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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2014

Or

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

For the transition period from to

Commission file number: 001-36018

Marlin Midstream Partners, LP  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

77042

(Zip Code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232,405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files.) Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

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

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

Class	Units outstanding as of April 30, 2014
Common Units	8,877,357
Subordinated Units	8,724,545
General Partner Units	356,104

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following are definitions of certain terms used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

- Bbls: One stock tank barrel, or 42 U.S. gallons liquid volume, used in reference to oil or other liquid hydrocarbons.
- Bbls/d: Stock tank barrel per day.
- Bbls/hr: Stock tank barrel per hour.
- condensate: A natural gas liquid with a low vapor pressure, mainly composed of propane, butane, pentane and heavier hydrocarbon fractions.
- crude oil: A mixture of hydrocarbons that exists in liquid phase in underground reservoirs.
- dry gas: A natural gas primarily composed of methane and ethane where heavy hydrocarbons and water either do not exist or have been removed through processing.
- end-user markets: The ultimate users and consumers of transported energy products.
- Mcf: One thousand cubic feet.
- MMBtu: One million British Thermal Units.
- MMcf: One million cubic feet.
- MMcf/d: One million cubic feet per day.
- Natural gas liquids, or NGLs: The combination of ethane, propane, normal butane, isobutane and natural gasolines that when removed from natural gas become liquid under various levels of higher pressure and lower temperature.
- residue gas: The dry gas remaining after being processed or treated.
- tailgate: Refers to the point at which processed natural gas and natural gas liquids leave a processing facility for end-user markets.
- throughput: The volume of natural gas transported or passing through a pipeline, plant, terminal or other facility during a particular period.

## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

MARLIN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (in thousands)

	March 31, 2014 (unaudited)	December 31, 2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,877	\$ 3,157
Accounts receivable	4,570	2,969
Accounts receivable—affiliates	3,449	3,632
Inventory	384	321
Prepaid assets	213	330
Other current assets	285	285
Total current assets	10,778	10,694
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET	165,907	162,548
OTHER ASSETS	828	900
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 177,513</b>	<b>\$ 174,142</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,631	\$ 2,791
Accrued liabilities	1,843	2,131
Accounts payable—affiliates	4,262	1,552
Long-term incentive plan payable - affiliates	121	2,752
Total current liabilities	9,857	9,226
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Long-term incentive plan payable - affiliates	495	291
Deferred taxes	92	75
Long-term debt	5,000	4,000
Total liabilities	15,444	13,592
<b>PARTNERS' CAPITAL</b>		
Common units (8,877,357 and 8,724,545 issued and outstanding at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively)	144,718	142,587
Subordinated units (8,724,545 issued and outstanding at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013)	16,670	17,258
General partner units (356,104 issued and outstanding at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013)	681	705
Total Partners' Capital	162,069	160,550
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$ 177,513</b>	<b>\$ 174,142</b>

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

MARLIN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
 (in thousands, except per unit amounts)

	Three Months Ended March	
	31,	
	2014	2013
	(unaudited)	
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue	\$3,605	\$3,164
Gathering, processing, transloading and other revenue	6,683	4,295
Gathering, processing, transloading and other revenue—affiliates	8,530	44
Total Revenues	18,818	7,503
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Cost of natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue	1,258	1,076
Cost of natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue—affiliates	2,950	1,452
Operation and maintenance	2,381	3,657
Operation and maintenance—affiliates	1,935	248
General and administrative	732	1,084
General and administrative—affiliates	1,765	341
Property and other taxes	299	233
Depreciation expense	2,144	1,984
Total operating expenses	13,464	10,075
Operating income	5,354	(2,572)
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(155)	(1,341)
Loss on interest rate swap	—	(10)
Net income (loss) before tax	5,199	(3,923)
Income tax expense	69	11
Net income (loss)	5,130	(3,934)
Net income for the three-months ended March 31, 2014:	\$5,130	
Less: general partner interest in net income	\$(103)	)
Limited partner interest in net income	\$5,027	
Net income per limited partner common unit - basic and diluted	\$0.28	
Net income per limited partner subordinated unit - basic and diluted	\$0.29	
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated and combined financial statements.		

MARLIN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENT OF PARTNERS' CAPITAL AND MEMBER'S  
 EQUITY  
 (in thousands)

In thousands	Member's Equity	General Partner Units	Subordinated Units	Common Units	Total
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$32,279	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$32,279
Net loss attributable to the period from January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013	(6,003	)—	—	—	(6,003 )
Capital contributions through July 31, 2013	3,574	—	—	—	3,574
Transfer of net liabilities to NuDevco Midstream Development, LLC on July 31, 2013	2,307	—	—	—	2,307
Contribution of net assets to Marlin Midstream Partners, LP at July 31, 2013	(32,157	)643	15,757	15,757	—
Issuance of common units from Initial Public Offering, net of underwriting discount and other direct IPO costs, at July 31, 2013				125,329	125,329
Distributions through December 31, 2013		(82	)(2,022	)(2,022	)(4,126 )
Net income attributable to the period from August 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013		144	3,523	3,523	7,190
Balance at December 31, 2013	—	705	17,258	142,587	160,550
Issuance of common units under the Long-Term Incentive Plan				2,720	2,720
Distributions through March 31, 2014		(127	)(3,102	)(3,102	)(6,331 )
Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2014		103	2,514	2,513	5,130
Balance at March 31, 2014	\$—	\$681	\$16,670	\$144,718	\$162,069

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

MARLIN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
	(unaudited)	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$5,130	\$(3,934)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash flows provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	2,144	1,984
Amortization of deferred financing costs	72	167
Equity-based compensation	1,246	—
Deferred taxes	18	—
Unrealized loss on derivatives	—	(8)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(1,601)	) 3,856
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable—affiliates	183	(23)
Increase in inventory	(62)	) (33)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid assets	117	(7)
Increase in other current assets	—	(624)
Decrease in other assets	—	14
Increase in accounts payable	148	1,687
Decrease in accrued liabilities	(288)	) (477)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable—affiliates	1,755	(3,209)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8,862	(607)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(4,811)	) (3,264)
Net cash used in investing activities	(4,811)	) (3,264)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital contributions	—	324
Borrowing of long-term debt	6,500	3,000
Repayments on long-term debt	(5,500)	) (2,063)
Distributions	(6,331)	) —
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(5,331)	) 1,261
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(1,280)</b>	<b>) (2,610)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS—Beginning of Period</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>5,555</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS—End of Period</b>	<b>\$1,877</b>	<b>\$2,945</b>
<b>Supplemental Cash Flow Information:</b>		
Cash paid for interest	\$87	\$1,499
Accrual of Construction-in-progress and capital expenditures	\$2,098	\$4,018

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



MARLIN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP  
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(UNAUDITED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND FORMATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP

Organization

Marlin Midstream Partners, LP (the "Partnership") is a midstream energy company that offers (i) natural gas gathering, compression, dehydration, treating, processing, and hydrocarbon dew-point control and transportation services to producers, marketers and third-party pipeline companies, and (ii) crude oil transloading services to Associated Energy Services, LP ("AES"), an affiliate of the Partnership.

The Partnership is a Delaware limited partnership, formed in April 2013 by NuDevco Partners, LLC and its affiliates ("NuDevco"). NuDevco, a sole member limited liability company formed on August 27, 2010 under the Texas Limited Liability Company Act ("TLLCA"), is an affiliate of Spark Energy Ventures, LLC ("SEV"), a sole member limited liability company formed on October 8, 2007 under the TLLCA. NuDevco and SEV are both wholly owned by W. Keith Maxwell III. SEV was the sole member of Marlin Midstream, LLC and its subsidiaries ("Marlin Midstream"), and Mr. Maxwell was the sole member of Marlin Logistics, LLC prior to the closing of the Partnership's initial public offering of 6,875,000 common units representing a 38.6% limited partner interest in the Partnership on July 31, 2013 ("IPO") as discussed below. Concurrently, with the closing of the IPO, the Partnership also executed a new credit facility as discussed below.

In connection with the closing of the IPO, SEV contributed all of its interest in Marlin Midstream to the Partnership, and Mr. Maxwell contributed all of his interest in Marlin Logistics, LLC ("Marlin Logistics") to the Partnership, through a series of transfers of interest in entities all under the common control of Mr. Maxwell in exchange for wholly owned subsidiaries of NuDevco receiving common units and all of the Partnership's subordinated units and incentive distribution rights. The contribution of entities, as discussed above, to the Partnership is not considered a business combination accounted for under the purchase method, as it was a transfer of assets and operations under common control and, accordingly, balances were transferred at their historical cost. The Partnership's historical condensed combined financial statements prior to the IPO are prepared using Marlin Midstream's and Marlin Logistics' historical basis in the assets and liabilities, and include all revenues, costs, assets and liabilities attributed to these entities for the periods presented. The Partnership's financial statements subsequent to the IPO are prepared on a consolidated basis.

The Partnership's general partner, Marlin Midstream GP, LLC manages the Partnership's activities subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Partnership's partnership agreement. The Partnership's general partner is owned by NuDevco Midstream Development, LLC ("NuDevco Midstream Development"), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of NuDevco. The operations of the general partner, in its capacity as general partner, are managed by its board of directors. Actions by the general partner that are made in its individual capacity will be made by NuDevco Midstream Development as the sole member of the Partnership's general partner and not by the board of directors of the general partner. The partnership's general partner will not be elected by the Partnership's unitholders and will not be subject to re-election on a regular basis in the future. The officers of the general partner will manage the day-to-day affairs of the Partnership's business.

Marlin Midstream was formed November 26, 2002 as a sole member limited liability company under the TLLCA. Marlin Midstream is a midstream energy company offering the following midstream services: natural gas gathering, compression, dehydration, treating, processing and hydrocarbon dew-point control and transportation services to producers, third-party pipeline companies and marketers.

Marlin Logistics, formerly known as FuelCo Energy, LLC, was formed August 26, 2010 as a sole member limited liability company under the TLLCA. Marlin Logistics is a crude oil logistics company that offers crude oil transloading services.

This report contains information occurring prior to the completion of Marlin Midstream Partners, LP's initial public offering on July 31, 2013, and prior to the effective dates of certain of the agreements discussed herein. Consequently,

the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements and related discussion of financial condition and results of operations contained in this report for those periods prior to the initial public offering pertain to the combined businesses and assets of Marlin Midstream, LLC and its subsidiaries and Marlin Logistics, LLC.

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this report to “we,” “our,” “us,” or like terms, when used in a historical context, refer to the combined businesses and assets of Marlin Midstream, LLC and its subsidiaries and Marlin

Logistics, LLC, and when used in the present tense or prospectively, refer to Marlin Midstream Partners, LP and its subsidiaries.

As a company with less than \$1.0 billion in revenues during its last fiscal year, the Partnership qualifies as an “emerging growth company” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act. An emerging growth company may take advantage of specified reduced reporting and other regulatory requirements.

Initial Public Offering of Marlin Midstream Partners, LP

On July 31, 2013, the Partnership completed the IPO of 6,875,000 common units, representing a 38.6% limited partner interest, to the public for \$20.00 per common unit, less an underwriting discount of \$1.20 per common unit. After the closing of the IPO, substantially all the Partnership's gross margin is generated under fee-based commercial agreements, the substantial majority of which have minimum volume commitments.

Net proceeds to the Partnership from the IPO were \$125.3 million, after underwriting discount, structuring fees and other direct IPO costs. Using those proceeds, the Partnership repaid its existing credit facility of approximately \$121.9 million and the outstanding revolving credit facility of approximately \$10.0 million, and settled its existing interest rate swap liability of approximately \$0.1 million.

At the consummation of the IPO, the amount of common, subordinated, and general partner units is summarized in the table below:

	Number of units at July 31, 2013	Limited Partner Interest
Publicly held common units	6,875,000	38.6%
Common units held by NuDevco	1,849,545	10.4%
Subordinated units held by NuDevco	8,724,545	49.0%
General partner units	356,104	2.0%
Total	17,805,194	100.0%

#### Our Fee-Based Commercial Agreements

Prior to the IPO, the Partnership generated revenues primarily under keep-whole and other commodity-based gathering and processing agreements with third parties and its affiliates. At the closing of the IPO, the Partnership terminated the existing commodity-based gas gathering and processing agreement with AES, assigned to AES all of the remaining keep-whole and other commodity-based gathering and processing agreements with third party customers and entered into a new three-year fee-based gathering and processing agreement with AES with a minimum volume commitment and annual inflation adjustments.

Following the closing of the IPO, the Partnership has multiple fee-based commercial agreements in place with Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (“Anadarko”) and AES, substantially all of which include minimum volume commitments and annual inflation adjustments that are the source of a substantial portion of the Partnership's revenues.

## 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The condensed consolidated and combined financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

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

Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results which may be expected for the full year or for any interim period. The condensed

consolidated and combined financial statements include the accounts of the Partnership and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain information and note disclosures commonly included in annual financial statements have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. Accordingly, the accompanying condensed consolidated and combined financial statements and notes should be read in conjunction with the Partnership's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, as amended on March 26, 2014 and March 28, 2014 (the "Annual Report"), as filed with the SEC on February 27, 2014. Management believes that the disclosures made are adequate to make the information not misleading.

The accompanying condensed consolidated and combined financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Regulation S-X, Article 3, General Instructions as to Financial Statements and Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") Topic 1-B, Allocations of Expenses and Related Disclosures in Financial Statements of Subsidiaries, Divisions or Lesser Business Components of Another Entity. Certain expenses incurred by SEV are only indirectly attributable to its ownership of Marlin Midstream prior to the IPO. As a result, certain assumptions and estimates are made in order to allocate a reasonable share of such expenses to the Partnership, so that the accompanying condensed consolidated and combined financial statements reflect substantially all costs of doing business. The allocations and related estimates and assumptions are described more fully in Note 11 ("Transactions with Affiliates"), which the Partnership believes are reasonable.

SEV has allocated various corporate overhead expenses to the Partnership based on percentage of departmental usage, wages or headcount. These allocations are not necessarily indicative of the cost that the Partnership would have incurred had it operated as an independent stand-alone entity. As such, the condensed consolidated and combined financial statements do not fully reflect what the Partnership's financial position, results of operations and cash flows would have been had the Partnership operated as a stand-alone company during the periods presented.

At the closing of the IPO, the Partnership entered into an omnibus agreement with NuDevco and its affiliates which addresses the management and administrative services to be provided by NuDevco to the Partnership and the corresponding fees and expense reimbursements to be paid to NuDevco in connection therewith. Under the omnibus agreement, the Partnership pays an annual fee, initially in the amount of \$0.6 million, for executive management services and is allocated general and administrative and operating expenses that are directly attributable to the Partnership.

Marlin Midstream has also historically relied upon SEV and its affiliates as a participant in SEV's credit facility prior to the IPO. As a result, the historical combined financial information for the three months ended March 31, 2013 is not necessarily indicative of what the Partnership's results of operations, financial position and cash flows will be in the future.

#### Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date these financial statements are issued. Any material subsequent events that occurred prior to such date have been properly recognized or disclosed in the condensed consolidated and combined financial statements.

#### Net Income Per Unit

The Partnership has omitted net income per unit for all historical periods prior to the IPO because the Partnership operated under a sole member equity structure for the periods prior to the IPO, which is different than the capital structure resulting from the consummation of the IPO and, as a result, the per unit data for periods prior to the IPO would not be meaningful to investors.

#### Reclassifications

Certain amounts reported for prior years in the condensed consolidated and combined financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

### 3. PARTNERSHIP EQUITY AND DISTRIBUTIONS

#### Outstanding Units

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At each of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Partnership had outstanding 8,877,357 common units and 8,724,545 subordinated units. NuDevco Midstream Development owns 100% of the interest in the Partnership's general partner, which owns a 2.0% general partner interest in the Partnership, 10.4% of the Partnership's outstanding common units and 49.0% of the Partnership's outstanding subordinated units.

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## Distributable Cash and Distributions

The partnership agreement requires the Partnership to distribute all available cash, as defined in our Partnership Agreement, to unitholders of record, as of the applicable record date, no later than 45 days after the end of each quarter.

Available cash generally means, for any quarter, all cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of that quarter:

- less, the amount of cash reserves established by the General Partner to:
  - provide for the proper conduct of the business (including reserves for future capital expenditures and anticipated future debt service requirements and for anticipated shortfalls on future minimum commitment payments to which prior credits may be applied);
  - comply with applicable law, any of our debt instruments or other agreements; or
  - provide funds for distributions to unitholders and to the general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters (provided that the general partner may not establish cash reserves for distributions if the effect of the establishment of such reserves will prevent us from distributing the minimum quarterly distribution on all common units and any cumulative arrearages on such common units for the current quarter);
- plus, if the general partner so determines, all or any portion of the cash on hand on the date of determination of available cash for the quarter resulting from working capital borrowings made subsequent to the end of such quarter.

The partnership declared the following cash distributions to its unitholders of record for the periods presented:

In Thousands, except per-unit amounts	Total Quarterly Distribution per Unit	Total Cash Distribution	Date of Distribution
Quarter ended: March 31, 2014	\$0.355	\$6,375.1	May 6, 2014
March 31, 2013	(1) —	—	—

(1) No distributions were declared for the quarter ended March 31, 2013. Although this quarter is presented in comparative financial statements, this quarter was prior to the completion of the IPO.

## General Partner Interest

The Partnership's general partner is entitled to 2.0% of all distributions that the Partnership makes. The general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us in order to maintain its 2.0% general partner interest if the Partnership issues additional units. The 2.0% general partner interest, and the percentage of the Partnership's cash distributions to which the general partner is entitled from such 2.0% interest, will be proportionately reduced if the Partnership issues additional units in the future (other than the issuance of common units upon conversion of outstanding subordinated units or the issuance of common units upon a reset of the incentive distribution rights) and the Partnership's general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to the Partnership in order to maintain the general partners 2.0% general partner interest.

## Incentive Distribution Rights

NuDevco indirectly holds all of the incentive distribution rights issued in the IPO, which entitles NuDevco to receive an increasing percentage (13.0%, 23.0% and 48.0%) of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus after the minimum quarterly distribution and certain target distribution levels have been achieved. The maximum distribution of 48.0% does not include any distributions that the Partnership's general partner or its affiliates may receive on common, subordinated or general partner units that they own.

## Subordinated Units and Common Units Held by NuDevco Midstream Development

The Partnership's partnership agreement provides that, during the defined subordination period, the common units have the right to receive distributions of available cash from operating surplus each quarter in an amount equal to \$0.35 per common unit before any distributions of available cash from operating surplus may be made on the subordinated units. The subordinated units are deemed "subordinated" because for a defined period of time the

subordinated units will not be entitled to receive any distributions until the common units have received the minimum quarterly distribution plus any arrearages from prior quarters. Furthermore, no arrearages accrue or are payable on the subordinated units.

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Except as described below, the subordination period began on the closing date of the IPO and extends until the first business day following the distribution of available cash in respect of any quarter beginning after September 30, 2016, that each of the following tests are met:

distributions of available cash from operating surplus on each of the outstanding common units, subordinated units and general partner units equaled or exceeded \$1.40 (the annualized minimum quarterly distribution), for each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-quarter periods immediately preceding that date;

the adjusted operating surplus generated during each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-quarter periods immediately preceding that date equaled or exceeded the sum of \$1.40 (the annualized minimum quarterly distribution) on all of the outstanding common units, subordinated units and general partner units during those periods on a fully diluted basis; and

there are no arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units.

#### 4. NET INCOME PER UNIT

The Partnership's net income is allocated to the general partner and the limited partners in accordance with their respective ownership percentages and, when applicable, giving effect to incentive distribution rights. Basic and diluted net income per unit is calculated by dividing the partner's interest in net income by the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

The following table illustrates the Partnership's calculation of net income per unit for common and subordinated partner units

In Thousands, except per unit data

Net income for the three-months ended March 31, 2014:	\$5,130	
Less: general partner interest in net income	(103	)
Limited partner interest in net income	\$5,027	
Net income allocable to common units	\$2,513	
Net income allocable to subordinated units	2,514	
Limited partner interest in net income	\$5,027	
Net income per limited partner common unit - basic	\$0.28	
Net income per limited subordinated unit - basic	\$0.29	
Net income per limited partner unit - basic	\$0.29	
Net income per limited partner common unit - diluted	\$0.28	
Net income per limited subordinated unit - diluted	\$0.29	
Net income per limited partner unit - diluted	\$0.28	
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding - basic		
Common units	8,877,357	
Subordinated units	8,724,545	
Total	17,601,902	
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding - diluted		
Common units	8,987,107	
Subordinated units	8,724,545	
Total	17,711,652	

#### 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

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Net property, plant and equipment are composed of the following:

In Thousands	Estimated Useful Lives (Years)	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Gas processing plants (1)	5 – 40	\$135,064	\$133,859
Gathering pipelines and related equipment	5 – 40	47,928	47,728
Land and rights of way	—	11,624	11,043
Construction-in-progress	—	6,112	2,594
Information technology and other	2 – 10	1,548	1,548
Office building	15	306	306
Autos	5	357	357
Total		202,939	197,435
Accumulated depreciation		(37,032)	(34,887)
Property, plant and equipment, net		\$165,907	\$162,548

(1) Includes inlet and residue pipelines and connections.

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The Partnership's principal assets consist of two related natural gas processing facilities located in Panola County, Texas, a natural gas processing facility located in Tyler County, Texas, two natural gas gathering systems connected to its Panola County processing facilities and two NGL transportation pipelines that connect its Panola County and Tyler County processing facilities to third party NGL pipelines.

The cost of property, plant and equipment classified as "Construction-in-progress" is excluded from costs being depreciated. These amounts represent property that is not yet suitable to be placed into productive service as of the respective balance sheet date.

Depreciation expense was \$2.1 million and \$2.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

At the completion of the IPO, the Partnership transferred the Partnership's 50% interest in the CO<sub>2</sub> processing facility located in Monell, Wyoming to affiliates of NuDevco. As such, subsequent to the closing of the IPO, the Partnership incurs no revenues or expenses associated with the Monell facility. The Partnership was responsible for the design and construction of the Monell facility. Anadarko was designated as an operator of the Monell facility who has exclusive right to operate the facility until terminated by unanimous vote of the owners. Revenue generated from and capital expenditures and operating expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the plant were allocated on a pro-rata basis in proportion to each owner's ownership interest. The Partnership recorded its proportional cost of the Monell facility and its share of revenues and expenses in its condensed consolidated and combined financial statements, as earned and incurred prior to the closing of the IPO, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Partnership recorded revenues of \$0.1 million and recorded expenses of \$0.2 million attributable to the Monell facility in connection with the collaborative arrangement. These revenues are recorded in natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue and the expenses are recorded in operation and maintenance in the condensed consolidated and combined Statements of Operations.

## 6. LONG-TERM DEBT AND INTEREST EXPENSE

Long-term debt consists of the following:

In Thousands	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Revolving credit facility	\$5,000	\$4,000
Total long-term debt	\$5,000	\$4,000

Concurrently with the closing of our IPO, the Partnership entered into a new \$50.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility, which matures on July 31, 2017. If no event of default has occurred, the Partnership has the right, subject to approval by the administrative agent and certain lenders, to increase the borrowing capacity under the new revolving credit facility to up to \$150.0 million. The new revolving credit facility is available to fund expansions, acquisitions and working capital requirements for our operations and general Partnership purposes.

At the Partnership's election, interest will be generally determined by reference to:

the Eurodollar rate plus an applicable margin between 3.0% and 3.75% per annum (based upon the prevailing senior secured leverage ratio); or

the alternate base rate plus an applicable margin between 2.0% and 2.75% per annum (based upon the prevailing senior secured leverage ratio). The alternate base rate is equal to the highest of Société Générale's prime rate, the federal funds rate plus 0.5% per annum or the reference Eurodollar rate plus 1.0%.

The new revolving credit facility is secured by the capital stock of our present and future subsidiaries, all of our and our subsidiaries' present and future property and assets (real and personal), control agreements relating to our and our subsidiaries'



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bank accounts and collateral assignments of our and our subsidiaries' material construction, ownership and operation agreements, including any agreements with AES or Anadarko.

At the closing of the IPO, the Partnership borrowed \$25.0 million under the new revolving credit facility, a portion of which, along with the proceeds from the IPO, were used to repay approximately \$131.9 million of outstanding borrowings under the previous credit facility. Immediately upon repayment, the previous credit facility was terminated. At March 31, 2014, the Partnership had \$5.0 million outstanding under the new revolving credit facility. Our new revolving credit facility also contains covenants that, among other things, require us to maintain specified ratios or conditions. We must maintain a consolidated senior secured leverage ratio, consisting of consolidated indebtedness under our new revolving credit facility to consolidated EBITDA of not more than 4.0 to 1.0, as of the last day of each fiscal quarter. In addition, we must maintain a consolidated interest coverage ratio, consisting of our consolidated EBITDA minus capital expenditures to our consolidated interest expense, letter of credit fees and commitment fees of not less than 2.5 to 1.0, as of the last day of each fiscal quarter. As of March 31, 2014, the Partnership was in compliance with all debt covenants.

In addition, our new revolving credit facility contains affirmative covenants that are customary for credit facilities of this type. The covenants will include delivery of financial statements and other information (including any filings made with the SEC), maintenance of property and insurance, payment of taxes and obligations, material compliance with laws, inspection of property, books and records and audits, use of proceeds, payments to bank blocked accounts, notice of defaults and certain other customary matters.

#### Debt Maturities

Principal amounts of long-term debt under the new revolving credit facility mature on July 31, 2017.

#### Deferred Financing Costs

Deferred financing costs were \$1.0 million and \$1.0 million as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. Of these amounts, \$0.3 million and \$0.3 million are included in other current assets within the condensed consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, and \$0.7 million and \$0.7 million are included in other assets within the condensed consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, based on the term of the related debt obligations.

Amortization of deferred financing costs was \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Amortization of deferred financing costs is recorded in interest expense, net of amounts capitalized, in the condensed consolidated and combined Statements of Operations.

#### Interest Expense

A reconciliation of total interest expense to "interest expense, net of amounts capitalized" as reported in the condensed consolidated and combined Statements of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

In Thousands	Three Months Ended		
	March 31,		
	2014	2013	
Interest expense on long-term debt	\$104	\$1,286	
Interest expense from amortization of deferred financing costs	72	167	
Less interest expense capitalized	(21	) (112	)
Total interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	\$155	\$1,341	

## 7. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### Interest Rate Swap



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On December 17, 2012, Marlin Midstream entered into a new interest rate swap ("2012 Swap") in order to fix a portion of the interest rate on Marlin Midstream's amended term loan. Marlin Midstream paid a fixed rate and received a floating rate under the 2012 Swap. The maturity date of the 2012 Swap was December 17, 2014, and the notional amount of the 2012 Swap at December 31, 2012 was \$62.5 million. On July 31, 2013, in connection with the Partnership's IPO, the 2012 Swap was settled for approximately \$0.1 million. The Partnership had no derivative assets and liabilities as of the March 31, 2014 or December 31, 2013.

Marlin Midstream's interest rate swaps did not meet the criteria necessary to qualify for cash flow hedge accounting and were recorded at fair value at each reporting period with the associated unrealized gain or loss recorded in gain (loss) on interest rate swap in the condensed consolidated and combined Statements of Operations.

The following table presents the net realized and unrealized gains (losses) recognized in net income for derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments:

In Thousands

Description of Derivatives	Statement of Operations Location	Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2014	2013
Interest rate swap contracts	Gain (loss) on interest rate swap	—	(10 )
Total loss recognized in income		—	(10 )

#### 8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

FASB ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement, established a single authoritative definition of fair value when accounting rules require the use of fair value, set out a framework for measuring fair value and required additional disclosures about fair value measurements. The standard clarifies that fair value is an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The standard utilizes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. The following is a brief description of those three levels:

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

Level 2—Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities).

Level 3—Significant unobservable inputs (including the Partnership's own assumptions in determining fair value).

When the Partnership is required to measure fair value, and there is not a market-observable price for the asset or liability or a market-observable price for a similar asset or liability, the Partnership utilizes the cost, income, or market valuation approach depending on the quality of information available to support management's assumptions. Financial instruments are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Partnership's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value requires judgment and may affect the placement of assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy levels.

The Partnership had no financial instruments at March 31, 2014 or December 31, 2013. At the IPO date, the Partnership settled the outstanding interest rate swap.

The estimated fair value of accounts receivable, accounts receivable-affiliates, accounts payable, accounts payable-affiliates and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying values due to their short-term nature. The estimated fair value of the Partnership's outstanding long-term debt approximates carrying value due to the variable rate nature of the Partnership's long-term debt.

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## 9. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Partnership's revenues are derived from two operating segments: (i) gathering and processing, and (ii) crude oil logistics. These segments are monitored separately by management for performance and are consistent with internal financial reporting. These segments have been identified based on the differing products and services, regulatory environment, and expertise required for their respective operations. Gross margin is a primary performance measure used by management. The Partnership defines gross margin as revenues less costs of revenues. Gross margin should not be considered an alternative to, or more meaningful than, operating income as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The following table presents financial information by segment for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Our crude oil logistics segment had no material operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013:

Three months ended March 31, 2014:

	Gathering & Processing	Crude Oil Logistics	Corporate and Consolidation	Marlin Midstream Partners, LP
In Thousands				
Total Revenues	\$15,402	\$3,416	\$—	\$18,818
Cost of revenues	4,208	—	—	4,208
Gross Margin	11,194	3,416	—	14,610
Operation and maintenance	3,573	357	386	4,316
General and administrative	—	—	2,497	2,497
Other operating expenses	2,443	—	—	2,443
Operating income	5,178	3,059	(2,883)	5,354
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	—	—	(155)	(155)
Income tax expense	—	—	(69)	(69)
Net income (loss)	\$5,178	\$3,059	\$(3,107)	\$5,130

The following table presents financial information by segment as of the three months ended March 31, 2014 and the year ended December 31, 2013, respectively:



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Balance sheet at March 31, 2014:

In Thousands	Gathering & Processing	Crude Oil Logistics	Corporate and Consolidation	Marlin Midstream Partners, LP
<b>Assets:</b>				
Current Assets	\$7,208	\$1,195	\$2,375	\$10,778
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	165,399	508	—	165,907
Other Assets	163	—	665	828
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$172,770</b>	<b>\$1,703</b>	<b>\$3,040</b>	<b>\$177,513</b>
<b>Liabilities and Partners' Capital</b>				
Total current liabilities	\$5,838	\$7	\$4,012	\$9,857
Total long-term liabilities	—	—	5,587	5,587
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,838</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9,599</b>	<b>15,444</b>
<b>Partners' Capital</b>	<b>166,932</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>(6,559)</b>	<b>)162,069</b>
<b>Total liabilities and Partners' Capital</b>	<b>\$172,770</b>	<b>\$1,703</b>	<b>\$3,040</b>	<b>\$177,513</b>

Balance sheet at December 31, 2013:

In Thousands	Gathering & Processing	Crude Oil Logistics	Corporate and Consolidation	Marlin Midstream Partners, LP
<b>Assets:</b>				
Current Assets	\$5,727	\$1,195	\$3,772	\$10,694
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	162,029	519	—	162,548
Other Assets	163	—	737	900
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$167,919</b>	<b>\$1,714</b>	<b>\$4,509</b>	<b>\$174,142</b>
<b>Liabilities and Partners' Capital</b>				
Total current liabilities	\$2,796	\$353	\$6,077	\$9,226
Total long-term liabilities	—	—	4,366	4,366
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>10,443</b>	<b>13,592</b>
<b>Partners' Capital</b>	<b>165,123</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>(5,934)</b>	<b>)160,550</b>
<b>Total liabilities and Partners' Capital</b>	<b>\$167,919</b>	<b>\$1,714</b>	<b>\$4,509</b>	<b>\$174,142</b>

#### 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Partnership has reserved capacity of 3,500 barrels a day at a third-party fractionator. If the Partnership fails to deliver 95% of the reserved capacity, the Partnership is obligated to pay a fixed fee. The maximum total fixed fee that the Partnership would be obligated to pay is approximately \$2.2 million per year through the end of the contract, which expires April 30, 2015. Under the three-year fee-based commercial agreement with a subsidiary of SEV, the Partnership is reimbursed for a majority of any deficiency payments accrued under the reserved capacity agreement.

The Partnership recorded \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million of expense for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, of accrued deficiency payments for under delivery of volumes.

From time to time, the Partnership may be involved in legal, tax, regulatory and other proceedings in the ordinary course of business. Management does not believe that the Partnership is a party to any litigation that will have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

#### 11. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

From time to time, the Partnership enters into transactions with SEV related affiliates that have a common owner with the Partnership in order to reduce risk, create strategic alliances and supply or receive goods and services to these SEV related affiliates. See also Note 1 for a discussion of transactions with affiliates coinciding with the closing of the IPO in July 2013.

Accounts receivable from and accounts payable to affiliates

The Partnership had receivables due from affiliates of \$3.4 million and \$3.6 million at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. Receivables due from affiliates primarily related to our fee-based gathering and processing

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agreement with a subsidiary of SEV, and our fee-based transloading services agreement with a subsidiary of SEV. Payables to affiliates were \$4.3 million and \$1.6 million at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. Payables to affiliates primarily related to settlements under our gathering and processing agreement with a subsidiary of SEV and reimbursement to an affiliate of NuDevco for certain general and administrative and operating costs under the omnibus agreement with NuDevco.

Revenues and cost of revenues

Prior to the IPO on July 31, 2013, the Partnership provided processing services for a subsidiary of SEV, whereby the Partnership gathered natural gas from third parties, extracted NGLs, and redelivered the processed natural gas to the subsidiary of SEV. Under certain third-party contracts, the Partnership transferred all natural gas purchased to the subsidiary of SEV at market price. The Partnership also replaced energy used in processing due to the extraction of liquids, compression and transportation of natural gas, and fuel by purchasing natural gas from a subsidiary of SEV at the same market price. The Partnership used the MMBtu volume to measure how much energy is used in processing. Cost of natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue—affiliates included in the Partnership's results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013 from these agreements was \$1.5 million.

Additionally, the Partnership has entered into a gas transportation agreement with a subsidiary of SEV. The Partnership receives the higher of (i) a minimum monthly payment or (ii) a transportation fee per MMBtu times actual volumes delivered. The current transportation agreement was set to expire on February 28, 2013, but was extended for three additional years at a fixed rate per MMBtu without a minimum monthly payment. Included in the Partnership's results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 are gathering, processing and other revenue—affiliates of less than \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, related to these transactions.

In connection with the IPO, the Partnership entered into a three-year fee-based commercial agreement with AES, requiring a minimum monthly volume commitment of 80 MMcf/d. This agreement became effective August 1, 2013. Included in the Partnership's results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 are gathering, processing, transloading and other revenue—affiliates of \$5.1 million related to this agreement. Cost of natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue - affiliates included in the Partnership's results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 related to this agreement was \$3.0 million.

In connection with the IPO, the Partnership entered into three-year transloading services agreements with AES, requiring minimum monthly volume commitments for crude oil transloading services. Included in the Partnership's results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 are gathering, processing, transloading and other revenue—affiliates of \$3.4 million related to these agreements.

Cost allocations

Prior to the IPO, SEV and its affiliates had paid certain expenses on behalf of the Partnership, such as insurance, professional fees, and financing fees. These expenses were reimbursed by the Partnership to SEV and its affiliates and are included in operation and maintenance—affiliates and general and administrative—affiliates in the condensed consolidated and combined Statements of Operations. In addition, SEV and its affiliates have allocated certain overhead costs associated with general and administrative services, including facilities, information services, human resources and other support departments to the Partnership. Where costs incurred on the Partnership's behalf could not be determined by specific identification, the costs were primarily allocated to the Partnership based on percentage of departmental usage, wages or headcount. The Partnership believes these allocations were a reasonable reflection of the utilization of services provided. However, the allocations may not fully reflect the expenses that would have been incurred had the Partnership been a stand-alone company during the periods presented.

At the closing of the IPO, the Partnership entered into an omnibus agreement with NuDevco and its affiliates which addresses the management and administrative and overhead services to be provided by NuDevco to the Partnership and the corresponding fees and expense reimbursements to be paid to NuDevco in connection therewith. Under the omnibus agreement, the Partnership pays an annual fee, initially in the amount of \$0.6 million, for executive management services.

The total amount charged to the Partnership for direct reimbursement of operating and overhead cost allocations, which is recorded in operation and maintenance—affiliates, for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$1.9 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. The total amount charged to the Partnership for direct reimbursement of administrative and overhead cost allocations, which is recorded in general and administrative—affiliates, for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$1.8 million and \$0.3 million, respectively.

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Capital Contributions

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Partnership received capital contributions of \$0.3 million from its sole member, who is also the sole member of SEV and NuDevco.

12. EQUITY BASED COMPENSATION

In connection with the IPO, the board of directors of the Partnership's general partner adopted the Marlin Midstream Partners, LP 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP). Individuals who are eligible to receive awards under the LTIP including (1) employees of the Partnership and NuDevco Midstream Development and its affiliates, (2) directors of the Partnership's general partner, and (3) consultants. The LTIP provides for the grant of unit options, unit appreciation awards, restricted units, phantom units, distribution equivalent rights, unit awards, profits interest units, and other unit-based awards. The maximum number of common units issuable under the LTIP is 1,750,000.

On August 1, 2013, phantom units, with distribution equivalent rights, of 292,000 units were awarded to certain employees of NuDevco Midstream Development and its affiliates who provide direct or indirect services to the Partnership pursuant to affiliate agreements and 20,000 units were awarded to certain board members of the Partnership's general partner. All of the phantom unit awards granted to-date are considered non-employee equity based awards, issued to individuals who are not deemed to be employees of the Partnership, and are required to be remeasured at fair market value at each reporting period and amortized to compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the phantom units with a corresponding increase in a liability as management intends to settle the awards by allowing the recipient to choose between issuing the net amount of common units due, less common units equivalent to pay withholding taxes, due upon vesting with the Partnership paying the amount of withholding taxes due in cash or issuing the gross amounts of common units due with the recipient paying the withholding taxes. Distribution equivalent rights are accrued for each phantom unit award as the Partnership declares cash distributions and is recorded as a decrease in partners' capital with a corresponding liability in accordance with the vesting period of the underlying phantom unit, which will be settled in cash when the underlying phantom units vest.

The phantom units awarded to employees of NuDevco Midstream Development and its affiliates will vest in five equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on June 30, 2014, provided that for any individual who has attained a total of five or more years of service with NuDevco Midstream Development or its affiliates at the grant date of award the phantom unit awards fully vested on February 15, 2014. The phantom unit awards to board members of the Partnership's general partner fully vested on February 15, 2014.

For the three month period ended March 31, 2014, approximately \$0.9 million in compensation expense was recorded in general and administrative expenses - affiliates and approximately \$0.4 million in compensation expense was recorded in operation and maintenance - affiliates in the condensed consolidated and combined Statements of Operations. No compensation expense was recorded for the same period in 2013 as there were no LTIP awards outstanding. A summary of the phantom units activity during the three months ended March 31, 2014 is presented below:

	Number of units	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Total Non-vested at January 1, 2014	312,000	\$20.00
Granted	—	—
Vested	(205,250	) 17.80
Forfeited or canceled	—	—

Total Outstanding at March 31, 2014	106,750	\$20.00
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Unrecognized compensation expense associated with the unvested phantom units at March 31, 2014 was approximately \$1.3 million and is recognized over a weighted average period of five years.

### 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On April 21, 2014, the Partnership announced that the board of directors of its general partner declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.355 per unit, or \$1.42 on an annualized basis, to unitholders of record as of May 1, 2014. The Partnership will pay the quarterly distribution to unitholders on May 6, 2014.

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

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements and the related notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the audited consolidated and combined financial statements and notes thereto and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 27, 2014, as amended on March 26, 2014 and March 28, 2014 (the "Annual Report on Form 10-K"). Unless otherwise noted, references to "we," "us," "our," the "Partnership" or "Marlin Midstream Partners" refers to Marlin Midstream Partners, LP and its subsidiaries.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have made in this report, and may from time to time otherwise make in other public filings, press releases and discussions by management, forward-looking statements concerning our operations, economic performance and financial condition. These statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology including "may," "will," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "continue," or other similar words. These statements discuss future expectations, contain projections of results of operations or financial condition or include other "forward-looking" information. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will be realized.

These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, the following risks and uncertainties:

- the volume of natural gas we gather and process and the volume of NGLs we transport;
- the volume of crude oil that we transload;
- the level of production of crude oil and natural gas and the resultant market prices of crude oil, natural gas and NGLs;
- the level of competition from other midstream natural gas companies and crude oil logistics companies in our geographic markets;
- the level of our operating expenses;
- regulatory action affecting the supply of, or demand for, crude oil or natural gas, the transportation rates we can charge on our pipelines, how we contract for services, our existing contracts, our operating costs or our operating flexibility;
- capacity charges and volumetric fees that we pay for NGL fractionation services;
- realized pricing impacts on our revenues and expenses that are directly subject to commodity price exposure;
- the creditworthiness and performance of our customers, suppliers and contract counterparties, and any material nonpayment or non-performance by one or more of these parties;
- damage to pipelines, facilities, plants, related equipment and surrounding properties caused by hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, fires, severe weather, explosions and other natural disasters and acts of terrorism including damage to third party pipelines or facilities upon which we rely for transportation services;
- outages at the processing or fractionation facilities owned by us or third parties caused by mechanical failure and maintenance, construction and other similar activities;
- leaks or accidental releases of products or other materials into the environment, whether as a result of human error or otherwise;
- the level and timing of our expansion capital expenditures and our maintenance capital expenditures;
- the cost of acquisitions, if any;
- the level of our general and administrative expenses, including reimbursements to our general partner and its affiliates for services provided to us;

- our debt service requirements and other liabilities;
- fluctuations in our working capital needs;
- our ability to borrow funds and access capital markets;
- restrictions contained in our debt agreements;
- the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner;
- other business risks affecting our cash levels; and
- other factors discussed below and elsewhere in “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and in our other public filings and press releases.

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

#### Overview

We are a fee-based, growth-oriented Delaware limited partnership formed to develop, own, operate and acquire midstream energy assets. We currently provide natural gas gathering, compression, dehydration, treating, processing and hydrocarbon dew-point control and transportation services, which we refer to as our midstream natural gas business, and crude oil transloading services, which we refer to as our crude oil logistics business. Our assets and operations are organized into the following two segments:

#### Midstream Natural Gas

Our primary midstream natural gas assets currently consist of (i) two related natural gas processing facilities located in Panola County, Texas with an approximate design capacity of 220 MMcf/d, (ii) a natural gas processing facility located in Tyler County, Texas with an approximate design capacity of 80 MMcf/d, (iii) two natural gas gathering systems connected to our Panola County processing facilities that include approximately 65 miles of natural gas pipelines with an approximate design capacity of 200 MMcf/d, and (iv) two NGL transportation pipelines with an approximate design capacity of 20,000 Bbls/d that connect our Panola County and Tyler County processing facilities to third party NGL pipelines. Our primary midstream natural gas assets are located in long-lived oil and natural gas producing regions in East Texas and gather and process NGL-rich natural gas streams associated with production primarily from the Cotton Valley Sands, Haynesville Shale, Austin Chalk and Eaglebine formations.

#### Crude Oil Logistics

Our crude oil logistics assets currently consist of two crude oil transloading facilities: (i) our Wildcat facility located in Carbon County, Utah, where we currently operate one skid transloader and two ladder transloaders, and (ii) our Big Horn facility located in Big Horn County, Wyoming, where we currently operate one skid transloader and one ladder transloader. Our transloaders are used to unload crude oil from tanker trucks and load crude oil into railcars and temporary storage tanks. Our Wildcat and Big Horn facilities provide transloading services for production originating from well-established crude oil producing basins, such as the Uinta and Powder River Basins, which we believe are currently underserved by our competitors. Our skid transloaders each have a transloading capacity of 475 Bbls/hr, and our ladder transloaders each have a transloading capacity of 210 Bbls/hr.

#### Initial Public Offering

On July 31, 2013, we completed an initial public offering (“IPO”) of 6,875,000 common units at a public offering price of \$20.00 per common unit less an underwriting discount of \$1.20 per common unit for net proceeds, before expenses, of \$18.80 per common unit. Our sponsor, NuDevco Partners, LLC (“NuDevco”), is the ultimate parent company of Spark Energy Ventures, LLC (“SEV”). NuDevco also owns NuDevco Midstream Development, LLC (“NuDevco Midstream”) and Associated Energy Services, LP (“AES”). Following the closing of the offering, we entered into fee-based commercial agreements with AES, substantially all of which include minimum volume commitments and annual inflation adjustments. In connection with the offering, NuDevco and its affiliates conveyed Marlin Midstream, LLC (“Marlin Midstream”) and Marlin Logistics, LLC (“Marlin Logistics”) to us.





Additionally at the closing of the IPO, we issued 2,474,545 common units and 8,724,545 subordinated units to NuDevco Midstream Development. We terminated our commodity-based gas gathering and processing agreement with AES and assigned all our remaining keep-whole and other commodity-based gathering and processing agreements with third party customers to AES. We entered into transloading services agreements with AES, each with three year terms, minimum volume commitments and annual inflation adjustments.

We also transferred to affiliates of our sponsor (i) our 50% interest in a CO<sub>2</sub> processing facility located in Monell, Wyoming, (ii) certain transloading assets and purchase commitments owned by Marlin Logistics not currently under a service contract, (iii) certain property, plant and equipment and other equipment not yet in service and (iv) certain other immaterial contracts. The total net asset value transferred to the affiliates was \$9.4 million. Additionally, NuDevco assumed \$11.7 million of the non-current accounts payable balance owed by Marlin Midstream to affiliates of SEV and Marlin Midstream was released from such obligation.

Our partnership agreement provides for a minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.35 per unit for each whole quarter, or \$1.40 per unit on an annualized basis.

#### FACTORS AFFECTING THE COMPARABILITY OF OPERATING RESULTS

Our future results of operations may not be comparable to our historical results of operations for the reasons described below:

##### Revenues

There are differences in the way we generated revenues historically and the way we generate revenues subsequent to the closing of the IPO.

##### Gathering and Processing Agreements

Beginning on January 1, 2012, our commercial agreements with Anadarko at our Panola County processing facilities were amended such that Anadarko began receiving the NGLs extracted on an in-kind basis. As a result, we do not sell the NGLs extracted under these amended agreements, and therefore the NGLs recovered under these amended agreements are not included in our natural gas, NGLs and condensate sales. Under our commercial agreements that do not require us to deliver NGLs to the customer in kind, including our gathering and processing agreement with AES that we entered into in connection with the closing of the IPO, we provide NGL transportation services to the customer whereby we purchase the NGLs from the customer at an index price, less fractionation and transportation fees, and simultaneously sell the NGLs to third parties at the same index price, less fractionation fees. The revenues generated by these activities are substantially offset by a corresponding cost of revenue that is recorded when we compensate the customer for its contractual share of the NGLs.

Following the closing of the IPO, we assigned all of our existing commodity-based gathering and processing agreements with third party customers to AES and entered into a new three-year fee-based gathering and processing agreement with AES with a minimum volume commitment of 80 Mmcf/d.

##### Transloading Services Agreements

Following the closing of the IPO, our crude oil logistics revenues are generated under transloading services agreements that we entered into with AES at the closing of the IPO. Under the transloading services agreements with AES, we receive a per barrel fee for crude oil transloading services, including fees in respect of shortfall payments related to AES' minimum volume commitments under these agreements from time to time. Because our crude oil logistics assets did not become operational until 2013, our future results of operations will not be comparable to our historical results of operations regarding our crude oil logistics segment.

##### Operating and General and Administrative Expenses

With respect to our operation and maintenance expenses and general and administrative expenses, prior to the IPO, we employed all of our operational personnel and most of our general and administrative personnel directly, and incurred direct operating and general and administrative charges with respect to their compensation. In connection with the

closing of the IPO, all of our personnel were transferred to affiliates of NuDevco. As a result, following the closing of the IPO, we reimburse NuDevco for the compensation of these employees on a direct or allocated basis, depending on whether those employees spend

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all or only a part of their time working for us. As a result of this change, the amount of our affiliate operation and maintenance expenses and affiliate general and administrative expenses will increase, and the amount of our non-affiliate operation and maintenance expenses and non-affiliate general and administrative expenses will decrease, compared to historical amounts. In addition, our general and administrative costs have increased due to the costs of operating as a publicly traded partnership.

Our historical general and administrative expenses included certain expenses allocated by affiliates of NuDevco for general corporate services, such as information technology, treasury, accounting and legal services, as well as direct expenses. These allocated expenses were charged or allocated to us based on the nature of the expenses and our proportionate share of departmental usage, wages or headcount. Following the closing of the IPO, affiliates of NuDevco will continue to charge us a combination of direct and allocated monthly general and administrative expenses related to the management and operation of our midstream natural gas and crude oil logistics businesses, and will also charge us an annual fee, initially in the amount of \$0.6 million, for executive management services.

#### Financing

There are differences in the way we finance our operations as compared to the way we financed our operations on a historical basis prior to the IPO. Historically, our operations were financed by cash generated from operations, equity investments by our sole member and borrowings under our existing credit facility. In connection with the closing of the IPO, we repaid the full amount of our previous credit facility, settled our related interest rate swap liability and entered into a new \$50.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility. Approximately \$5.0 million was outstanding under our new senior secured revolving credit facility as of March 31, 2014. Based on the terms of our cash distribution policy, we expect that we will distribute to our unitholders and our general partner most of the cash generated by our operations. As a result, we expect to fund future capital expenditures primarily from external sources, including borrowings under our new revolving credit facility and future issuances of equity and debt securities.

#### HOW WE EVALUATE OUR OPERATIONS

Our management uses a variety of financial and operating metrics to analyze our performance. These metrics are significant factors in assessing our results of operations and profitability and include: (i) gross margin; (ii) volume commitments and throughput volumes (including gathering, plant, and transloader throughput); (iii) operation and maintenance expenses; (iv) adjusted EBITDA; and (v) distributable cash flow.

In Thousands, except volume data	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Gross Margin	\$14,610	\$4,975
Gas volumes (MMcf/d) (2)	214	
Transloading volumes (Bbls/d) (2)	18,980	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$8,744	\$(588)
Distributable Cash Flow (1)	\$7,774	

(1) We will distribute available cash within 45 days after the end of the quarter, beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 2013.

(2) Volumes reflect the minimum volume commitment under our fee-based contracts or actual throughput, whichever is greater, for the post-IPO period.

#### Gross Margin

Gross margin is a primary performance measure used by our management. We define gross margin as revenues less cost of revenues. Gross margin represents our profitability with minimal exposure to commodity price fluctuations, which we believe are not significant components of our operations.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure of gross margin to the GAAP financial measure of operating income:



In Thousands	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Total operating income (loss)	\$5,354	\$(2,572)
Operation and maintenance	2,381	3,657
Operation and maintenance-affiliates	1,935	248
General and administrative	732	1,084
General and administrative-affiliates	1,765	341
Property and other taxes	299	233
Depreciation expense	2,144	1,984
Gross Margin	\$14,610	\$4,975

### Volume Commitments and Throughput

We view the volumes of natural gas and crude oil committed to our midstream natural gas and crude oil logistics assets, respectively, as well as the throughput volume of natural gas and crude oil as an important factor affecting our profitability. The amount of revenues we generate primarily depends on the volumes of natural gas and crude oil committed to our midstream natural gas assets and crude oil logistics assets, respectively, under our commercial agreements, the volumes of natural gas that we gather, process, treat and transport, the volumes of NGLs that we transport and sell, and the volumes of crude oil that we transload. Our success in attracting additional committed volumes of natural gas and crude oil and maintaining or increasing throughput is impacted by our ability to:

- utilize the remaining uncommitted capacity on, or add additional capacity to, our gathering and processing systems and our transloaders;

- capitalize on successful drilling programs by our customers on our current acreage dedications;

- increase throughput volumes on our gathering systems by increasing connections to other pipelines or wells;

- secure volumes from new wells drilled on non-dedicated acreage;

- attract natural gas and crude oil volumes currently gathered, processed, treated or transloaded by our competitors; and

- identify and execute organic expansion projects.

### Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable Cash Flow

We use adjusted EBITDA to analyze our performance and define it as net income (loss) before interest expense (net of amounts capitalized) or interest income, income tax expense, depreciation expense, equity based compensation expense and any gain/loss from interest rate derivatives. Although we have not quantified distributable cash flow on a historical basis prior to the IPO, for periods subsequent to the IPO we compute and present this measure, which we define as adjusted EBITDA plus interest income, less cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures.

Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are non-GAAP supplemental financial measures that management and external users of our condensed consolidated and combined financial statements, such as industry analysts, investors, commercial banks and others, may use to assess:

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

- the ability of our assets to generate earnings sufficient to support our decision to make cash distributions to our unitholders and general partner;

- our ability to fund capital expenditures and incur and service debt;

- our operating performance and return on capital as compared to those of other companies in the midstream energy sector, without regard to financing or capital structure; and

- the attractiveness of capital projects and acquisitions and the overall rates of return on alternative investment opportunities.

Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 2013, we distribute all of our available cash to unitholders of record on the applicable record date. For the three



months ended March 31, 2014, a distribution of \$0.355 per unit was declared on April 21, 2014 to be paid on May 6, 2014 for unitholders of record as of May 1, 2014.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure of adjusted EBITDA to the GAAP financial measure of net income(loss)::

In Thousands	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2014	2013	
Net income (loss)	\$5,130	\$(3,934	)
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	155	1,341	
Income tax expense	69	11	
Equity based compensation	1,246	—	
Loss on interest rate swap	—	10	
Depreciation expense	2,144	1,984	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$8,744	\$(588	)

The following table presents a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure of distributable cash flow to the GAAP financial measure of net income (loss):

Distributable cash flow for the three months ended March 31, 2014:

In Thousands		
Net income		\$5,130
Add:		
Equity based compensation		1,246
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized		155
Depreciation expense		2,144
Income tax expense		69
Adjusted EBITDA earnings		8,744
Less:		
Maintenance capital expenditures		(796
Cash interest expense		(105
Income tax expense		(69
Distributable cash flow		\$7,774

#### Note Regarding Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Gross margin, adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are not financial measures presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe that the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures will provide useful information to investors in assessing our financial condition and results of operations.

The GAAP measure most directly comparable to gross margin is operating income. The GAAP measure most directly comparable to adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow is net income. These measures should not be considered as an alternative to operating income, net income, or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP. Each of these non-GAAP financial measures has important limitations as an analytical tool because it excludes some but not all items that affect net income. You should not consider these non-GAAP financial measures in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Additionally, because each of these non-GAAP financial measures may be defined differently by other companies in our industry, our definition of them may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing their utility.



## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

The following table presents selected financial data for each of the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013.

In Thousands	Three months ended		Change	% Change	
	March 31, 2014	March 31, 2013			
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue	\$3,605	\$3,164	\$441	13.9	%
Gathering, processing, transloading and other revenue	15,213	4,339	10,874	250.6	%
Total Revenues	18,818	7,503	11,315	150.8	%
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>					
Cost of natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue	4,208	2,528	1,680	66.5	%
Operation and maintenance	4,316	3,905	411	10.5	%
General and administrative	2,497	1,425	1,072	75.2	%
Property and other taxes	299	233	66	28.3	%
Depreciation expense	2,144	1,984	160	8.1	%
Total operating expenses	13,464	10,075	3,389	33.6	%
Operating income	5,354	(2,572)	7,926	308.2	%
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(155)	(1,341)	1,186	(88.4)	)%
Interest and other income	—	—	—	—	%
Loss on interest rate swap	—	(10)	10	(100.0)	)%
Net income (loss) before tax	\$5,199	\$(3,923)	\$9,122	232.5	%
<b>Key performance metrics:</b>					
Gross margin (2)	\$14,610	\$4,975	\$9,635	193.7	%
Adjusted EBITDA (s)	\$8,744	\$(588)	\$9,332	1,587.1	%

## Volumes:

Processing Facilities (MMcf/d) (1)	214
Transloading Facilities (Bbls/d) (1)	18,980

(1) Volumes reflect the minimum volume commitment under our fee-based contracts or actual throughput, whichever is greater, for the post-IPO period.

(2) Gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA are not financial measures presented in accordance with GAAP. For a reconciliation of Gross Margin and Adjusted EBITDA to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, please see “-How We Evaluate Our Operations-Note Regarding non-GAAP financial measures.”

Revenues. Natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue increased by \$0.4 million, or 13.9%, to \$3.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 as compared to \$3.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The increase in natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue is primarily due to an increase in NGL prices. The average price of ethane increased by 31% to \$0.34 per gallon for the three months ended March 31, 2014 from \$0.26 per gallon for the three months ended March 31, 2013, and the average price of propane increased by 51% to \$1.30 per gallon for the three months ended March 31, 2014 from \$0.86 per gallon for the three months ended March 31, 2013. Increasing NGL prices attributed to an approximate \$0.4 million increase in our NGL sales for the three months ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2013.



Gathering, processing, transloading and other revenue increased by \$10.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2013, primarily from our minimum volume commitment agreements with Anadarko and AES. We expect the trend of increased volumes under fee-based agreements to continue, consistent with our overall business strategy. At our IPO date, we entered into a three-year fee-based gathering and processing agreement with AES with a minimum volume commitment and annual inflation adjustments. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recorded \$5.1 million in gathering, processing, transloading and other revenue as a result of this contract. Our crude oil logistics assets became operational in the third quarter of 2013. As such, there are no results of operations or assets related to this segment for the three months ended March 31, 2013. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the crude oil logistics segment had gathering, processing, transloading and other revenue of approximately \$3.4 million related directly to our fee-based logistics contracts with AES. The remaining \$2.4 million increase in gathering, processing, transloading and other revenue is primarily a result of increased volumes under third-party fee-based agreements.

**Cost of Revenues.** Cost of revenues are derived primarily from the creation of natural gas, NGL and condensate revenue. Total cost of natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue increased by \$1.7 million, or 66.5%, to \$4.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 from \$2.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 primarily due to the volume of redelivered gas at the tailgate of our plant and an increase in prices for NGLs. The volume of gas redelivered or sold at the tailgates of our processing facilities is lower than the volume received or purchased at delivery points on our gathering systems or interconnecting pipelines due to the NGLs extracted when the natural gas is processed. Prior to our IPO, we were required to make up or “keep the producer whole” for the condensate and NGL volumes extracted from the natural gas stream through the delivery of or payment for a thermally equivalent volume of residue gas. Under certain keep-whole agreements, we purchased natural gas from a subsidiary of SEV in order to make up or “keep the producer whole” for the condensate and NGL volumes extracted from the natural gas stream during processing. The cost of these “replacement” natural gas volumes is recorded in our cost of natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue. At the closing of our IPO, we assigned all of our keep-whole agreements to AES. The cost of natural gas, NGLs and condensate revenue recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2014 primarily relates to the purchase of NGLs under our gathering and processing agreement with AES.

**Operation and Maintenance Expense.** Operation and maintenance expense increased by \$0.4 million, or 10.5%, to \$4.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 from \$3.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. This increase is primarily due to \$0.4 million of equity-based compensation expense and \$0.4 million in operating expenses for our crude oil logistics contracts. These increases were offset by a decrease in maintenance expenses of \$0.4 million incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2013 that were not incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2014. Operation and maintenance expenses are primarily composed of expenses related to labor, utilities and chemicals, property insurance premiums, compression costs and maintenance and repair expenses, which generally remain relatively stable across broad ranges of throughput volumes but can fluctuate from period to period depending on the mix of activities performed during the period and the timing of these expenses.

**General and Administrative Expense.** General and administrative expense increased by \$1.1 million, or 75.2%, to \$2.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 from \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The increase is primarily due to costs of being a publicly traded partnership. Approximately \$0.9 million of this increase is equity-based compensation expense which is recorded to general and administrative expense - affiliates. No such costs were incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2013.

**Interest Expense.** Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized decreased by \$1.2 million, or 88.4%, to \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 from \$1.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The decrease is primarily due to a lower outstanding average principle balance. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, our outstanding indebtedness consisted of draws under our new revolving credit facility. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, our outstanding indebtedness consisted of a term loan and revolving credit facility, with significantly higher principal amounts.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We closely manage our liquidity and capital resources. The key variables we use to manage our liquidity requirements include our discretionary operation and maintenance expense, general and administrative expense, capital expenditures, credit facility capacity and availability, working capital levels, and the level of investments required to support our growth strategies.

Historically, sources of liquidity included cash generated from operations, equity investments by our sole Member and borrowings under our historical credit facility prior to the IPO.

We expect ongoing sources of liquidity to include cash generated from operations, our new revolving credit facility and issuances of additional debt and equity securities. We believe that cash generated from these sources will be sufficient to sustain

operations, to finance anticipated expansion plans and growth initiatives, and to make quarterly cash distributions on all of our outstanding units at the minimum quarterly distribution rate. However, in the event our liquidity is insufficient, we may be required to limit our spending on future growth plans or other business opportunities or to rely on external financing sources, including commercial bank borrowings and the issuance of debt and equity securities, to fund our growth.

We intend to pay a minimum quarterly distribution of at least \$0.35 per unit per quarter, which equates to \$6.2 million per quarter, or approximately \$24.9 million per year. However, other than the requirement in our partnership agreement to distribute all of our available cash each quarter, we have no obligation to make quarterly cash distributions in this or any other amounts and our general partner has considerable discretion to determine the amount of our available cash each quarter.

#### Credit Facilities

Concurrently with the closing of our IPO, we entered into our new revolving credit facility, which matures on July 31, 2017. If no event of default has occurred, we have the right, subject to approval by the administrative agent and certain lenders, to increase the borrowing capacity under the new revolving credit facility to up to \$150.0 million. The new revolving credit facility is available to fund expansions, acquisitions and working capital requirements for our operations and general corporate purposes.

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

• the Eurodollar rate plus an applicable margin between 3.0% and 3.75% per annum (based upon the prevailing senior secured leverage ratio); or

• the alternate base rate plus an applicable margin between 2.0% and 2.75% per annum (based upon the prevailing senior secured leverage ratio). The alternate base rate is equal to the highest of Société Générale's prime rate, the federal funds rate plus 0.5% per annum or the reference Eurodollar rate plus 1.0%.

Our new revolving credit facility is secured by the capital stock of our present and future subsidiaries, all of our and our subsidiaries' present and future property and assets (real and personal), control agreements relating to our and our subsidiaries' bank accounts and collateral assignments of our and our subsidiaries' material construction, ownership and operation agreements, including any agreements with AES or Anadarko.

Our new revolving credit facility also contains covenants that, among other things, require us to maintain specified ratios or conditions. We must maintain a consolidated senior secured leverage ratio, consisting of consolidated indebtedness under our new revolving credit facility to consolidated EBITDA of not more than 4.0 to 1.0, as of the last day of each fiscal quarter. In addition, we must maintain a consolidated interest coverage ratio, consisting of our consolidated EBITDA minus capital expenditures to our consolidated interest expense, letter of credit fees and commitment fees of not less than 2.5 to 1.0, as of the last day of each fiscal quarter.

Our new revolving credit facility contains affirmative covenants that are customary for credit facilities of this type.

Our new revolving credit facility also contains additional negative covenants that will limit our ability to, among other things, do any of the following:

• incur certain additional indebtedness;

• grant certain liens;

• engage in certain asset dispositions;

• merge or consolidate;

• make certain payments, investments or loans;

• enter into transactions with affiliates;

• make certain changes in our lines of business or accounting practices, except as required by GAAP or its successor;

• store inventory in certain locations;

• place certain amounts of cash in accounts not subject to control agreements;

• amend or modify certain agreements and documents;

• incur certain capital expenditures;

• engage in certain prohibited transactions;

• enter into burdensome agreements; and

• act as a transmitting utility or as a utility.



Our new revolving credit facility contains certain customary representations and warranties and events of default. Events of default include, among other things, payment defaults, breach of representations and warranties, covenant defaults, cross-defaults and cross-acceleration to certain indebtedness, certain events of bankruptcy, certain events under ERISA, material judgments in excess of \$5.0 million, certain events with respect to material contracts, actual or asserted failure of any guaranty or security document supporting our new revolving credit facility to be in full force and effect and change of control. If such an event of default occurs, the lenders under our new revolving credit facility would be entitled to take various actions, including the acceleration of amounts due under our new revolving credit facility and all actions permitted to be taken by a secured creditor.

As of March 31, 2014, we had unused capacity under our new revolving credit facility of \$45.0 million and outstanding borrowings of \$5.0 million.

## CASH FLOWS

Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities, investing activities and financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

In Thousands	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2014	2013	Change
Net cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities	\$8,862	\$(607)	)\$9,469
Investing activities	\$(4,811)	) \$(3,264	)\$(1,547)
Financing activities	\$(5,331)	) \$1,261	\$(6,592)

**Operating Activities.** Cash flows provided by operating activities increased by \$9.5 million to \$8.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, as compared to cash used in operating activities of \$0.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The increase is primarily due to an increase in net income discussed above under "Results of Operations" after excluding the effect of depreciation expense, amortization of deferred financing costs and equity-based compensation. In addition, during the three months ended March 31, 2014, amounts owed to affiliates increased primarily from the gathering and processing agreement with AES.

**Investing Activities.** Cash flows used in investing activities increased by \$1.5 million to \$4.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 as compared to \$3.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. Cash paid for capital expenditures during the three months ended March 31, 2014 relates to several major construction projects, including the construction of an additional gathering line and projects to expand the services offered at, and the capacity of, our Panola County processing facilities. Cash paid for capital expenditures during the three months ended March 31, 2013 primarily includes payments made to construct the Oak Hill Lateral, which was completed in March 2013.

**Financing Activities.** Cash flows from financing activities in historical periods were primarily driven by borrowing under our historical credit facility and capital contributions from our sole member prior to the IPO. We used these borrowings and capital contributions to fund our working capital needs and to finance maintenance and expansion capital expenditure projects that are reflected in cash flows used in investing activities.

Cash flows used in financing activities increased by \$6.6 million to \$5.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, as compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$1.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The increase in cash used in financing activities in 2014 is primarily related to a quarterly distribution paid of \$6.3 million. In addition, we had borrowings under our new revolving credit facility of \$6.5 million net against repayments of \$5.5 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, we had borrowings under our previous credit facility of \$3.0 million, repayments of \$2.1 million and capital contributions from our sole member of \$0.3 million.





**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Our operations are capital intensive, requiring investments to expand, upgrade or enhance existing operations and to meet environmental and operational regulations. Our capital requirements have consisted of and are expected to continue to consist of maintenance capital expenditures and expansion capital expenditures. Maintenance capital expenditures are cash expenditures (including expenditures for the addition or improvement to, or the replacement of, our capital assets or for the acquisition of existing, or the construction or development of new, capital assets) made to maintain our long-term operating income or operating capacity. Expansion capital expenditures include expenditures to acquire assets and expand existing facilities that increase throughput capacity on our pipelines, processing plants and crude oil logistics assets. Although historically we did not necessarily distinguish between maintenance capital expenditures and expansion capital expenditures in the same manner that we are required to under our partnership agreement subsequent to the closing of the IPO, for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, we incurred approximately \$0.8 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, for maintenance capital expenditures and incurred a total of \$4.7 million and \$6.1 million, respectively, for expansion capital expenditures.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, expansion capital expenditures related to the construction of an additional gathering line and projects to expand the services offered at, and the capacity of, our Panola County processing facilities.

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, expansion capital expenditures primarily related to the construction of our Oak Hill Lateral gathering line, which was completed in March 2013.

**OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

**CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

A summary of our contractual obligations as of March 31, 2014 is as follows:

In Thousands	2014	2015	2016	Thereafter	Total
Operating services agreements (1)	\$62	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$62
Long-term debt (2)	—	—	—	5,000	5,000
Total	\$62	\$—	\$—	\$5,000	\$5,062

Amounts relate to minimum payments for operating services agreements having initial or remaining

(1) non-cancellable lease terms in excess of one year, including our operating services agreements at our Tyler County processing facility with a remaining term of 3 months and total remaining payments of \$0.1 million.

(2) \$5.0 million was outstanding at March 31, 2014 (see Note 6- Long-term Debt and Interest Expense). This new senior secured revolving credit facility matures on July 31, 2017.

**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

As of March 31, 2014, there have been no significant changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates disclosed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to our audited consolidated and combined financial statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC dated February 27, 2014. We prepare our financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC, which requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying footnotes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. We consider the following policies to be the most critical in understanding the judgments that are involved in preparing our financial statements and the uncertainties that could impact our financial condition and results of operations.

#### Our Revenue Recognition Policies and Use of Estimates for Revenues and Expenses

In general, we recognize revenue from customers when all of the following criteria are met:

- persuasive evidence of an exchange arrangement exists;
- delivery has occurred or services have been rendered;
- the price is fixed or determinable; and
- collectability is reasonably assured.

We record revenue for natural gas and NGL sales and transportation services over the period in which they are earned (i.e., either physical delivery of product has taken place or the services designated in the contract have been performed). While we make every effort to record actual volume and price data, there may be times where we need to make use of estimates for certain revenues and expenses. If the assumptions underlying our estimates prove to be substantially incorrect, it could result in material adjustments in results of operations in future periods.

#### Depreciation Methods and Estimated Useful Lives of Property, Plant and Equipment

We calculate depreciation expense using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of our property, plant and equipment. We assign asset lives based on reasonable estimates when an asset is placed into service. We periodically evaluate the estimated useful lives of our property, plant and equipment and revise our estimates when and as appropriate. Because of the expected long useful lives of the property, plant and equipment, we depreciate our property, plant and equipment over periods ranging from 5 years to 40 years. Changes in the estimated useful lives of the property, plant and equipment could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

We review property, plant and equipment and other long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate the net book values of the assets may not be recoverable. Impairment is indicated when the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the assets' net book value. If this occurs, an impairment loss is recognized for the difference between the fair value and net book value. Factors that indicate potential impairment include: a significant decrease in the market value of the asset, operating or cash flow losses associated with the use of the asset, and a significant change in the asset's physical condition or use. No impairments of long-lived assets were recorded during the periods included in these financial statements.

#### Contingencies

In the ordinary course of business, we may become party to lawsuits, administrative proceedings and governmental investigations, including environmental, regulatory and other matters. As of March 31, 2014, we did not have any material outstanding lawsuits, administrative proceedings or governmental investigations.

#### Accounting for Awards under the Long-term Incentive Plan

In connection with the IPO, the board of directors of our general partner adopted the Marlin Midstream Partners, LP 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP). Individuals who are eligible to receive awards under the LTIP include (1) employees of the Partnership and NuDevco Midstream Development and its affiliates, (2) directors of the Partnership's general partner, and (3) consultants. The LTIP provides for the grant of unit options, unit appreciation awards, restricted units, phantom units, distribution equivalent rights, unit awards, profits interest units, and other unit-based awards. The maximum number of common units issuable under the LTIP is 1,750,000.

On August 1, 2013, phantom units, with distribution equivalent rights, of 292,000 units were awarded to certain employees of NuDevco Midstream Development and its affiliates who provide direct or indirect services to us pursuant to affiliate agreements, and 20,000 units were awarded to certain board members of our general partner. All of the phantom unit awards granted to-date are considered non-employee equity based awards and are required to be

remeasured at fair market value at each reporting period and amortized to compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the phantom units with a corresponding increase in a liability. We intend to settle the awards by allowing the recipient to choose between issuing the net amount of common units due, less common units equivalent to pay withholding taxes, due upon vesting

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with the Partnership paying the amount of withholding taxes due in cash or issuing the gross amount of common units due with the recipient paying the withholding taxes. The phantom unit awards were awarded to individuals who are not deemed to be employees of the Partnership.

Distribution equivalent rights are accrued for each phantom unit award as the Partnership declares cash distributions and are recorded as a decrease in partners' capital with a corresponding liability in accordance with the vesting period of the underlying phantom unit, which will be settled in cash when the underlying phantom units vest.

The phantom units awarded to employees of NuDevco Midstream Development and its affiliates will vest in five equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on June 30, 2014, provided that for any individual who has attained a total of five or more years of service with NuDevco Midstream Development or its affiliates at the grant date of award the phantom unit awards fully vested on February 15, 2014. The phantom unit awards to board members of the Partnership's general partner fully vested on February 15, 2014.

### Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

#### Interest Rate Risk

We had exposure to changes in interest rates on our indebtedness associated with our historical credit facility described above in “—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Sources of Liquidity—Credit Facilities.” We entered into an interest rate swap contract, effective December 17, 2012, with a notional amount that declined over time. The contract effectively limited our LIBOR based interest rate exposure related to the notional amount of the swap contract through December 17, 2014. At the closing of the IPO, the interest rate swap was terminated and settled for approximately \$0.1 million.

We have exposure to changes in interest rates under our new revolving credit facility. The credit markets have recently experienced historical lows in interest rates. As the overall economy strengthens, it is possible that monetary policy will tighten further, resulting in higher interest rates to counter possible inflation. Interest rates on floating rate credit facilities and future debt offerings could be higher than current levels, causing our financing costs to increase accordingly. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, a 10% change in the interest rate under our credit facility would have resulted in a nominal change in net income. We may use certain derivative instruments to hedge our exposure to variable interest rates in the future, but we do not currently have in place any risk management contracts.

#### Commodity Price Risk

With the execution of a fee-based gathering and processing agreement and multiple fee-based transloading services agreements with AES at the closing of the IPO, substantially all of our gross margin will be generated under fee-based commercial agreements, the substantial majority of which will have minimum volume commitments. We believe these commercial arrangements will promote stable cash flows and minimal direct commodity price exposure.

Accordingly, we have not entered into any derivative contracts to manage our exposure to commodity price risk, and, as a result of our limited exposure to commodity price risk under our fee-based commercial agreements, we do not plan to enter into hedging arrangements to manage such risk subsequent to the closing of the IPO. Natural gas and NGL prices can affect our profitability indirectly by influencing the level of drilling and production activity by our producer customers, the willingness of our non-producer customers to purchase natural gas for processing and the volumes of natural gas delivered to us for processing by all of our customers.

#### Counterparty and Customer Credit Risk

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, AES, Anadarko and Enterprise Products Partners L.P. ("Enterprise"), each accounted for more than 10% of our revenues. Although we have gathering and processing agreements with Anadarko and a NGL sales agreement with Enterprise, these agreements have remaining terms ranging from two to six years. In addition, at the closing of the IPO, we entered into a three-year fee-based gathering and processing agreement with AES at our Panola County processing facilities. Under this agreement, AES pays us a fixed fee per Mcf (subject to an annual inflation adjustment) for gathering, treating, compression and processing services and a per gallon fixed fee for NGL transportation services. As these contracts expire, we will have to renegotiate extensions or renewals with these customers or replace the existing contracts with new arrangements with other customers. If any of these customers were to default on its contracts or if we were unable to renew our contracts

with them on favorable terms, we may not be able to replace such customers in a timely fashion, on favorable terms or at all. In any of these situations, our revenues and cash flows and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders would be materially and adversely affected.

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In addition, AES is our sole customer with respect to our crude oil logistics business, and we expect to continue to derive the substantial majority of our transloading revenues from AES. At the closing of the IPO, AES contracted for 100% of the operational capacity at our Wildcat and Big Horn facilities. Such concentration subjects us to increased risk in the case of nonpayment, nonperformance or nonrenewal by AES under the transloading services agreements that we entered into with AES at the closing of the IPO. Any adverse developments concerning AES could materially and adversely affect our crude oil logistics business.

#### Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

##### Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Partnership's general partner performed an evaluation of the Partnership's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"). Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file under the Exchange Act is accumulated and

communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief

#### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Other than the controls and procedures implemented to calculate and process cash distributions and equity compensation expense, there have not been any changes in the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, during the second fiscal quarter of 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

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

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Security holders and potential investors in our securities should carefully consider the risk factors under "Risk Factors" in our Prospectus. There has been no material change in our risk factors from those described in the Prospectus. These risks are not the sole risks for investors. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

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

On July 25, 2013, our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (SEC Registration No. 33-189645), as amended, filed with the SEC relating to the IPO became effective. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated and Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. served as representatives of the several underwriters for the IPO. The closing date of the IPO was July 31, 2013 and the Partnership sold 6,875,000 common units to the public. The offering price to the public was \$20.00 per common unit, resulting in total net proceeds of approximately \$125.3 million. The net proceeds received from the IPO, in conjunction with borrowings under our new credit facility, were used to repay approximately \$131.9 million of outstanding borrowings under the Partnership's historical credit facility and settle the related interest rate swap liability of approximately \$0.1 million.

On July 31, 2013, in connection with the closing of the IPO, the Partnership entered into a Contribution, Conveyance and Assumption Agreement (the "Contribution Agreement") with Marlin Midstream GP, LLC (the "General Partner"), NuDevco, Nudevco Partners Holdings, LLC, NuDevco Midstream Development contributed to the General Partner, as a capital contribution, a limited liability company interest in Marlin Midstream with a value equal to 2% of the equity value of the Partnership at the closing of the IPO. Immediately prior to the closing of the IPO, the following transactions, among others, occurred pursuant to the Contribution Agreement:

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The General Partner contributed to the Partnership, as a capital contribution, the limited liability company interest in Marlin Midstream in exchange for (a) 356,104 general partner units representing the continuation of an aggregate 2% general partner interest in the Partnership and (b) all the incentive distribution rights of the Partnership (the "IDRs");

The General Partner distributed all of the IDRs to NuDevco Midstream Development, which then contributed such IDRs to Marlin IDR as a capital contribution; and

NuDevco Midstream Development contributed to the Partnership, as a capital contribution, its remaining limited liability company interests in Marlin Midstream in exchange for (a) 1,849,545 Common Units representing a 10.4% limited partner interest in the Partnership, and (b) 8,724,545 Subordinated Units representing a 49.0% limited partner interest in the Partnership.



The foregoing transactions were undertaken in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act afforded by Section 4(2) thereof. The Partnership believes that exemptions other than the foregoing exemption may exist for these transactions.

Each of the Subordinated Units granted under the Contribution Agreement will convert into one Common Unit at the end of the subordination period and then will participate pro-rata with the other Common Units in distributions of available cash. Unless earlier terminated pursuant to the terms of our Partnership Agreement, the subordination period will extend until the first business day of any quarter beginning after September 30, 2016, that the Partnership meets the financial tests set forth in the Partnership Agreement, but may end sooner if the Partnership meets additional financial tests.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

None.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. EXHIBIT INDEX

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\*\*\* Confidential treatment has been granted for certain portions of this Exhibit pursuant to a confidential treatment order granted by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such portions have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**SIGNATURES**

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

Marlin Midstream Partners, LP

May 1, 2014

/s/ Amanda Bush  
Amanda Bush  
Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial  
Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

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