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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

or

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-35574

EQT Midstream Partners, LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

37-1661577

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

625 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1700, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

(Address of principal executive offices)

15222

(Zip code)

(412) 553-5700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, 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 ☐

Accelerated Filer ☐

Non-Accelerated Filer ☒

Smaller reporting company ☐

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

As of September 30, 2013, there were 30,468,902 Common Units, 17,339,718 Subordinated Units and 975,686 General Partner Units outstanding.

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Glossary of Commonly Used Terms, Abbreviations and Measurements

adjusted EBITDA - a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure defined by the Company as net income plus net interest expense, depreciation and amortization expense, income tax expense (if applicable), non-cash long-term compensation expense and other non-cash adjustments (if applicable) less other income and the Sunrise Pipeline lease payments that were made prior to the Sunrise Merger.

AFUDC Allowance for Funds Used During Construction - carrying costs for the construction of certain long-term assets are capitalized and amortized over the related assets' estimated useful lives. The capitalized amount for construction of regulated assets includes interest cost and a designated cost of equity for financing the construction of these regulated assets.

Appalachian Basin the area of the United States composed of those portions of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Kentucky and Virginia that lie in the Appalachian Mountains.

British thermal unit a measure of the amount of energy required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

distributable cash flow a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure defined by the Company as adjusted EBITDA less net cash paid for interest, ongoing maintenance capital expenditures and reimbursable maintenance capital expenditures plus reimbursable maintenance capital expenditures expected to be reimbursed by EQT Corporation (EQT).

firm contract a contract for transportation services that obligates a customer to pay a fixed monthly charge to reserve an agreed upon amount of pipeline capacity regardless of the actual pipeline capacity used by the customer during each month.

gas all references to "gas" in this report refer to natural gas.

omnibus agreement - the agreement entered into among the Company, its general partner and EQT in connection with the Company's initial public offering, pursuant to which EQT agreed to provide the Company with certain general and administrative services and a license to use the name "EQT" and related marks in connection with the Company's business. The omnibus agreement also provides for certain indemnification and reimbursement obligations between the Company and EQT.

play - a proven geological formation that contains commercial amounts of hydrocarbons.

reservoir - a porous and permeable underground formation containing an individual and separate natural accumulation of producible hydrocarbons (crude oil and/or natural gas) which is confined by impermeable rock or water barriers and is characterized by a single natural pressure system.

throughput - the volume of natural gas transported or passing through a pipeline, plant, terminal or other facility during a particular period.

working gas the volume of natural gas in the storage reservoir that can be extracted during the normal operation of the storage facility.

Abbreviations

FERC Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

GAAP Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

IRS Internal Revenue Service

SEC Securities and Exchange Commission

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Measurements

Btu = one British thermal unit

BBtu = billion British thermal units

Bcf = billion cubic feet

Dth = million British thermal units

Mcf = thousand cubic feet

MMBtu = million British thermal units

MMcf = million cubic feet

TBtu = trillion British thermal units

Tcf = one trillion cubic feet

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		Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,					
		2013	2012 (1)		2013 (1)		2012 (1)			
		(Thousands, except per unit amounts)								
Revenues:										
Operating revenues	affiliate	\$	35,783	\$	26,653	\$	105,573	\$	74,085	
Operating revenues	third party		10,099		7,799		29,511		21,035	
Total operating revenues			45,882		34,452		135,084		95,120	
Operating expenses:										
Operating and maintenance			7,732		8,109		21,093		21,295	
Selling, general and administrative			5,279		5,224		15,662		14,120	
Depreciation and amortization			5,278		4,645		15,493		10,853	
Total operating expenses			18,289		17,978		52,248		46,268	
Operating income			27,593		16,474		82,836		48,852	
Other income, net			319		1,142		845		7,770	
Interest (expense) income, net			(196)		68		(613)		(2,685)	
Income before income taxes			27,716		17,684		83,068		53,937	
Income tax (expense)					(1,726)		(4,053)		(15,217)	
Net income		\$	27,716	\$	15,958	\$	79,015	\$	38,720	
Calculation of Limited Partner Interest in Net										
Income:										
Net income		\$	27,716	\$	15,958	\$	79,015	\$	38,720	
Less:										
Pre-acquisition net income allocated to Parent					(1,868)		(6,189)		(24,630)	
General partner interest in net income			(755)		(312)		(1,726)		(312)	
Limited partner interest in net income		\$	26,961	\$	13,778	\$	71,100	\$	13,778	
Net income per limited partner unit		basic	\$	0.61	\$	0.40	\$	1.84	\$	0.40
Net income per limited partner unit		diluted	\$	0.60	\$	0.40	\$	1.84	\$	0.40
Limited partner units outstanding		basic	44,526		34,679		38,618		34,679	
Limited partner units outstanding		diluted	44,639		34,684		38,731		34,684	
Cash distributions declared per limited partner unit		\$	0.43	\$	0.35	\$	1.20	\$	0.35	

(1) Financial information for 2012 and the first six months of 2013 have been retrospectively recast to reflect Sunrise Pipeline, LLC (Sunrise), which merged into Equitrans, LP, a subsidiary of EQT Midstream Partners, LP, on July 22, 2013 (Sunrise Merger). See Note B for further discussion.

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013 (1)	2012 (1)
	(Thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 79,015	\$ 38,720
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	15,493	10,853
Deferred income taxes	(262)	27,357
Other income	(845)	(7,770)
Non-cash long-term compensation expense	772	2,150
Non-cash reserve adjustment	(680)	
Changes in other assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(983)	(10,689)
Accounts payable	(9,728)	189
Due to/from EQT affiliates	3,384	12,066
Other assets and liabilities	1,446	(7,989)
Net cash provided by operating activities	87,612	64,887
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(56,424)	(168,300)
Net cash used in investing activities	(56,424)	(168,300)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from the issuance of common units, net of offering costs	529,442	276,780
Sunrise merger payment (2)	(507,500)	
Distribution of proceeds		(230,887)
Due to/from EQT		(44,657)
Retirement of long-term debt		(135,235)
Partners' investments		276,543
Distributions paid to unitholders	(44,993)	
Pre-merger distributions paid to EQT	(31,390)	(10,193)
Capital contributions	4,241	
Payment of revolver fees		(1,864)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(50,200)	130,487
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(19,012)	27,074
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	50,041	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 31,029	\$ 27,074
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest paid	\$ 714	\$ 6,237
Non-cash activity during the period for:		
Non-cash dividend	\$	\$ 12,229
Elimination of net current and deferred tax liabilities	\$ 42,972	\$ 143,587
Common and GP units issued for Sunrise Merger (2)	\$ 32,500	\$

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- (1) Financial information for 2012 and the first six months of 2013 have been retrospectively recast to reflect the Sunrise Merger. See Note B for further discussion.
 - (2) Total consideration for the Sunrise Merger exceeded EQT's net carrying value of the Sunrise assets by \$324,456.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

	September 30, 2013 (Thousands, except number of units)	December 31, 2012 (1)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 31,029	\$ 50,041
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$84 as of September 30, 2013 and \$64 as of December 31, 2012)	4,726	3,743
Accounts receivable affiliate	12,091	11,911
Due from related party	4,271	10,133
Other current assets	593	645
Total current assets	52,710	76,473
Property, plant and equipment	857,107	800,844
Less: accumulated depreciation	(156,789)	(143,713)
Net property, plant and equipment	700,318	657,131
Regulatory assets	19,095	18,223
Other assets	1,398	1,810
Total assets	\$ 773,521	\$ 753,637
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS CAPITAL		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 15,365	\$ 25,093
Due to related party		1,273
Accrued liabilities	11,368	8,900
Total current liabilities	26,733	35,266
Deferred income taxes		40,842
Unrecognized tax benefits		1,920
Other long-term liabilities	2,373	2,760
Total liabilities	29,106	80,788
Partners capital:		
Predecessor equity		197,773
Common units (30,468,902 and 17,339,718 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively)	830,111	313,304
Subordinated units (17,339,718 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012)	(91,802)	153,664
General partner interest (975,686 and 707,744 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively)	6,106	8,108
Total partners capital	744,415	672,849
Total liabilities and partners capital	\$ 773,521	\$ 753,637

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(1) Financial information for 2012 has been retrospectively recast to reflect the Sunrise Merger. See Note B for further discussion.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PARTNERS' CAPITAL (UNAUDITED)⁽¹⁾

	Predecessor Equity	Common	Limited Partners Subordinated (Thousands)	Partners' Capital General Partner	Total
Balance at January 1, 2012	\$ 173,733	\$	\$	\$	\$ 173,733
Net income	24,630	6,140	7,638	312	38,720
Investment by partners	276,543				276,543
Distributions paid	(10,193)				(10,193)
Non-cash distributions	(12,229)				(12,229)
Elimination of net current and deferred tax liabilities	143,587				143,587
Contribution of net assets to EQT Midstream Partners, LP	(400,231)	56,470	330,279	13,482	
Issuance of common units to public, net of offering costs		276,780			276,780
Distribution of proceeds		(32,837)	(192,049)	(6,001)	(230,887)
Capital contribution		913	913	37	1,863
Equity-based compensation plans		403			403
Balance at September 30, 2012	\$ 195,840	\$ 307,869	\$ 146,781	\$ 7,830	\$ 658,320
Balance at January 1, 2013	\$ 197,773	\$ 313,304	\$ 153,664	\$ 8,108	\$ 672,849
Net income	6,189	39,994	31,106	1,726	79,015
Capital contribution		1,778	1,404	66	3,248
Equity-based compensation plans		772			772
Distributions to unitholders		(24,672)	(19,421)	(900)	(44,993)
Pre-merger distributions to EQT	(31,390)				(31,390)
Proceeds from equity offering, net of offering costs		529,442			529,442
Elimination of net current and deferred income tax liabilities	42,972				42,972
Sunrise net assets from EQT	(215,544)				(215,544)
Issuance of units		20,845		11,655	32,500
Purchase price in excess of net assets from EQT		(51,352)	(258,555)	(14,549)	(324,456)
Balance at September 30, 2013	\$	\$ 830,111	\$ (91,802)	\$ 6,106	\$ 744,415

(1) Financial information for 2012 and the first six months of 2013 have been retrospectively recast to reflect the Sunrise Merger. See Note B for further discussion.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

A. Financial Statements

Organization

EQT Midstream Partners, LP (the Partnership, EQT Midstream Partners or the Company), which closed its initial public offering (IPO) on July 2, 2012, is a growth-oriented Delaware limited partnership formed by EQT Corporation in January 2012. Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) is a Pennsylvania limited partnership and the predecessor for accounting purposes of EQT Midstream Partners. EQT Midstream Services, LLC is the Company's general partner. References in these consolidated financial statements to the Company, when used for periods prior to the IPO, refer to Equitrans. References in these consolidated financial statements to the Company, when used for periods beginning at or following the IPO, refer collectively to the Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries. Immediately prior to the closing of the IPO, EQT Corporation contributed all of the partnership interests in Equitrans to the Partnership. Therefore, the historical financial statements contained in this report reflect the assets, liabilities and operations of Equitrans for periods ending before July 2, 2012 and EQT Midstream Partners for periods beginning at or following July 2, 2012. Additionally, as discussed below, the Company's consolidated financial statements have been retrospectively recast for all periods presented to include the historical results of Sunrise, which was merged into the Company on July 22, 2013, because the transaction was a transfer between entities under common control. References in these consolidated financial statements to EQT refer collectively to EQT Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

The Company issued 14,375,000 common units in the IPO. In addition, on July 22, 2013, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of an additional 12,650,000 common units, which included the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option. The Company received net proceeds of approximately \$529 million from the July 2013 offering, after deducting the underwriters' discount and offering expenses of approximately \$21 million. Net proceeds from the offering were used to fund the cash consideration paid to EQT in connection with the Sunrise Merger. See further discussion of the Sunrise Merger in Note B below.

Nature of Business

The Company is a growth-oriented limited partnership formed by EQT to own, operate, acquire and develop midstream assets in the Appalachian Basin. The Company provides midstream services to EQT and third parties in the Appalachian Basin across 22 counties in Pennsylvania and West Virginia through two primary assets: the transmission and storage system and the gathering system.

The Company's transmission and storage system includes an approximately 700 mile FERC-regulated interstate pipeline that connects to five long-haul interstate pipelines and multiple distribution companies. The transmission and storage system is supported by 14 associated natural gas storage reservoirs with approximately 400 MMcf per day of peak withdrawal capability and 32 Bcf of working gas capacity. As of September 30, 2013, the transmission assets had total throughput capacity of approximately 2.1 TBtu per day. Revenues are primarily driven by the Company's firm transmission and storage contracts.

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The Company's gathering system consists of approximately 2,000 miles of FERC-regulated low-pressure gathering lines. Substantially all of the revenues associated with the Company's gathering system are generated under interruptible gathering service contracts.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States GAAP for interim financial information and with the requirements of Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by United States GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, these statements include all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring accruals, unless otherwise disclosed in this Form 10-Q) necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the results of its operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 and its cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012. Certain previously reported amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

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As discussed in Note B, the Sunrise Merger was a transfer between entities under common control; therefore, the Company recorded the assets and liabilities at EQT's historical carrying value and recognized the excess of the payment to EQT over the purchase price as an adjustment to Partners' Capital. The Company has retrospectively recast the consolidated financial statements, footnotes and other financial information presented to reflect the results of the combined entities. The consolidated financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that would have occurred if the Company had owned the assets during the periods reported.

Due to the seasonal nature of the Company's utility customer contracts, the interim statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2013. Operating revenues are currently expected to be higher in the first and fourth quarters of each year.

For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 as well as Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations beginning on page 21 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Limited partner and general partner units

The following table summarizes common, subordinated and general partner units issued during the nine months ended September 30, 2013:

	Limited Partner Units		General	
	Common	Subordinated	Partner Units	Total
Balance at December 31, 2012	17,339,718	17,339,718	707,744	35,387,180
July 2013 equity offering	12,650,000			12,650,000
Sunrise Merger Consideration	479,184		267,942	747,126
Balance at September 30, 2013	30,468,902	17,339,718	975,686	48,784,306

As of September 30, 2013, EQT retained a 44.6% equity interest in the Company, which includes 3,443,902 common units, 17,339,718 subordinated units and 975,686 general partner units. EQT also holds the incentive distribution rights.

B. Sunrise Merger

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On July 15, 2013, the Company and Equitrans entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with EQT and Sunrise, a wholly owned subsidiary of EQT and the owner of the Sunrise Pipeline. Effective July 22, 2013, Sunrise merged with and into Equitrans, with Equitrans continuing as the surviving company. The Company paid EQT total consideration of \$540 million consisting of a \$507.5 million cash payment, 479,184 Company common units and 267,942 Company general partner units. Prior to the Sunrise Merger, Sunrise entered into a precedent agreement with a third party for firm transportation service over a twenty-year term. If a transportation agreement pursuant to this precedent agreement becomes effective on its current terms by December 31, 2014, the Company will make an additional payment of \$110 million to EQT. The transportation agreement is subject to review by regulatory authorities, which is expected to be completed by year-end 2013. The Company does not consider it probable that the contract will become effective and thus has not recorded a contingent liability as of September 30, 2013. The Company will also pay EQT additional consideration in the event certain other transportation agreements on the Sunrise system become effective prior to December 31, 2014.

Prior to the Sunrise Merger, the Company operated the Sunrise Pipeline as part of its transmission and storage system under a lease agreement with EQT. The lease was accounted for as a capital lease for GAAP purposes; therefore, prior to the merger, revenues and expenses associated with Sunrise were included in the Company's historical consolidated financial statements and the Sunrise Pipeline was depreciated over the lease term of 15 years. However, the monthly lease payment to EQT offset the impact of the Sunrise operations on the Company's adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow. Effective as of the closing of the Sunrise Merger on July 22, 2013, the lease agreement was terminated.

The Sunrise Merger was a transaction between entities under common control. As a result, the Company was required to recast its financial statements retrospectively to reflect the Sunrise Merger including recasting depreciation expense recognized over the periods prior to the merger to reflect the pipeline's useful life of 40 years. Also, the Company recorded the assets

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and liabilities of Sunrise at their carrying amounts to EQT on the date of the merger. The \$324.5 million difference between this net carrying value of \$215.5 million and the total consideration of \$540 million was recorded as a capital transaction with EQT. As a result, this portion of the consideration is reported as a financing transaction in the statements of consolidated cash flows. In addition, because the effect of the recast of the financial statements resulted in the elimination of the capital lease obligation from the Company to Sunrise which was essentially equal to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities, the remaining consideration was also reported as a financing transaction in the statements of consolidated cash flows.

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The historical statements of consolidated operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 have been recast to retrospectively reflect the Sunrise Merger, as presented below.

		Three Months Ended September 30, 2012			
		Previously Reported	Sunrise	Eliminations	As Recast
			(Thousands)		
Revenues:					
Operating revenues	affiliate	\$ 26,653	\$	\$	\$ 26,653
Operating revenues	third party	7,799			7,799
Interest income from capital lease			2,801	(2,801)	
Total operating revenues		34,452	2,801	(2,801)	34,452
Operating expenses:					
Operating and maintenance		8,109			8,109
Selling, general and administrative		5,211	13		5,224
Depreciation and amortization		6,835		(2,190)	4,645
Total operating expenses		20,155	13	(2,190)	17,978
Operating income		14,297	2,788	(611)	16,474
Other income, net		615	527		1,142
Interest (expense) income, net		(2,901)	168	2,801	68
Income before income taxes		12,011	3,483	2,190	17,684
Income tax (expense)			(1,726)		(1,726)
Net income		\$ 12,011	\$ 1,757	\$ 2,190	\$ 15,958

		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012			
		Previously Reported	Sunrise	Eliminations	As Recast
			(Thousands)		
Revenues:					
Operating revenues	affiliate	\$ 74,085	\$	\$	\$ 74,085
Operating revenues	third party	21,035			21,035
Interest income from capital lease			2,801	(2,801)	
Total operating revenues		95,120	2,801	(2,801)	95,120
Operating expenses:					
Operating and maintenance		21,295			21,295
Selling, general and administrative		14,094	26		14,120
Depreciation and amortization		13,043		(2,190)	10,853
Total operating expenses		48,432	26	(2,190)	46,268
Operating income		46,688	2,775	(611)	48,852
Other income, net		7,243	897	(370)	7,770
Interest (expense) income, net		(5,654)	291	2,678	(2,685)
Income before income taxes		48,277	3,963	1,697	53,937
Income tax (expense)		(13,131)	(1,943)	(143)	(15,217)
Net income		\$ 35,146	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,554	\$ 38,720

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The historical statement of consolidated cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 has been recast to retrospectively reflect the Sunrise Merger, as presented below.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012			
	Previously Reported	Sunrise	Eliminations	As Recast
	(Thousands)			
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$ 35,146	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,554	\$ 38,720
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	13,043		(2,190)	10,853
Deferred income taxes	6,789	20,568		27,357
Other income	(7,243)	(897)	370	(7,770)
Non-cash long-term compensation expense	2,150			2,150
Changes in other assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	(10,689)			(10,689)
Accounts payable	(12,148)	12,337		189
Due to/from EQT affiliates	30,431	(18,365)		12,066
Other assets and liabilities	(6,263)	(1,992)	266	(7,989)
Net cash provided by operating activities	51,216	13,671		64,887
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Capital expenditures	(147,379)	(20,921)		(168,300)
Collections on lease receivable		838	(838)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(147,379)	(20,083)	(838)	(168,300)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from the issuance of common units, net of offering costs	276,780			276,780
Distribution of proceeds	(230,887)			(230,887)
Due to/from EQT	(49,657)	5,000		(44,657)
Retirement of long-term debt	(135,235)			(135,235)
Partners' investments	276,543			276,543
Distributions paid to EQT	(10,193)			(10,193)
Payment of revolver fees	(1,864)			(1,864)
Capital lease principal payments	(838)		838	
Net cash provided by financing activities	124,649	5,000	838	130,487
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	28,486	(1,412)		27,074

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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	28,486	\$	(1,412)	\$		\$	27,074
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Cash paid during the period for:

Interest paid	\$	7,656	\$		\$	(1,419)	\$	6,237
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Non-cash activity during the period for:

Capital lease asset/obligation	\$	213,605	\$	215,538	\$	(429,143)	\$	
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Non-cash distributions	\$	205,949	\$	193,720	\$	(387,440)	\$	12,229
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Elimination of net current and deferred tax liabilities	\$	143,587	\$		\$		\$	143,587
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The historical consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2012 has been recast to retrospectively reflect the Sunrise Merger, as presented below.

	Previously Reported	Sunrise	December 31, 2012 Eliminations/ Reclassifications (Thousands)	As Recast
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,950	\$ 28,091	\$	\$ 50,041
Accounts receivable	3,743			3,743
Accounts receivable - affiliate	11,911			11,911
Due from related party	2,382	8,244	(493)	10,133
Lease receivable - current		9,537	(9,537)	
Other current assets	645			645
Total current assets	40,631	45,872	(10,030)	76,473
Property, plant and equipment	795,498		5,346	800,844
Less: accumulated depreciation	(148,212)		4,499	(143,713)
Net property, plant and equipment	647,286		9,845	657,131
Regulatory assets	17,877	583	(237)	18,223
Lease receivable		209,997	(209,997)	
Other assets	1,810			1,810
Total assets	\$ 707,604	\$ 256,452	\$ (210,419)	\$ 753,637
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS CAPITAL				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 9,452	\$ 15,641	\$	\$ 25,093
Due to related party	1,130		143	1,273
Lease obligation - current	9,537		(9,537)	
Accrued liabilities	10,207	39	(1,346)	8,900
Total current liabilities	30,326	15,680	(10,740)	35,266
Lease obligation	203,305		(203,305)	

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Deferred income taxes		41,079	(237)	40,842
Unrecognized tax benefits		1,920		1,920
Other long-term liabilities	2,760			2,760
Total liabilities	236,391	58,679	(214,282)	80,788
Partners' capital:				
Predecessor equity		197,773		197,773
Common units	310,679		2,625	313,304
Subordinated units	148,397		5,267	153,664
General partner interest	12,137		(4,029)	8,108
Total partners' capital	471,213	197,773	3,863	672,849
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$ 707,604	\$ 256,452	\$ (210,419)	\$ 753,637

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The historical consolidated statement of partners' capital for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 has been recast to retrospectively reflect the Sunrise Merger, as presented below.

	Previously Reported	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012			As Recast
		Sunrise	Eliminations		
		(Thousands)			
Balance at January 1, 2012	\$ 173,633	\$ 100	\$	\$	173,733
Net income	35,146	2,020	1,554		38,720
Investment by partners	276,543				276,543
Investment by parent		193,720	(193,720)		
Distributions paid	(10,193)				(10,193)
Non-cash distributions	(205,949)		193,720		(12,229)
Elimination of net current and deferred tax liabilities	143,587				143,587
Contribution of net assets to EQT Midstream Partners, LP					
Issuance of common units to public, net of offering costs	276,780				276,780
Distribution of proceeds	(230,887)				(230,887)
Capital contribution	1,863				1,863
Equity-based compensation plans	403				403
Balance at September 30, 2012	\$ 460,926	\$ 195,840	\$ 1,554	\$	658,320

C. Financial Information by Business Segment

Operating segments are revenue-producing components of the enterprise for which separate financial information is produced internally and subject to evaluation by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources.

The Company reports its operations in two segments, which reflect its lines of business. Transmission and storage includes the Company's FERC-regulated interstate pipeline and storage business. Gathering includes the FERC-regulated, low-pressure gathering system. The operating segments are evaluated on their contribution to the Company's results based on operating income.

All of the Company's operating revenues, income from operations and assets are generated or located in the United States.

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	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2013		2012		2013	2012		
	(Thousands)							
Revenues from external customers:								
Transmission and storage	\$	42,858	\$	30,606	\$	125,883	\$	83,116
Gathering		3,024		3,846		9,201		12,004
Total	\$	45,882	\$	34,452	\$	135,084	\$	95,120
Operating income (loss):								
Transmission and storage	\$	30,435	\$	18,705	\$	90,562	\$	52,854
Gathering		(2,842)		(2,231)		(7,726)		(4,002)
Total operating income	\$	27,593	\$	16,474	\$	82,836	\$	48,852
Reconciliation of operating income to net income:								
Other income, net		319		1,142		845		7,770
Interest (expense) income, net		(196)		68		(613)		(2,685)
Income tax (expense)				(1,726)		(4,053)		(15,217)
Net income	\$	27,716	\$	15,958	\$	79,015	\$	38,720

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(Thousands)	
Segment assets:		
Transmission and storage	\$ 683,260	\$ 678,437
Gathering	90,261	75,200
Total assets	\$ 773,521	\$ 753,637

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2013		2012	2013	2012			
	(Thousands)							
Depreciation and amortization:								
Transmission and storage	\$	4,542	\$	3,926	\$	13,295	\$	8,744
Gathering		736		719		2,198		2,109
Total	\$	5,278	\$	4,645	\$	15,493	\$	10,853
Expenditures for segment assets:								
Transmission and storage	\$	27,280	\$	38,289	\$	50,503	\$	164,205
Gathering		2,260		2,979		5,921		4,095
Total	\$	29,540	\$	41,268	\$	56,424	\$	168,300

D. Related-Party Transactions

In the ordinary course of business, the Company has transactions with affiliated companies. The Company has various contracts with affiliates including, but not limited to, transportation service and precedent agreements, storage agreements and gas gathering agreements.

In connection with the IPO, the Company entered into various agreements with EQT. For instance, the Company entered into an omnibus agreement by and among the Company, its general partner and EQT. Pursuant to the omnibus agreement, EQT or its affiliates perform centralized corporate, general and administrative services for the

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Company, such as legal, corporate recordkeeping, planning, budgeting, regulatory, accounting, billing, business development, treasury, insurance administration and claims processing, risk management, health, safety and environmental, information technology, human resources, investor relations, cash management and banking, payroll, internal audit, taxes and engineering. In exchange, the Company reimburses EQT and its affiliates for the expenses incurred by them in providing these services, except for any expenses associated with EQT's long-term incentive programs. The omnibus agreement further requires that the Company reimburse EQT and its affiliates for the Company's allocable portion of the premiums on any insurance policies covering the Company's assets. EQT does not record any profit or margin for the administrative and operational services charged to the Company.

The Company also entered into an operation and management services agreement with EQT Gathering, LLC (EQT Gathering), pursuant to which EQT Gathering provides the Company's pipelines and storage facilities with certain operational and management services. The Company reimburses EQT Gathering for such services pursuant to the terms of the omnibus agreement as described above.

E. Income Taxes

The Company's financial statements for the periods prior to the IPO include U.S. federal and state income tax as its income was reported and included as part of EQT's consolidated federal tax return. In conjunction with the contribution by EQT of the ownership of Equitrans to the Partnership immediately prior to the IPO, approximately \$143.6 million of net current and deferred income tax liabilities were eliminated through equity. Effective July 2, 2012, as a result of its limited partnership structure, the Company is no longer subject to federal and state income taxes. For federal and state income tax purposes, all income, expenses, gains, losses and tax credits generated by the Company flow through to the unitholders, and accordingly, do not result in a provision for income taxes for the Company.

As discussed in Note B, the Company completed the Sunrise Merger on July 22, 2013 which was a transaction between entities under common control. Prior to this transaction, Sunrise's income was reported and included as part of EQT's consolidated federal tax return; therefore, the Sunrise financial statements included U.S. federal and state income tax. Accordingly, the income tax effects associated with Sunrise's operations prior to the Sunrise Merger are reflected in the consolidated financial statements. In the third quarter of 2013, in connection with the Sunrise Merger and the resulting change in tax status of Sunrise, approximately \$43.0 million of net current and deferred income tax liabilities were eliminated through equity.

F. Debt

Prior to the IPO, EQT provided financing to the Company directly or indirectly through EQT Capital Corporation (EQT Capital), EQT's subsidiary finance company. Such financing was generally provided through intercompany term and demand loans that were entered into between EQT Capital and EQT's subsidiaries.

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On July 2, 2012, in connection with the IPO, the Company entered into a \$350 million credit facility with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and a syndicate of lenders, which will mature on July 2, 2017. The credit facility is available to fund working capital requirements and capital expenditures, to purchase assets, to pay distributions and repurchase units and for general partnership purposes.

There were no amounts outstanding under the credit facility at September 30, 2013 or December 31, 2012. Additionally, the Company did not have any short-term loans outstanding at any time during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, commitment fees of approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, were paid to maintain credit availability under the Company's revolving credit facility at an annual rate of 25 basis points. For the three months ended September 30, 2012, commitment fees of approximately \$0.2 million were paid to maintain credit availability under the Company's revolving credit facility at an annual rate of 25 basis points.

G. Net Income per Limited Partner Unit and Cash Distributions

The Company's net income is allocated to the general partner and limited partners, including subordinated unitholders, in accordance with their respective ownership percentages, and when applicable, giving effect to incentive distributions allocable to the general partner. The allocation of undistributed earnings, or net income in excess of distributions, to the incentive distribution rights is limited to available cash (as defined by the Company's partnership agreement) for the period. Net income allocated to the general partner for the three and nine months

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ended September 30, 2013 includes amounts attributed to incentive distributions. The Company's net income allocable to the limited partners is allocated between common and subordinated unitholders by applying the provisions of the Company's partnership agreement that govern actual cash distributions as if all earnings for the period had been distributed. Any common units issued during the period are included on a weighted-average basis for the days in which they were outstanding.

Diluted net income per limited partner unit reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or agreements to issue common units, such as awards under the long-term incentive plan, were exercised, settled or converted into common units. When it is determined that potential common units resulting from an award subject to performance or market conditions should be included in the diluted net income per limited partner unit calculation, the impact is reflected by applying the treasury stock method. Potentially dilutive securities, consisting of performance awards and phantom units, included in the calculation of diluted net income per limited partner unit totaled 112,281 and 4,780 for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and 113,297 and 4,780 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Performance awards of 146,490 were not included in potentially dilutive securities for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 because the performance condition was not met.

The following table presents the Company's calculation of net income per limited partner unit for common and subordinated limited partner units. Net income attributable to periods prior to the IPO and to the Sunrise Pipeline assets for periods prior to July 22, 2013 is not allocated to the limited partners for purposes of calculating net income per limited partner unit.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(Thousands, except per unit amounts)			
Net income	\$ 27,716	\$ 15,958	\$ 79,015	\$ 38,720
Less:				
Pre-acquisition net income allocated to Parent		(1,868)	(6,189)	(24,630)
General partner interest in net income 2%	(554)	(312)	(1,525)	(312)
General partner interest in net income attributable to incentive distribution rights	(201)		(201)	
Limited partner interest in net income	\$ 26,961	\$ 13,778	\$ 71,100	\$ 13,778
Net income allocable to common units	\$ 17,011	\$ 6,140	\$ 39,994	\$ 6,140
Net income allocable to subordinated units	9,950	7,638	31,106	7,638
Limited partner interest in net income	\$ 26,961	\$ 13,778	\$ 71,100	\$ 13,778
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding basic				
Common units	27,186	17,340	21,278	17,340
Subordinated units	17,340	17,339	17,340	17,339
Total	44,526	34,679	38,618	34,679
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding diluted				

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Common units	27,299	17,345	21,391	17,345
Subordinated units	17,340	17,339	17,340	17,339
Total	44,639	34,684	38,731	34,684

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(Thousands, except per unit amounts)			
Net income per limited partner unit basic				
Common units	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.88	\$ 0.35
Subordinated units	0.57	0.44	1.79	0.44
Total	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.84	\$ 0.40
Net income per limited partner unit diluted				
Common units	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.87	\$ 0.35
Subordinated units	0.57	0.44	1.79	0.44
Total	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.84	\$ 0.40

The Company's partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, the Company distribute all of its available cash (described below) to unitholders of record on the applicable record date. As further discussed in Note I, a quarterly cash distribution was declared on October 22, 2013, payable November 14, 2013 to unitholders of record on November 4, 2013.

Available cash

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 Company's general partner to:

provide for the proper conduct of the Company's business (including reserves for future capital expenditures, anticipated future debt service requirements and refunds of collected rates reasonably likely to be refunded as a result of a settlement or hearing related to FERC rate proceedings or rate proceedings under applicable law subsequent to that quarter);

comply with applicable law, any of the Company's debt instruments or other agreements; or

provide funds for distributions to the Company's unitholders and to the Company's general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters (provided that the Company's general partner may not establish cash reserves for distributions if the effect of the establishment of such reserves will prevent the Company 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 Company's 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.

Subordinated Units

All subordinated units are held by EQT. The Company's partnership agreement provides that, during the period of time referred to as the subordination period, the common units will have the right to receive distributions of available cash from operating surplus each quarter in an amount equal to \$0.35 per common unit (the minimum quarterly distribution, as defined in the Company's partnership agreement) plus any arrearages in the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units from prior quarters, before any distributions of available cash from operating surplus may be made on the subordinated units. The practical effect of the subordinated units is to increase the likelihood that during the subordination period there will be available cash to distribute the minimum quarterly distribution to the common units. The subordination period will end and the subordinated units will convert to common units on a one-for-one basis when certain distribution requirements, as defined in the Company's partnership agreement, have been met.

Incentive Distribution Rights

All incentive distribution rights are held by the Company's general partner. Incentive distribution rights represent the right 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 the target distribution levels described below have

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been achieved. The Company's general partner may transfer the incentive distribution rights separately from its general partner interest, subject to restrictions in the Company's partnership agreement.

The following discussion assumes that the Company's general partner continues to own both its 2.0% general partner interest and the incentive distribution rights.

If for any quarter:

- the Company has distributed available cash from operating surplus to the common and subordinated unitholders in an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution; and
- the Company has distributed available cash from operating surplus on outstanding common units in an amount necessary to eliminate any cumulative arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution;

then, the Company will distribute any additional available cash from operating surplus for that quarter among the unitholders and the Company's general partner in the following manner:

	Total Quarterly Distribution per Unit Target Amount	Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions	
		Unitholders	General Partner
Minimum Quarterly Distribution	\$0.3500	98.0%	2.0%
First Target Distribution	Above \$0.3500 up to		
	\$0.4025	98.0%	2.0%
Second Target Distribution	Above \$0.4025 up to		
	\$0.4375	85.0%	15.0%
Third Target Distribution	Above \$0.4375 up to		
	\$0.5250	75.0%	25.0%
Thereafter	Above \$0.5250	50.0%	50.0%

To the extent these incentive distributions are made to the general partner, there will be more available cash proportionally allocated to the general partner than to holders of common and subordinated units.

H. Subsidiary Guarantors

The Company filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC on July 1, 2013 to register, among other securities, debt securities. The subsidiaries of the Company (Subsidiaries) are co-registrants with the Company, and the registration statement registered guarantees of debt securities by one or more of the Subsidiaries (other than EQT Midstream Finance Corporation, a 100% owned subsidiary of the Company whose sole purpose is to act as co-issuer of debt securities). The Subsidiaries are 100% owned by the Company and any guarantees by the Subsidiaries will be full and unconditional. The Company has no assets or operations independent of the Subsidiaries, and there are no significant restrictions upon the ability of the Subsidiaries to distribute funds to the Company by dividend or loan. In the event that more than one of the Subsidiaries provide guarantees of any debt securities issued by the Company, such guarantees will constitute joint and several obligations. None of the assets of the Company or the Subsidiaries represent restricted net assets pursuant to Rule 4-08(e)(3) of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

I. Subsequent Events

On October 22, 2013, the Company announced that the Board of Directors of its general partner declared a cash distribution to the Company's unitholders for the third quarter of 2013 of \$0.43 per common and subordinated unit, \$0.4 million to the general partner related to its 2% general partner interest and \$0.2 million to the general partner related to its incentive distribution rights. The cash distribution will be paid on November 14, 2013 to unitholders of record at the close of business on November 4, 2013.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

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

EQT Midstream Partners, LP (the Partnership, EQT Midstream Partners or the Company) closed its initial public offering (IPO) on July 2, 2012. Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) is a Pennsylvania limited partnership and the predecessor for accounting purposes of EQT Midstream Partners. References in the following discussion to the Company, when used for periods prior to the IPO, refer to Equitrans. References in the following discussion to the Company, when used for periods beginning at or following the IPO, refer collectively to the Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries. Immediately prior to the closing of the IPO, EQT Corporation contributed all of the partnership interests in Equitrans to the Partnership. Therefore, the historical financial statements contained in this report reflect the assets, liabilities and operations of Equitrans for periods ending before July 2, 2012 and EQT Midstream Partners for periods beginning at or following July 2, 2012. Additionally, as discussed below, the Company's consolidated financial statements have been retrospectively recast for all periods presented to include the historical results of Sunrise Pipeline, LLC (Sunrise), which was merged into the Company on July 22, 2013, as the transaction was a transfer between entities under common control.

The following discussion analyzes, among other things, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company. You should read the following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, and the notes thereto, included elsewhere in this report. References in the following discussion and analysis to EQT refer collectively to EQT Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Disclosures in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Statements that do not relate strictly to historical or current facts are forward-looking and usually identified by the use of words such as anticipate, estimate, could, would, will, forecast, approximate, expect, project, intend, plan, believe and other words of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial matters. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include the matters discussed in the section captioned Outlook in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and the expectations of plans, strategies, objectives and growth and anticipated financial and operational performance of the Company and its subsidiaries, including guidance regarding transmission and storage and gathering revenue growth (and related adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow) and volume growth; infrastructure programs (including the timing, cost, capacity and sources of funding with respect to such programs); natural gas production growth in the Company's operating areas for EQT and third parties; the amount and timing of distributions; the effect of the termination of the Sunrise Pipeline lease on adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow; projected operating and capital expenditures, including the amount and timing of capital expenditures reimbursable by EQT; liquidity and financing requirements, including funding sources and availability; asset acquisitions, including the Company's ability to complete any asset purchases from EQT and third parties; the effects of government regulation, litigation and tax position. The forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from projected results. Accordingly, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. The Company has based these forward-looking statements on current expectations and assumptions about future events. While the Company considers these expectations and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the Company's control. The risks and uncertainties that may affect the operations, performance and results of the Company's business and forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those set

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forth under Item 1A, Risk Factors in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made and the Company does not intend to correct or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

In reviewing any agreements incorporated by reference in or filed with this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, please remember that such agreements are included to provide information regarding the terms of such agreements and are not intended to provide any other factual or disclosure information about the Company. The agreements may contain representations and warranties by the Company, which should not in all instances be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk to one of the parties of such agreements should those statements

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prove to be inaccurate. The representations and warranties were made only as of the date of the relevant agreement or such other date or dates as may be specified in such agreement and are subject to more recent developments. Accordingly, these representations and warranties alone may not describe the actual state of affairs of the Company or its affiliates as of the date they were made or at any other time.

Executive Overview

On July 15, 2013, the Company and Equitrans entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with EQT and Sunrise Pipeline, LLC (Sunrise), a wholly owned subsidiary of EQT and the owner of the Sunrise Pipeline. Effective July 22, 2013, Sunrise merged with and into Equitrans, with Equitrans continuing as the surviving company (the Sunrise Merger). The Company paid EQT total consideration of \$540 million consisting of a \$507.5 million cash payment, 479,184 Company common units and 267,942 Company general partner units. Prior to the Sunrise Merger, Sunrise entered into a precedent agreement with a third party for firm transportation service over a twenty-year term. If a transportation agreement pursuant to this precedent agreement becomes effective on its current terms by December 31, 2014, the Company will make an additional payment of \$110 million to EQT. The transportation agreement is subject to review by regulatory authorities, which is expected to be completed by year-end 2013. The Company does not consider it probable that the contract will become effective and thus has not recorded a contingent liability as of September 30, 2013. The Company will also pay EQT additional consideration in the event certain other transportation agreements on the Sunrise system become effective prior to December 31, 2014.

Prior to the Sunrise Merger, the Company operated the Sunrise Pipeline as part of its transmission and storage system under a lease agreement with EQT. The lease was accounted for as a capital lease for GAAP purposes and, as a result, revenues and expenses associated with Sunrise were included in the Company's financial statements. However, the monthly lease payment to EQT offset the impact of Sunrise operations on the Company's adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow. Effective as of the closing of the Sunrise Merger on July 22, 2013, the lease agreement was terminated; therefore, adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are expected to increase in future periods because no further lease payments will be made. As the transaction was between entities under common control, the Company's historical consolidated financial statements have been retrospectively recast to reflect the results attributable to Sunrise for all periods presented.

On July 22, 2013, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of 12,650,000 common units, which included the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, representing limited partner interests in the Company. Net proceeds from the offering were used to finance the cash consideration paid to EQT in connection with the Sunrise Merger. Following the offering and Sunrise Merger, EQT retained a 44.6% equity interest in the Company, which includes 3,443,902 common units, 17,339,718 subordinated units and 975,686 general partner units. The Company received net proceeds of approximately \$529 million from the offering after deducting the underwriters' discount and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$21 million.

Highlights for the third quarter of 2013 include:

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- Increased transmission and storage revenues by 40% for the three months ended September 30, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012, driven by production development in the Marcellus play, which increased net income by \$11.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012.
- Achieved adjusted EBITDA of \$33.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 as compared to \$17.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012.
- Achieved distributable cash flow of \$29.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 as compared to \$11.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012.
- Increased cash distribution to unitholders to \$0.43 per unit, which represents an 8% increase over the previous distribution paid on August 14, 2013 of \$0.40 per unit.

Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures. For an explanation of these measures and a reconciliation of these measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, please read the discussion below under Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures.

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	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2013	2012	%	2013	2012	%
	(Thousands, except per unit amounts)					
Operating revenues:						
Transmission and storage revenues	\$ 42,858	\$ 30,606	40.0	\$ 125,883	\$ 83,116	51.5
Gathering revenues	3,024	3,846	(21.4)	9,201	12,004	(23.4)
Total operating revenues	45,882	34,452	33.2	135,084	95,120	42.0
Operating expenses:						
Operating and maintenance	7,732	8,109	(4.6)	21,093	21,295	(0.9)
Selling, general and administrative	5,279	5,224	1.1	15,662	14,120	10.9
Depreciation and amortization	5,278	4,645	13.6	15,493	10,853	42.8
Total operating expenses	18,289	17,978	1.7	52,248	46,268	12.9
Operating income	27,593	16,474	67.5	82,836	48,852	69.6
Other income, net	319	1,142	(72.1)	845	7,770	(89.1)
Interest (expense) income, net	(196)	68	(388.2)	(613)	(2,685)	(77.2)
Income before income taxes	27,716	17,684	56.7	83,068	53,937	54.0
Income tax (expense)		(1,726)	(100.0)	(4,053)	(15,217)	(73.4)
Net income	\$ 27,716	\$ 15,958	73.7	\$ 79,015	\$ 38,720	104.1
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	\$ 33,081	\$ 17,190	92.4	\$ 83,220	\$ 17,190	N/M(2)
Distributable cash flow (1)	\$ 29,183	\$ 11,632	150.9	\$ 74,711	\$ 11,632	N/M(2)

(1) Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures presented for the post-IPO period only. For an explanation of these measures and a reconciliation of these measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, please read the sections below titled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" and "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures."

(2) Not meaningful data as the amounts presented are for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the post-IPO period of the three months ended September 30, 2012.

Business Segment Results

Operating segments are evaluated on their contribution to the Company's consolidated results based on operating income. Interest and other income are managed on a consolidated basis. The Company has presented each segment's operating income and various operational measures in the sections below. Management believes that presentation of this information provides useful information to management and investors regarding the financial condition, results of operations and trends of segments. In addition, management uses these measures for budget planning purposes. The Company has reconciled each segment's operating income to the Company's consolidated operating income and net income in Note C to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012			%	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012			%
	2013				2013			
(Thousands, except per day amounts)								
SEGMENT FINANCIAL DATA								
TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE								
Operating revenues:								
Operating revenues affiliate	\$ 34,102	\$ 24,196	40.9	\$ 100,588	\$ 66,376	51.5		
Operating revenues third party	8,756	6,410	36.6	25,295	16,740	51.1		
Total operating revenues	42,858	30,606	40.0	125,883	83,116	51.5		
Operating expenses:								
Operating and maintenance	3,999	4,068	(1.7)	10,773	11,096	(2.9)		
Selling, general and administrative	3,882	3,907	(0.6)	11,253	10,422	8.0		
Depreciation and amortization	4,542	3,926	15.7	13,295	8,744	52.0		
Total operating expenses	12,423	11,901	4.4	35,321	30,262	16.7		
Operating income	\$ 30,435	\$ 18,705	62.7	\$ 90,562	\$ 52,854	71.3		
SEGMENT OPERATIONAL DATA								
TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE								
Transmission pipeline throughput (BBtu per day)	1,210	649	86.4	1,088	544	100.0		
Capital expenditures	\$ 27,280	\$ 38,289	(28.8)	\$ 50,503	\$ 164,205	(69.2)		
SEGMENT FINANCIAL DATA								
GATHERING								
Operating revenues:								
Operating revenues affiliate	\$ 1,681	\$ 2,457	(31.6)	\$ 4,985	\$ 7,709	(35.3)		
Operating revenues third party	1,343	1,389	(3.3)	4,216	4,295	(1.8)		
Total operating revenues	3,024	3,846	(21.4)	9,201	12,004	(23.4)		
Operating expenses:								
Operating and maintenance	3,733	4,041	(7.6)	10,320	10,199	1.2		
Selling, general and administrative	1,397	1,317	6.1	4,409	3,698	19.2		
Depreciation and amortization	736	719	2.4	2,198	2,109	4.2		
Total operating expenses	5,866	6,077	(3.5)	16,927	16,006	5.8		
Operating loss	\$ (2,842)	\$ (2,231)	27.4	\$ (7,726)	\$ (4,002)	93.1		
SEGMENT OPERATIONAL DATA								
GATHERING								
Gathering volumes (BBtu per day)	58	75	(22.7)	60	78	(23.1)		
Capital expenditures	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,979	(24.1)	\$ 5,921	\$ 4,095	44.6		

Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2012

Total operating revenues were \$45.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$34.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012. The increase was due to a \$12.3 million increase in transmission and storage revenues partly offset by a decrease in gathering revenues.

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Transmission and storage revenues increased primarily as a result of increased firm transmission service capacity contracts and increased system throughput. This includes \$13.0 million of increased contracted transmission capacity and usage revenues associated with the Sunrise Pipeline and the Blacksville compressor station, which were completed in July and September 2012, respectively, and \$0.4 million of fees associated with transported volumes in excess of firm capacity. These increases primarily resulted from increased production development in the Marcellus play. The average daily transmission throughput on the Company's system increased by 561 BBtu per day during the three months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2012. These increases were partly offset by a \$1.2 million decrease in revenues from storage and parking services.

The average daily volumes gathered decreased 17 BBtu, or 23%, for the three months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2012, which resulted in reduced gathering revenues. The decreased volumes were primarily the result of affiliates utilizing new direct interconnects to the Company's transmission and storage systems.

Operating expenses totaled \$18.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$18.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012. The increase in operating expenses was due to a \$0.6 million increase in depreciation and amortization expense partly offset by a decrease in operating and maintenance expense.

The increase in depreciation and amortization expense was primarily in the transmission and storage segment and resulted from increased investment in transmission infrastructure, including the Blacksville compressor station.

Other income primarily represents the equity portion of AFUDC, which generally increases during periods of increased construction and decreases during periods of reduced construction. The decrease in other income for the three months ended September 30, 2013 when compared to the three months ended September 30, 2012 primarily resulted from a decrease in applicable construction expenditures in connection with the completion of the Blacksville compressor station.

Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2013 was \$0.2 million compared to interest income of \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012. The decrease in interest income primarily relates to a decrease in AFUDC applicable to interest costs which resulted from a decrease in applicable construction expenditures in connection with the completion of the Blacksville compressor station.

Sunrise incurred income tax expense of \$1.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012. From and after the IPO, the Company is not subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes. Income earned prior to July 2, 2012 was subject to federal and state income tax. As previously noted, the Sunrise Merger on July 22, 2013 was a transfer between entities under common control for which the financial statements of the Company have been retrospectively recast to reflect the combined entities. Accordingly, the income tax effects associated with Sunrise's operations prior to the Sunrise Merger are reflected in the consolidated financial statements as Sunrise was previously part of EQT's consolidated federal tax return. The decrease in income tax expense resulted from these changes in the tax status.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012

Total operating revenues were \$135.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$95.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase was due to a \$42.8 million increase in transmission and storage revenues partly offset by a decrease in gathering revenues.

Transmission and storage revenues increased as a result of increased firm transmission service capacity contracts and increased system throughput. This includes \$33.4 million of firm transmission capacity and usage revenues associated with the Sunrise Pipeline and the Blacksville compressor station, \$10.3 million of fees associated with transported volumes in excess of firm capacity and \$1.8 million of increased pipeline safety revenues. These increases primarily resulted from increased production development in the Marcellus play. These increases were partly offset by a \$2.5 million decrease in revenues from storage and parking services. The average daily transmission throughput on the Company's system increased by 544 BBtu per day during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, approximately 67% of the Company's total operating revenues were generated from firm capacity reservation charges.

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The average daily volumes gathered decreased 18 BBtu, or 23%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012, which resulted in reduced gathering revenues. The decreased volumes were primarily the result of affiliates utilizing new direct interconnects to the Company's transmission and storage systems.

Operating expenses totaled \$52.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$46.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase in operating expenses was due to increased depreciation and amortization expense of \$4.6 million and increased selling, general and administrative expenses of \$1.5 million partly offset by a slight decrease in operating and maintenance expense.

The increase in depreciation and amortization expense was primarily in transmission and storage as a result of increased investment in transmission infrastructure, including the Sunrise Pipeline and the Blacksville compressor station.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased in both segments primarily due to increased personnel costs of \$1.8 million and transaction costs incurred in connection with the Sunrise Merger of \$0.7 million. These expense increases were partly offset by a decrease in long-term incentive compensation expense of \$1.1 million. The historical financial statements prior to the Company's IPO included long-term incentive compensation expenses associated with the EQT long-term incentive plan, which expense was not allocable to the Partnership subsequent to the IPO.

Other income primarily represents the equity portion of AFUDC, which generally increases during periods of increased construction and decreases during periods of reduced construction. The decrease in other income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 when compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012 primarily resulted from a decrease in applicable construction expenditures in connection with the completion of the Sunrise Pipeline project, which was placed into service in July 2012.

Interest expense was \$0.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$2.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, interest expense primarily related to commitment fees paid to maintain availability under the Company's credit facility. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, interest expense primarily related to intercompany debt which was repaid in June 2012.

Income tax expense was \$4.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$15.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. From and after the IPO, the Company is not subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes. Income earned by the Company prior to July 2, 2012 was subject to federal and state income tax. As previously noted, the Sunrise Merger on July 22, 2013 was a transfer between entities under common control for which the financial statements of the Company have been retrospectively recast to reflect the combined entities. Accordingly, the income tax effects associated with Sunrise's operations prior to the Sunrise Merger are reflected in the consolidated financial statements as Sunrise was previously part of EQT's consolidated federal tax return. The decrease in income tax expense

resulted from these changes in the tax status.

See Investing Activities and Capital Requirements in the Capital Resources and Liquidity section below for a discussion of capital expenditures.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company defines adjusted EBITDA as net income plus net interest expense, depreciation and amortization expense, income tax expense (if applicable), non-cash long-term compensation expense and other non-cash adjustments (if applicable) less other income and the Sunrise Pipeline lease payments that were made prior to the Sunrise Merger. As used herein, the Company defines distributable cash flow as adjusted EBITDA less net cash paid for interest, ongoing maintenance capital expenditures and reimbursable maintenance capital expenditures plus reimbursable maintenance capital expenditures expected to be reimbursed by EQT. Distributable cash flow should not be viewed as indicative of the actual amount of cash that the Company has available for distributions from operating surplus or that the Company plans to distribute. Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are non-GAAP supplemental financial measures that management and external users of the Company's consolidated financial statements, such as industry analysts, investors, lenders and rating agencies, use to assess:

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- the Company's operating performance as compared to other publicly traded partnerships in the midstream energy industry, without regard to historical cost basis or, in the case of adjusted EBITDA, financing methods;
- the ability of the Company's assets to generate sufficient cash flow to make distributions to the Company's unitholders;
- the Company's ability to incur and service debt and fund capital expenditures; and
- the viability of acquisitions and other capital expenditure projects and the returns on investment of various investment opportunities.

The Company believes that adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow provide useful information to investors in assessing the Company's financial condition and results of operations. Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow should not be considered as alternatives to net income, operating income, net cash provided by operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow have important limitations as analytical tools because they exclude some, but not all, items that affect net income and net cash provided by operating activities. Additionally, because adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow may be defined differently by other companies in its industry, the Company's definition of adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing their utility.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures

The following table presents a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow with net income and net cash provided by operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012 (1)
	(Thousands)			
Net income	\$ 27,716	\$ 15,958	\$ 79,015	\$ 15,958
Add:				
Interest expense (income), net	196	(68)	613	(68)
Depreciation and amortization	5,278	4,645	15,493	4,645
Income tax expense		1,726	4,053	1,726
Non-cash long-term compensation expense	210	403	772	403
Non-cash reserve adjustment			(680)	
Less:				
Other income, net	(319)	(1,142)	(845)	(1,142)
Sunrise Pipeline lease payment		(4,332)	(15,201)	(4,332)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 33,081	\$ 17,190	\$ 83,220	\$ 17,190
Less:				
Cash interest, net	(224)	(221)	(664)	(221)
Ongoing maintenance capital expenditures(2)	(3,674)	(5,337)	(7,845)	(5,337)
Reimbursable P&A maintenance capital expenditures(3)		(116)	(566)	(116)
Reimbursable bare steel maintenance capital expenditures(3)	(1,390)	(1,746)	(2,682)	(1,746)
Add:				
Reimbursement of reimbursable P&A maintenance capital expenditures(3)		116	566	116
Reimbursement of reimbursable bare steel maintenance capital expenditures(3)	1,390	1,746	2,682	1,746
Distributable cash flow	\$ 29,183	\$ 11,632	\$ 74,711	\$ 11,632
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 35,468	\$ 8,754	\$ 87,612	\$ 8,754
Adjustments:				
Interest expense (income), net	196	(68)	613	(68)
Current tax (benefit) expense		(16,258)	4,314	(16,258)
Sunrise Pipeline lease payment		(4,332)	(15,201)	(4,332)
Other, including changes in working capital	(2,583)	29,094	5,882	29,094
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 33,081	\$ 17,190	\$ 83,220	\$ 17,190

(1) Presented for post-IPO period only.

(2) Ongoing maintenance capital expenditures are expenditures (including expenditures for the construction or development of new capital assets or the replacement, improvement or expansion of existing capital assets) made to maintain, over the long term, the Company's operating capacity or operating income.

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(3) EQT has reimbursement obligations to the Company for certain capital expenditures for plugging and abandonment (P&A) of natural gas wells and bare steel pipe replacement. For further explanation of these reimbursable maintenance capital expenditures, see the section below titled Capital Requirements.

Adjusted EBITDA was \$33.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$17.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012. The increase was primarily a result of increased transmission and storage operating revenues from firm transmission service and increased throughput related to production

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development in the Marcellus play and the elimination of the Sunrise lease payment, which resulted from the Sunrise Merger and the related termination of the lease. Distributable cash flow was \$29.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$11.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in Adjusted EBITDA.

Outlook

The Company's principal business objective is to increase the quarterly cash distributions that it pays to its unitholders over time while ensuring the ongoing growth of its business. The Company believes that it is well-positioned to achieve growth based on the combination of its relationship with EQT and its strategically located assets, which cover portions of the Marcellus Shale that lack substantial natural gas pipeline infrastructure. As production increases in the Company's areas of operations, the Company believes it will have a competitive advantage in attracting volumes to its system through relatively low-cost capacity expansions. Additionally, the Company may acquire additional midstream assets from EQT, or pursue selected asset acquisitions from third parties, to the extent such acquisitions complement the Company's or EQT's existing asset base or allow the Company to capture operational efficiencies from EQT's production. Should EQT choose to pursue midstream asset sales, it is under no contractual obligation to offer the assets to the Company.

In the near term, the Company expects that the following internal transmission and storage expansion projects also will allow it to capitalize on increased drilling activity by EQT and other third-party producers.

- *Low Pressure East Expansion Project.* This project involves uprating or replacing 26 miles of existing transmission pipeline in Greene, Washington and Allegheny counties in Pennsylvania at a cost of approximately \$30 million. The Company expects to complete and place this project into service in the fourth quarter of 2013. When complete, this project is expected to triple the current maximum allowable operating pressure of the pipeline, thereby creating approximately 150 BBtu per day of incremental firm transmission capacity on the system.
- *Jefferson Compressor Station Expansion Project.* This project involves expanding the Jefferson compressor station to provide approximately 550 BBtu per day of incremental capacity on the Sunrise Pipeline system. When complete, the project is expected to more than double the existing throughput capacity on the Sunrise Pipeline of approximately 400 BBtu per day. The expansion, which is expected to cost approximately \$30 million, is expected to be placed into service in the third quarter of 2014.

Capital Resources and Liquidity

Overview

Prior to the IPO, the Company's primary sources of cash were proceeds from operating activities and cash contributions provided by EQT. From and after the IPO, the Company's available sources of liquidity include cash generated from operations, \$350 million available for borrowing under the Company's credit facility, cash on hand, debt offerings and issuances of additional partnership units.

The Company believes that cash on hand, cash generated from operations and availability under the credit facility will be adequate to meet the Company's operating capital, debt service and cash distribution requirements. The Company believes that future internal growth projects and potential acquisitions will be funded primarily through borrowings under the credit facility or through issuances of debt securities and additional partnership units.

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$87.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$64.9 million for the same period of 2012. The increase was primarily a result of increased transmission and storage operating revenues from firm transmission service and increased revenues associated with transported volumes in excess of firm capacity related to production development in the Marcellus play. These increases were partly offset by the 2012 cash receipt from EQT for bonus depreciation on the Sunrise Pipeline prior to the Sunrise Merger when Sunrise was included in the consolidated tax return of EQT.

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Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$56.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$168.3 million for the same period of 2012. The decrease was primarily attributable to a decrease in capital expenditures resulting from the completion of the Sunrise Pipeline in the third quarter of 2012.

See further discussion of capital expenditures in the **Capital Requirements** section below.

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$50.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$130.5 million of net cash provided by financing activities for the same period of 2012. On July 22, 2013, the Company paid Sunrise Merger consideration to EQT of \$507.5 million. The Company also paid cash distributions to unitholders of \$45.0 million and Sunrise pre-merger distributions to EQT of \$31.4 million. These cash outflows were partially funded by the net proceeds the Company received from its July 2013 equity offering of approximately \$529.4 million, after deducting the underwriters' discount and offering expenses.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company received net proceeds from the IPO of approximately \$276.8 million, after deducting the underwriters' discount and a structuring fee and offering expenses. Approximately \$230.9 million of the proceeds were distributed to EQT and \$1.9 million was used by the Company to pay revolving credit facility origination fees.

Prior to the IPO, certain affiliate payables were viewed as financing transactions as the Company would have otherwise obtained demand notes or term loans from EQT Capital Corporation (EQT Capital), EQT's subsidiary finance company, to fund these transactions. Subsequent to the IPO, these transactions reflect services rendered on behalf of the Company by EQT and its affiliates for operating expenses which are expected to be settled monthly. Therefore, these transactions are classified as operating activities subsequent to the IPO.

The Company's credit facility contains various provisions that, if not complied with, could result in termination of the credit facility, require early payment of amounts outstanding or similar actions. The most significant covenants and events of default under the credit facility relate to maintenance of permitted leverage coverage and interest coverage ratios, limitations on transactions with affiliates, insolvency events, nonpayment of scheduled principal or interest payments, acceleration of other financial obligations and change of control provisions. Under the credit facility, the Company is required to maintain a consolidated leverage ratio of not more than 5.00 to 1.00 (or, after the Company obtains an investment grade rating, not more than 5.50 to 1.00 for certain measurement periods following the consummation of certain acquisitions) and, until the Company obtains an investment grade rating, a consolidated interest coverage ratio of not less than 3.00 to 1.00. As of September 30, 2013, the Company was in compliance with all credit facility provisions and covenants.

Capital Requirements

The transmission, storage and gathering businesses can be capital intensive, requiring significant investment to maintain and upgrade existing operations. Capital expenditures for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(Thousands)			
Expansion capital expenditures	\$ 20,693	\$ 31,033	\$ 35,480	\$ 151,294
Maintenance capital expenditures:				
Ongoing maintenance	3,674	5,337	7,845	9,399
Funded regulatory compliance	3,783	3,036	9,851	3,232
Reimbursable P&A maintenance		116	566	2,094
Reimbursable bare steel maintenance	1,390	1,746	2,682	2,281
Total maintenance capital expenditures	8,847	10,235	20,944	17,006
Total capital expenditures	\$ 29,540	\$ 41,268	\$ 56,424	\$ 168,300

Expansion capital expenditures totaled \$20.7 million and \$31.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$35.5 million and \$151.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The decrease was primarily due to the completion of the Sunrise Pipeline project and the Blacksville compressor station project which were placed into service during the third quarter of 2012. These decreases were offset by capital expenditures in the current year on the Low Pressure East expansion project and the Jefferson compressor station expansion project.

Ongoing maintenance capital expenditures are all maintenance capital expenditures other than funded regulatory compliance and reimbursable maintenance capital expenditures. Ongoing maintenance capital expenditures were \$3.7 million and \$5.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$7.8 million and \$9.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The period over period changes are primarily related to the timing of projects.

Funded regulatory compliance capital expenditures were \$3.8 million and \$3.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$9.9 million and \$3.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The increase in 2013 was due to a program to install remote valve and pressure monitoring equipment on the Company's transmission and storage system. Expenditures to relocate certain valve operators above ground and apply corrosion protection also contributed to the increase over the prior periods. Note that the amounts included as funded regulatory compliance for periods prior to the IPO were included for comparative purposes. As these amounts were spent in prior periods, they were not included in the Company's estimate of \$32 million for the initiatives identified at the time of the IPO.

There were no reimbursable P&A maintenance capital expenditures for the three months ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and there were \$0.6 million and \$2.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The decrease was primarily due to fewer wells being plugged. Reimbursable bare steel maintenance capital expenditures were \$1.4 million and \$1.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$2.7 million and \$2.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The increase was primarily related to the timing of costs associated with this program. The amounts included as reimbursable maintenance for periods prior to the IPO were included for comparative purposes. EQT has no reimbursement obligations for amounts spent in periods prior to the IPO.

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For 2013, the Company forecasts total capital expenditures to be approximately \$78 million to \$83 million. The Company's future expansion capital expenditures may vary significantly from period to period based on the available investment opportunities. Maintenance related capital expenditures are also expected to vary quarter to quarter. The Company expects to fund future capital expenditures primarily through cash on hand, cash generated from operations, availability under the Company's credit facility, the issuance of additional partnership units and debt offerings.

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Distributions

A cash distribution to unitholders of \$0.40 per unit was paid on August 14, 2013 related to the second quarter of 2013. On October 22, 2013, the Company announced that the Board of Directors of its general partner declared a cash distribution to the Company's unitholders of \$0.43 per unit related to the third quarter of 2013. The cash distribution is payable on November 14, 2013 to unitholders of record at the close of business on November 4, 2013.

Contractual Obligations

As previously described in the Executive Overview section, the Sunrise Pipeline capital lease obligation was eliminated as a result of the Sunrise Merger.

Commitments and Contingencies

In the ordinary course of business, various legal and regulatory claims and proceedings are pending or threatened against the Company. While the amounts claimed may be substantial, the Company is unable to predict with certainty the ultimate outcome of such claims and proceedings. The Company accrues legal and other direct costs related to loss contingencies when actually incurred. The Company has established reserves it believes to be appropriate for pending matters, and after consultation with counsel and giving appropriate consideration to available insurance, the Company believes that the ultimate outcome of any matter currently pending against the Company will not materially affect its business, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity or ability to make distributions.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Company's critical accounting policies are described in the notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. Any new accounting policies or updates to existing accounting policies as a result of new accounting pronouncements have been included in the notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements on this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2013. The application of the Company's critical accounting policies may require management to make judgments and estimates about the amounts reflected in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Management uses historical experience and all available information to make these estimates and judgments. Different amounts could be reported using different assumptions and estimates.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Commodity Price Risk

Other than the base gas the Company purchases and uses in its natural gas storage facilities, which is necessary to maintain pressure and deliverability in its storage pools, and the small amount of natural gas it purchases for system operations, the Company generally does not take title to the natural gas that is stored or transported on its transmission system; accordingly, the Company is not exposed to commodity price fluctuations on natural gas stored in its facilities or transported through its pipelines by its customers. Base gas purchased and used in natural gas storage facilities, which was generally purchased more than 30 years ago, is considered a long-term asset and is not re-valued at current market prices. Under the Company's contractual arrangements with its customers the Company is entitled to retain a specified volume of natural gas in order to compensate the Company for its fuel usage and other requirements. Historically, the natural gas volumes retained from the Company's transmission and storage customers as retention pursuant to the Company's transmission and storage agreements have been sufficient to cover the Company's fuel usage and other requirements on the transmission and storage system. However, fuel usage and other requirements on the gathering system have historically exceeded the natural gas volumes retained from the Company's gathering customers pursuant to its gathering agreements. As a consequence, the Company has purchased natural gas to make up for the difference. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, the Company's actual commodity usage volumes exceeded the amounts recovered from its gathering customers for which the Company recognized \$2.7 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, of purchased gas cost as a component of operating and maintenance expense. Except for the base gas in its natural gas storage facilities which the Company considers to be a long-term asset and volume and pricing variations related to the volumes of fuel purchased to make up for fuel usage and other requirements in excess of amounts recovered from customers, the Company's current business model is designed to minimize its exposure to fluctuations in commodity prices. As a result, absent other market factors that could adversely impact its operations, changes in the price of natural gas over the intermediate term should not materially impact the Company's operations. The Company has not historically engaged in material commodity hedging activities relating to its assets. However, the Company may engage in commodity hedging activities in the future, particularly if it undertakes growth projects or engages in acquisitions that expose it to direct commodity price risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Prior to the IPO, the Company's operating and acquisition activities were funded through intercompany borrowings with EQT at market rates. At the closing of the IPO on July 2, 2012, the Company entered into a new \$350 million revolving credit facility. The Company may from time to time hedge the interest on portions of its borrowings under the revolving credit facility in order to manage risks associated with floating interest rates.

Credit Risk

The Company is exposed to credit risk. Credit risk represents the loss that it would incur if a counterparty fails to perform under its contractual obligations. Approximately 89% and 87% of the Company's third party accounts receivable balances of \$4.7 million and \$3.7 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, represent amounts due from marketers. The Company manages its exposure to credit risk associated with customers through credit analysis, credit approval, credit limits and monitoring procedures. For certain transactions, the

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Company may request letters of credit, cash collateral, prepayments or guarantees as forms of credit support. The Company's tariff requires customers that do not meet specified credit standards to provide three months of credit support; however, the Company is exposed to credit risk beyond this three month period when its tariff does not require its customers to provide additional credit support. For some of the Company's more recent long-term contracts associated with system expansions, it has entered into negotiated credit agreements that provide for enhanced forms of credit support if certain credit standards are not met. The Company has historically experienced only minimal credit losses in connection with its receivables. The Company is also exposed to the credit risk of EQT, its largest customer. In connection with the IPO, EQT guaranteed all payment obligations, up to a maximum of \$50 million, due and payable to Equitrans by EQT Energy, one of Equitrans' largest customers. The EQT guaranty will terminate on November 30, 2023 unless terminated earlier by EQT upon 10 days written notice. At September 30, 2013, EQT's public senior debt had an investment grade credit rating.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of management of the Company's general partner, including the general partner's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, an evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act)), was conducted as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon this evaluation, the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of the Company's general partner have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the third quarter of 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

In the ordinary course of business, various legal and regulatory claims and proceedings are pending or threatened against the Company. While the amounts claimed may be substantial, the Company is unable to predict with certainty the ultimate outcome of such claims and proceedings. The Company accrues legal and other direct costs related to loss contingencies when actually incurred. The Company has established reserves it believes to be appropriate for pending matters, and after consultation with counsel and giving appropriate consideration to available insurance, the Company believes that the ultimate outcome of any matter currently pending against the Company will not materially affect the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity or ability to make distributions.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Information regarding risk factors is discussed in Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 6. Exhibits

31.1	Rule 13(a)-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer
31.2	Rule 13(a)-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer
32	Section 1350 Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer
101	Interactive Data File

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Signature

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

EQT Midstream Partners, LP
(Registrant)

By: EQT Midstream Services, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Philip P. Conti
Philip P. Conti
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 24, 2013

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Document Description	Method of Filing
31.1	Rule 13(a)-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer	Filed herewith as Exhibit 31.1
31.2	Rule 13(a)-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer	Filed herewith as Exhibit 31.2
32	Section 1350 Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer	Filed herewith as Exhibit 32
101	Interactive Data File	Filed herewith as Exhibit 101