$ 8	\$ (124)
Interest rate derivatives .....	\$ (6)	\$ —	\$ (6)	\$ (21)	\$ —	\$ (21)

(a) There is no cash collateral pledged or received against these positions.

**13. Equity-Based Compensation**

We recorded equity-based compensation expense as follows, the components of which are further described below:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(millions)		
DCP Midstream, LLC Long-Term Incentive Plan .....	\$ 14	\$ 25	\$ 12
DCP Partners' Long-Term Incentive Plan (DCP Partners' LTIP) .....	2	6	3
Total .....	\$ 16	\$ 31	\$ 15

	Vesting Period (years)	Unrecognized Compensation Expense at December 31, 2012 (millions)	Estimated Forfeiture Rate	Weighted-Average Remaining Vesting (years)
<b>DCP Midstream LTIP:</b>				
Relative Performance Units (RPU) .....	3	\$ —	—	—
Strategic Performance Units (SPU) .....	3	\$ 8	15%-28%	2
Phantom Units .....	3	\$ 4	0%-28%	1
DCP Partners' Phantom Units .....	3	\$ —	28%	1
<b>DCP Partners' LTIP:</b>				
Performance Phantom Units .....	3	\$ —	20-30%	2
Phantom Units .....	0.5	\$ —	—	—
Restricted Phantom Units .....	1-3	\$ —	20-30%	2

**DCP Midstream LTIP** — Under the DCP Midstream LTIP, awards may be granted to our key employees. The DCP Midstream LTIP provides for the grant of Relative Performance Units, or RPU, Strategic Performance Units, or SPU, and Phantom Units. The RPU, SPU and Phantom Units consist of a notional unit based on the value of common shares or units of ConocoPhillips, Phillips

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66, Spectra Energy and DCP Partners. The DCP Partners' Phantom Units constitute an optional unit equal to the fair value of DCP Partners' common units. Each award provides for the grant of dividend or distribution equivalent right s, or DERs. The LTIP is administered by the compensation committee of four board of directors. All awards are subject to cliff vesting.

*Relative Performance Units*— The number of RPU that will ultimately vest range, in value up to 200% of the outstanding RPUs, depending on the achievement of specified performance target set over a three year period. The final performance payout is determined by the compensation committee of four board of directors. After the performance period the value derived from the RPU is transferred to our Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation plan, and invested according to the participant's investment selections. The DERs are paid in cash at the end of the performance period. The following table presents information related to RPUs:

	<u>Units</u>	<u>Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</u>	<u>Measurement Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</u>
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	25,040	\$ 44.02	
Transferred to Non-Qualified Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (a).....	(25,040)	\$ 44.02	
Outstanding at December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 .....	<u>—</u>	\$ —	\$ —

(a) Units vesting in 2010 transferred at 100%.

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

	<u>Units</u>	<u>Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</u>	<u>Measurement Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</u>
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	374,917	\$ 27.48	
Granted.....	139,900	\$ 30.03	
Forfeited.....	(7,710)	\$ 26.79	
Vested or paid in cash (b).....	<u>(166,237)</u>	\$ 41.59	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010.....	340,870	\$ 21.66	
Granted.....	122,020	\$ 38.59	
Forfeited.....	(5,786)	\$ 27.15	
Vested or paid in cash (c).....	<u>(201,129)</u>	\$ 18.51	
Outstanding at December 31, 2011.....	255,975	\$ 34.10	
Granted (a).....	173,129	\$ 36.98	
Forfeited.....	(20,067)	\$ 35.34	
Vested or paid in cash (d).....	<u>(141,650)</u>	\$ 30.35	
Outstanding at December 31, 2012.....	<u>267,387</u>	\$ 37.86	\$ 39.71
Expected to vest.....	216,399	\$ 37.88	\$ 29.09

- (a) Includes the impact of conversion of the underlying securities granted under the 2010, 2011 and 2012 LTIP.  
(b) The 2008 grants vested at 72%.  
(c) The 2009 grants vested at 155%.  
(d) The 2010 grants vested at 130%.

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

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

	<u>Units</u>	<u>Fair Value of Units Vested</u>	<u>Unit-Based Liabilities Paid</u>
		(millions)	
Vested in 2010.....	166,237	\$ 4	\$ 2
Vested in 2011.....	201,129	\$ 15	\$ 3
Vested in 2012.....	141,650	\$ 8	\$ 14



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

	<b>Units</b>	<b>Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</b>	<b>Measurement Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</b>
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	343,850	\$ 25.94	
Granted.....	139,800	\$ 30.04	
Forfeited.....	(7,690)	\$ 27.04	
Vested.....	(105,670)	\$ 40.15	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010.....	370,290	\$ 23.41	
Granted.....	122,020	\$ 38.58	
Forfeited.....	(1,250)	\$ 32.71	
Vested.....	(268,090)	\$ 20.78	
Outstanding at December 31, 2011.....	222,970	\$ 34.68	
Granted (a).....	175,490	\$ 37.14	
Forfeited.....	(18,590)	\$ 35.34	
Vested.....	(139,670)	\$ 31.98	
Outstanding at December 31, 2012.....	240,200	\$ 38.00	\$ 39.74
Expected to vest.....	193,061	\$ 38.00	\$ 39.69

(a) Includes the impact of conversion of the underlying securities granted under the 2010, 2011 and 2012 LTIP.

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

	<b>Units</b>	<b>Fair Value of Units Vested</b>	<b>Unit-Based Liabilities Paid</b>
		(millions)	
Vested in 2010.....	105,670	\$ 3	\$ —
Vested in 2011.....	268,090	\$ 8	\$ 4
Vested in 2012.....	139,670	\$ 6	\$ 9

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

	<b>Units</b>	<b>Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit</b>	<b>Measurement Date Price Per Unit</b>
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	10,750	\$ 50.43	
Granted.....	17,300	\$ 35.56	
Vested.....	(10,750)	\$ 31.87	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010.....	17,300	\$ 47.09	
Vested.....	(5,766)	\$ 35.56	
Outstanding at December 31, 2011.....	11,534	\$ 35.56	
Vested.....	(5,767)	\$ 35.56	
Outstanding at December 31, 2012.....	5,767	\$ 35.56	\$ 41.75
Expected to vest.....	5,767	\$ 35.56	\$ 41.75

The fair value of units that vested, and the unit-based liabilities paid during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was less than \$1 million for all periods.

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**DCPPartners’LTIP** —UnderDCPPartners’2005LTIP,whichwasadoptedbyDCPMidstreamGP,LLC,equityinstruments maybe granted to key employees, consultants and directors of DCP Midstream GP, LLC and its affiliates who perform services for DCP Partners. The DCP Partners’ 2005 LTIP provides for the grant of limited partner units, or LPUs, phantom units, unit options and substitute awards, and, with respect to unit options and phantom units, the grant of dividend equivalent rights, or DERs. Subject to adjustment for certain events, an aggregate of 850,000 LPUs may be delivered pursuant to awards under the DCP Partners’ 2005 LTIP. Awards that are canceled or forfeited, or are withheld to satisfy DCP Midstream GP, LLC’s tax withholding obligations, are available for delivery pursuant to other awards.

On February 15, 2012, the board of directors of DCP Midstream GP, LLC adopted a 2012 LTIP for employees, consultants and directors of DCP Midstream GP, LLC and its affiliates who perform services for DCP Partners. The 2012 LTIP provides for the grant of phantom units and the grant of DERs. The phantom units consist of a notional unit based on the value of common units or shares of DCP Partners, Spectra Energy, ConocoPhillips and Phillips 66.

The LTIPs were administered by the compensation committee of DCP Midstream GP, LLC’s board of directors through 2012, and by DCP Midstream GP, LLC’s board of directors beginning in 2013. All awards are subject to cliff vesting.

**Performance Phantom Units**—DCP Partners’ has awarded Performance Phantom Units, or PPU, pursuant to the LTIP to certain employees. PPU generally vest in their entirety at the end of a three year performance period. The number of PPU that will ultimately vest range, in value up to 200% of the outstanding PPU, depending on the achievement of specified performance targets over three year performance periods. The final performance payout is determined by the board of directors of DCP Partners’ general partner. The DERs are paid in cash at the end of the performance period. Of the remaining PPU outstanding at December 31, 2012, 1,560 units are expected to vest on December 31, 2013 and 1,610 units are expected to vest on December 31, 2014. The following table presents information related to the Performance Phantom Units:

	Units	Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit	Measurement Date Price Per Unit
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	67,140	\$ 15.18	
Granted.....	16,630	\$ 31.80	
Forfeited.....	(2,205)	\$ 15.61	
Vested.....	(14,215)	\$ 33.44	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010 .....	67,350	\$ 15.42	
Granted.....	10,580	\$ 41.80	
Vested.....	(50,720)	\$ 10.05	
Outstanding at December 31, 2011 .....	27,210	\$ 35.69	
Granted (a).....	11,740	\$ 39.31	
Forfeited.....	(12,217)	\$ 39.22	
Vested (b).....	(22,483)	\$ 34.91	
Outstanding at December 31, 2012 .....	4,250	\$ 39.63	\$ 41.31
Expected to vest (c).....	3,170	\$ 39.76	\$ 41.34

- (a) Includes the impact of conversion of the underlying securities granted under the 2012 LTIP.
- (b) The units vested at 121%.
- (c) Based on DCP Partners’ December 31, 2012 estimated achievement of specified performance targets, the performance for units granted in 2012 is 100% and for units granted in 2011 is 100%. The estimated forfeiture rate for units granted in 2012 is 30% and for units granted in 2011 is 20%.

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

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

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(millions)		
Fair value of units vested.....	\$ 1	\$ 5	\$ —
Unit-based liabilities paid.....	\$ 5	\$ —	\$ 1

*Phantom Units*— In conjunction with DCP Partners' initial public offering, in January 2006, the board of directors of DCP Partners' general partner awarded Phantom LPUs, or Phantom Units, to key employees and to directors who are not officers or employees of affiliates of DCP Partners' general partner.

As part of their director fees, DCP Partners granted 4,000 Phantom Units during each of the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and 5,200 Phantom Units during the year ended December 31, 2010 to directors. All of these units vested in their respective grant years, and were settled in units.

The DERs are paid quarterly in arrears.

The following table presents information related to the Phantom Units:

	Units	Grant Date Weighted- Average Price Per Unit	Measurement Date Price Per Unit
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	—	\$ —	
Granted.....	5,200	\$ 31.80	
Vested.....	(5,200)	\$ 31.80	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010.....	—	\$ —	
Granted.....	4,000	\$ 41.80	
Vested.....	(4,000)	\$ 41.80	
Outstanding at December 31, 2011.....	—	\$ —	
Granted.....	4,000	\$ 48.03	
Vested.....	(4,000)	\$ 48.03	
Outstanding at December 31, 2012.....	—	\$ —	\$ —

The fair value of the units that vested for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was less than \$1 million for all periods.

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*Restricted Phantom Units* — DCP Partners' general partner's board of directors awarded restricted phantom LPUs, or RPUs, to key employees under the LTIP. Of the remaining RPUs outstanding at December 31, 2012, 1,560 units are expected to vest on December 31, 2013 and 1,610 units are expected to vest on December 31, 2014. The DERs are paid quarterly in arrears. The following table presents information related to the RPUs:

	Units	Grant Date Weighted- Average Price per Unit	Measurement Date Price per Unit
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	67,140	\$ 15.18	
Granted.....	16,630	\$ 31.80	
Forfeited.....	(2,205)	\$ 15.61	
Vested.....	(14,215)	\$ 33.44	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010.....	67,350	\$ 15.42	
Granted.....	10,580	\$ 41.80	
Vested.....	(58,600)	\$ 12.97	
Outstanding at December 31, 2011.....	19,330	\$ 37.27	
Granted (a).....	11,740	\$ 39.31	
Forfeited.....	(7,760)	\$ 43.27	
Vested.....	(19,060)	\$ 37.31	
Outstanding at December 31, 2012.....	4,250	\$ 39.63	\$ 41.31
Expected to vest.....	3,170	\$ 39.76	\$ 41.34

(a) Include the impact of conversion of the underlying securities granted under the 2012 LTIP.

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

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(millions)		
Fair value of units vested.....	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 1
Unit-based liabilities paid.....	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ —

The estimate of RPU that are expected to vest is based on highly subjective assumptions that could potentially change over time, including the expected forfeiture rate, which was estimated at 30% for units granted in 2012 and 20% for units granted in 2011. Therefore, the amount of unrecognized compensation expense noted above does not necessarily represent the value that will ultimately be realized in our consolidated statement of operations.

**Duke Energy 1998 LTIP and Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP** — Under the Duke Energy 1998 LTIP, Duke Energy grants certain of our key employees stock options, stock-based performance awards, phantom stock awards and other stock awards to be settled in shares of Duke Energy's common stock, or the Stock-Based Awards. Upon execution of the 50-50 Transaction in July 2005, our employees incurred a change in status from Duke Energy employees to non-employees. As a result, we began accounting for these awards using the fair value method. No awards have been and we do not expect to settle any awards granted under the Duke Energy 1998 LTIP as of December 31, 2012, all units under the Duke Energy 1998 LTIP are vested.

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

The Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP provides for the granting of stock options, restricted stock awards and units, unrestricted stock awards and units, and other equity-based awards, to employees and other key individuals who perform services for Spectra Energy. A maximum of 40 million shares of common stock may be awarded under the Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP, as amended and restated.

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Options granted under the Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP are issued with the exercise price equal to the fair market value of Spectra Energy common stock on the grant date, have ten year terms, and vest immediately or over terms not to exceed five years. Compensation expense related to stock options is recognized over the requisite service period. The requisite service period for stock options is the same as the vesting period, with the exception of retirement eligible employees, who have shorter requisite service periods sending when the employees become retirement eligible. Restricted, performance and phantom stock awards granted under the Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP typically become 100% vested on the three-year anniversary of the grant date. The fair value of the awards granted is measured based on the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant, and the related compensation expense is recognized over the requisite service period which is the same as the vesting period. As of December 31, 2012, all unissued options under the Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP are vested.

*Stock Options*— Under the Duke Energy 1998 LTIP, the exercise price of each option granted could not be less than the market price of Duke Energy's common stock on the date of grant. Effective July 1, 2005, these options were accounted using the fair value method. As a result, compensation expense subsequent to July 1, 2005, is recognized based on the change in the fair value of the stock options at each reporting date until vesting. As of December 31, 2012, all stock options granted under the Duke and Spectra plans are vested and exercisable.

On July 2, 2012, Duke Energy completed a merger with Progress Energy. Immediately preceding the merger, Duke Energy executed a one-for-three reverse stock split with respect to the issued and outstanding shares of Duke Energy common stock. The following table includes the effect of the reverse stock split on outstanding options.

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

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Life (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (millions)
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	1,166,792	\$ 19.34		
Exercised.....	(56,245)	\$ 8.42		
Forfeited.....	(401,562)	\$ 24.19		
Outstanding at December 31, 2010.....	708,985	\$ 17.46		
Exercised.....	(59,725)	\$ 8.90		
Forfeited.....	(451,700)	\$ 21.45		
Outstanding and Exercisable at December 31, 2011.....	197,560	\$ 10.93		
Exercised.....	(62,809)	\$ 10.72		
Forfeited.....	(42,400)	\$ 21.68		
Reverse stock split.....	(68,368)	\$ 7.91		
Outstanding and Exercisable at December 31, 2012.....	<u>23,983</u>	\$ 23.62	0.2	\$ 1

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, was approximately \$1 million for all periods.

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

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted-Average Exercise Price</u>	<u>Weighted-Average Remaining Life (years)</u>	<u>Aggregate Intrinsic Value (millions)</u>
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	598,296	\$ 28.95	2.4	
Exercised.....	(33,768)	\$ 13.22		
Forfeited.....	(202,187)	\$ 36.55		
Outstanding at December 31, 2010.....	362,341	\$ 26.18		
Exercised.....	(29,134)	\$ 12.43		
Forfeited.....	(227,150)	\$ 32.40		
Outstanding and Exercisable at December 31, 2011.....	106,057	\$ 16.61		
Exercised.....	(39,661)	\$ 12.08		
Forfeited.....	(23,600)	\$ 32.79		
Outstanding and Exercisable at December 31, 2012.....	<u>42,796</u>	\$ 11.89	0.2	\$ 1

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, was less than \$1 million for all periods.

*Phantom Stock Awards*— There were no phantom stock awards granted during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

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

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Grant Date Weighted-Average Price Per Unit</u>	<u>Measurement Date Weighted-Average Price Per Unit</u>
<b>Duke Energy 1998 LTIP</b>			
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	26,508	\$ 15.72	
Vested.....	(22,516)	\$ 15.59	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010.....	3,992	\$ 16.50	
Vested.....	(3,992)	\$ 16.50	
Outstanding at December 31, 2012 and 2011.....	<u>—</u>	\$ —	\$ —
<b>Spectra Energy 2007 LTIP</b>			
Outstanding at January 1, 2010.....	13,254	\$ 23.76	
Vested.....	(11,258)	\$ 23.55	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010.....	1,996	\$ 24.94	
Vested.....	(1,996)	\$ 24.94	
Outstanding at December 31, 2012 and 2011.....	<u>—</u>	\$ —	\$ —

There were no phantom stock awards which vested during the year ended December 31, 2012. The total fair value of the phantom stock awards that vested during the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was less than \$1 million for both periods.

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**14. Benefits**

All Company employees who have reached the age of 18 and work at least 20 hours per week are eligible for participation in our 401(k) and retirement plan, to which we contribute an amount of 4% to 7% of each eligible employee's qualified earnings to the retirement plan, based on years of service. Additionally, we match employees' contributions in the 401(k) plan up to 6% of qualified earnings. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 we expensed plan contributions of \$27 million, \$25 million and \$21 million, respectively. In conjunction with the Marysville Hydrocarbons Holdings, LLC, or Marysville, acquisition on December 30, 2010, DCP Partners acquired two 401(k) plans. One of these plans was incorporated into the DCP Midstream 401(k) plan during 2011.

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

**15. Income Taxes**

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

On December 30, 2010, DCP Partners acquired all of the interests in Marysville, an entity that owned a taxable C-Corporation consolidated return group. We estimated \$35 million of deferred tax liabilities resulting from built-in tax gains recognized in the transaction and recorded this in our preliminary purchase price allocation as of December 31, 2010. On January 4, 2011, DCP Partners merged two wholly-owned subsidiaries of Marysville and converted the combined entity's organizational structure from a corporation to a limited liability company. This conversion to a limited liability company triggered the deferred tax liabilities resulting from built-in tax gains to become currently payable. Accordingly, the estimated \$35 million of deferred tax liabilities at December 31, 2010 became currently payable on January 4, 2011. During 2011, DCP Partners made estimated federal and state tax payments totaling \$29 million and less than \$1 million, respectively, related to the re-estimated \$35 million tax liability that resulted from the acquisition of Marysville. The remaining \$6 million estimated tax liability was reclassified to goodwill in DCP Partners' final accounting for the Marysville business combination.

The State of Texas imposes a marginal tax that is assessed at 1% of taxable margin apportioned to Texas. Accordingly, we have recorded current tax expense for the Texas margin tax. For the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, the state of Michigan imposed a business tax of 0.8% on gross receipts and 4.95% of Michigan taxable income. The sum of gross receipts and income tax is subject to a tax surcharge of 21.99%. The Michigan business tax was repealed for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Income tax expense consisted of the following:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>(millions)</b>		
Current:			
Federal income tax expense.....	\$ —	\$ (29)	\$ —
State income tax expense.....	(3)	(10)	(9)
Deferred:			
Federal income tax benefit.....	3	34	5
State income tax (expense) benefit .....	(2)	2	(1)
Total income tax expense.....	\$ (2)	\$ (3)	\$ (5)

We had net long-term deferred tax liabilities of \$92 million and \$93 million as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The net long-term deferred tax liabilities are included in deferred income taxes on the consolidated balance sheets. The deferred tax liabilities of \$135 million and \$126 million as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, are primarily associated with

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depreciation and amortization related to the acquired intangible assets and property, plant and equipment. Offsetting the deferred tax liabilities are deferred tax assets related to the net operating loss of an affiliate corporation of approximately \$43 million and \$33 million as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The net operating losses begin expiring in 2017. We expect to fully utilize the net operating loss carryovers, and, accordingly, we have not provided a valuation allowance for the net deferred tax asset.

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

**16. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

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

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

*General Insurance*—Our insurance coverage is carried with an affiliate of Phillips 66, an affiliate of Spectra Energy and third-party insurers. Our insurance coverage includes: (1) general liability insurance covering third-party exposures; (2) statutory workers' compensation insurance; (3) automobile liability insurance for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles; (4) excess liability insurance above the established primary limits for general liability and automobile liability insurance; (5) property insurance, which covers the replacement value of real and personal property and includes business interruption; and (6) directors and officers insurance covering our directors and officers for acts related to our business activities. All coverage is subject to certain limits and deductibles, the terms and conditions of which are common for companies with similar types of operations.

*Environmental*—The operation of pipelines, plants and other facilities for gathering, processing, compressing, transporting, or storing natural gas, and fractionating, transporting, gathering, processing and storing NGLs and other products is subject to stringent and complex laws and regulations pertaining to health, safety and the environment. As an owner or operator of these facilities, we must comply with United States laws and regulations at the federal, state and local level that relate to air and water quality, hazardous waste and disposal, and other environmental matters including recently adopted U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations related to reporting of greenhouse gas emissions which have taken effect over the past two years. The cost of planning, designing, constructing and operating pipelines, plants, and other facilities must incorporate compliance with environmental laws and regulations and safety standards. In addition, there is increasing focus, both from state and federal regulatory officials and through litigation, on hydraulic fracturing and the real or perceived environmental impacts of this technique, which indirectly presents some risk to our available supply of natural gas. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may trigger a variety of administrative, civil and potentially criminal enforcement measures, including citizen suits, which can include the assessment of monetary penalties, the imposition of remedial requirements, the issuance of injunctions or restrictions on operations. Management believes that, based on currently known information, compliance with these laws and regulations will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

We make expenditures in connection with environmental matters as part of our normal operations. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, environmental liabilities included in the consolidated balance sheets as other current liabilities amounted to \$5 million and \$6 million, respectively, and environmental liabilities included in the consolidated balance sheets as other long-term liabilities amounted to \$9 million and \$9 million, respectively.

*Operating Leases*—We utilize assets under operating leases in several areas of operations. Consolidated rental expense, including leases with no continuing commitment, amounted to \$36 million, \$38 million and \$38 million in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Rental expense for leases with the escalation clause is recognized on a straight line basis over the initial lease term.



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

<b>Minimum Rental Payments</b>	
(millions)	
2013.....	\$ 49
2014.....	39
2015.....	30
2016.....	21
2017.....	16
Thereafter.....	61
Total minimum lease payments .....	\$ 216

**17. Guarantees and Indemnifications**

We periodically enter into agreements for the acquisition, contribution or divestiture of assets. These agreements contain indemnification provisions that may provide indemnity for environmental, tax, employment, outstanding litigation, breaches of representations, warranties and covenants, performance of DCP Partners or other liabilities related to the assets being acquired, contributed or divested. Claims may be made by third parties or DCP Partners under these indemnification agreements for various periods of time depending on the nature of the claim. The effective periods on these indemnification provisions generally have terms of one to 15 years, although some are longer. Our maximum potential exposure under these indemnification agreements can vary depending on the nature of the claim and the particular transaction. We are unable to estimate the total maximum potential amount of future payments under indemnification agreements due to several factors, including uncertainty as to whether claims will be made under these indemnities. We have issued guarantees and indemnifications for certain of our consolidated subsidiaries.

**18. Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	(millions)		
Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest .....	\$ 169	\$ 196	\$ 256
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds .....	\$ 6	\$ 37	\$ 6
<b>Non-cash investing and financing activities :</b>			
Distributions payable to members .....	\$ —	\$ 95	\$ 77
Property, plant and equipment acquired with accounts payable .....	\$ 158	\$ 118	\$ 72
Other non-cash additions of property, plant and equipment .....	\$ 59	\$ 9	\$ 7
Acquisition related contingent consideration .....	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4

During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we received distributions from DCP Partners of \$75 million, \$53 million and \$45 million, respectively, which are eliminated in consolidation.

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**19. Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves**

Our valuation and qualifying accounts and reserves for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 are as follows:

	<u>Balance at Beginning of Period</u>	<u>Charged to Consolidated Statements of Operations</u>	<u>Charged to Other Accounts (b)</u>	<u>Deductions (c)</u>	<u>Balance at End of Period</u>
	(millions)				
<b>December 31, 2012:</b>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts.....	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2
Environmental.....	15	2	—	(3)	14
Litigation.....	3	—	—	(2)	1
Other (a).....	1	—	—	(1)	—
	<u>\$ 21</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (6)</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>
<b>December 31, 2011:</b>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts.....	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2
Environmental.....	15	3	—	(3)	15
Litigation.....	2	2	—	(1)	3
Other (a).....	3	1	—	(3)	1
	<u>\$ 22</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (7)</u>	<u>\$ 21</u>
<b>December 31, 2010:</b>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts.....	\$ 3	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1)	\$ 2
Environmental.....	16	3	—	(4)	15
Litigation.....	6	—	—	(4)	2
Other (a).....	1	—	4	(2)	3
	<u>\$ 26</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ (11)</u>	<u>\$ 22</u>

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

**20. Subsequent Events**

We have evaluated subsequent events occurring through February 22, 2013, the date the consolidated financial statements were issued.

On January 28, 2013, DCP Partners announced that the board of directors of DCP Partners' general partner declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.69 per unit, payable on February 14, 2013 to unit holders of record on February 7, 2013.

In January 2013, our board of directors approved a \$104 million dividend which was paid in January 2013.