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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 10-K**

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015

or

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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**NGL Energy Partners LP**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or  
Organization)

**27-3427920**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**6120 South Yale Avenue**  
**Suite 805**  
**Tulsa, Oklahoma**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**74136**  
(Zip code)

**(918) 481-1119**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of Each Class                                 | Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered |
|---|---|
| Common Units Representing Limited Partner Interests | New York Stock Exchange                   |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

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 (Section 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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (Section 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☐

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Large accelerated filer ☒ x

Accelerated filer ☐ o

Non-accelerated filer ☐ o  
(Do not check if a smaller

Smaller reporting company ☐ o

reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value at September 30, 2014 of the Common Units held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the reported closing price of the Common Units on the New York Stock Exchange on such date (\$39.37 per Common Unit) was \$3,078,563,331. For purposes of this computation, all executive officers, directors and 10% owners of the registrant are deemed to be affiliates. Such a determination should not be deemed an admission that such executive officers, directors and 10% beneficial owners are affiliates.

At May 25, 2015, there were 106,328,594 common units issued and outstanding.

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**Forward-Looking Statements**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K (Annual Report) contains various forward-looking statements and information that are based on our beliefs and those of our general partner, as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to us. These forward-looking statements are identified as any statement that does not relate strictly to historical or current facts. When used in this Annual Report, words such as anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, forecast, goal, intend, may, plan, project, will, and similar expressions and plans and objectives for future operations, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Although we and our general partner believe that the expectations on which such forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, neither we nor our general partner can give assurances that such expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated, projected or expected. Among the key risk factors that may impact our consolidated financial position and results of operations are:

- the prices for crude oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids, refined products, ethanol, and biodiesel;
- energy prices generally;
- the price of propane and distillates relative to the price of alternative and competing fuels;
- the price of gasoline relative to the price of corn, which impacts the price of ethanol;
- the general level of crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids production;
- the general level of demand for crude oil, natural gas liquids, refined products, ethanol, and biodiesel;
- the availability of supply of crude oil, natural gas liquids, refined products, ethanol, and biodiesel;
- the level of crude oil and natural gas drilling and production in producing areas in which we have water treatment and disposal facilities;

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- the ability to obtain adequate supplies of propane and distillates for retail sale in the event of an interruption in supply or transportation and the availability of capacity to transport propane and distillates to market areas;
- actions taken by foreign oil and gas producing nations;
- the political and economic stability of petroleum producing nations;
- the effect of weather conditions on supply and demand for crude oil, natural gas liquids, refined products, ethanol, and biodiesel;
- the effect of natural disasters, lightning strikes, or other significant weather events;
- availability of local, intrastate and interstate transportation infrastructure, including with respect to our truck, railcar, and barge transportation services;
- availability, price, and marketing of competitive fuels;
- the impact of energy conservation efforts on product demand;
- energy efficiencies and technological trends;
- governmental regulation and taxation;
- the impact of legislative and regulatory actions on hydraulic fracturing and on the treatment of flowback and produced water;

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- hazards or operating risks incidental to the transporting and distributing of petroleum products that may not be fully covered by insurance;
- the maturity of the crude oil and natural gas liquids industries and competition from other marketers;
- loss of key personnel;
- the ability to hire drivers;
- the ability to renew contracts with key customers;
- the ability to maintain or increase the margins we realize for our terminal, barging, trucking and water disposal, and recycling, and discharge services;
- the ability to renew leases for our leased equipment and storage facilities;
- the nonpayment or nonperformance by our customers;
- the availability and cost of capital and our ability to access certain capital sources;
- a deterioration of the credit and capital markets;
- the ability to successfully identify and consummate strategic acquisitions and integrate acquired assets and businesses;
- changes in the volume of crude oil recovered during the wastewater treatment process;

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- changes in the financial condition and results of operations of entities in which we own noncontrolling equity interests;
- changes in laws and regulations to which we are subject, including tax, environmental, transportation and employment regulations, or new interpretations by regulatory agencies concerning such laws and regulations and the impact of such laws and regulations (now existing or in the future) on our business operations;
- the costs and effects of legal and administrative proceedings;
- any reduction or the elimination of the federal Renewable Fuels Standard;
- the operational and financial success of our joint ventures; and
- changes in the jurisdictional characteristics of, or the applicable regulatory policies with respect to, our pipeline assets.

You should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Annual Report. Except as required by state and federal securities laws, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. When considering forward-looking statements, please review the risks described under Part I, Item 1A Risk Factors.



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**PART I**

*References in this Annual Report to (i) NGL Energy Partners LP, the Partnership, we, our, us, or similar terms refer to NGL Energy Partners LP and its operating subsidiaries, (ii) NGL Energy Holdings LLC or general partner refers to NGL Energy Holdings LLC, our general partner, (iii) NGL Energy Operating LLC or operating company refers to NGL Energy Operating LLC, the direct operating subsidiary of NGL Energy Partners LP, (iv) the NGL Energy GP Investor Group refers to, collectively, the 39 individuals and entities that own all of the outstanding membership interests in our general partner, and (v) the NGL Energy LP Investor Group refers to, collectively, the 15 individuals and entities that owned all of our outstanding common units before the closing date of our initial public offering.*

*We have presented operational data in Part I, Item 1 Business for the year ended March 31, 2015. Unless otherwise indicated, this data is as of March 31, 2015.*

**Item 1. Business**

**Overview**

We are a Delaware limited partnership formed in September 2010. Subsequent to our formation, we significantly expanded our operations through numerous business combinations. At March 31, 2015, our operations include:

- Our crude oil logistics segment, the assets of which include owned and leased crude oil storage terminals, owned and leased pipeline injection stations, a fleet of owned trucks and trailers, a fleet of owned and leased railcars, a fleet of owned and leased barges and towboats, and a 50% interest in a crude oil pipeline. Our crude oil logistics segment purchases crude oil from producers and transports it for resale at owned and leased pipeline injection stations, storage terminals, barge loading facilities, rail facilities, refineries, and other trade hubs.
- Our water solutions segment, the assets of which include water treatment and disposal facilities. Our water solutions segment generates revenues from the treatment and disposal of wastewater generated from crude oil and natural gas production, from the sale of recycled water and recovered hydrocarbons, and from the disposal of solids such as tank bottoms and drilling fluids.
- Our liquids segment, which supplies natural gas liquids to retailers, wholesalers, refiners, and petrochemical plants throughout the United States and in Canada, and which provides natural gas liquids terminaling services through its 21 owned terminals throughout the United States and railcar transportation services through its fleet of leased railcars. Our liquids segment purchases propane, butane, and other products from refiners, processing plants, producers, and other parties, and sells the products to retailers, refiners, petrochemical plants, and other participants in the wholesale markets.

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- Our retail propane segment, which sells propane, distillates, and equipment and supplies to end users consisting of residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial customers and to certain resellers in 25 states and the District of Columbia.
- Our refined products and renewables segment, which conducts gasoline, diesel, ethanol, and biodiesel marketing operations. We also own the 2.0% general partner interest and a 19.6% limited partner interest in TransMontaigne Partners L.P. ( TLP ), which conducts refined products terminaling operations. TLP also owns a 42.5% interest in Battleground Oil Specialty Terminal Company LLC ( BOSTCO ) and a 50% interest in Frontera Brownsville LLC ( Frontera ), which are entities that own refined products storage facilities.

For more information regarding our reportable segments, please see Note 13 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report.

### Acquisitions

Subsequent to our initial public offering ( IPO ) in May 2011, we significantly expanded our operations through numerous acquisitions, including the following, among others:

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#### *Year Ended March 31, 2012*

- In October 2011, we completed a business combination with E. Osterman Propane, Inc., its affiliated companies, and members of the Osterman family (collectively, Osterman ), whereby we acquired retail propane operations in the northeastern United States.
- In November 2011, we completed a business combination with SemStream, L.P. ( SemStream ), whereby we acquired SemStream s wholesale natural gas liquids supply and marketing operations and its 12 natural gas liquids terminals.
- In January 2012, we completed a business combination with seven companies associated with Pacer Propane Holding, L.P. (collectively, Pacer ), whereby we acquired retail propane operations, primarily in the western United States.
- In February 2012, we completed a business combination with North American Propane, Inc., whereby we acquired retail propane and distillate operations in the northeastern United States.

#### *Year Ended March 31, 2013*

- In May 2012, we acquired the retail propane and distillate operations of Downeast Energy Corp. These operations are primarily in the northeastern United States.
- In June 2012, we completed a business combination with High Sierra Energy, LP and High Sierra Energy GP, LLC (collectively, High Sierra ), whereby we acquired all of the ownership interests in High Sierra. High Sierra s businesses include crude oil gathering, transportation and marketing; water treatment, disposal, and transportation; and natural gas liquids transportation and marketing.
- In November 2012, we completed a business combination whereby we acquired Pecos Gathering & Marketing, L.L.C. and certain of its affiliated companies (collectively, Pecos ). The business of Pecos consists primarily of crude oil purchasing and logistics operations in Texas and New Mexico.
- In December 2012, we completed a business combination whereby we acquired all of the membership interests in Third Coast Towing, LLC ( Third Coast ). The business of Third Coast consists primarily of transporting crude oil via barge.

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*Year Ended March 31, 2014*

- In July 2013, we completed a business combination whereby we acquired the operating assets of Crescent Terminals, LLC, which operates a leased crude oil storage and dock facility in Port Aransas, Texas, and the ownership interests in Cierra Marine, LP and its affiliated companies (collectively, Crescent ), whereby we acquired a fleet of four towboats and seven crude oil barges operating in the intercoastal waterways of Texas.
- In July 2013, we completed a business combination with High Roller Wells Big Lake SWD No. 1, Ltd., whereby we acquired a water treatment and disposal facility in the Permian Basin in Texas. We also entered into a development agreement that provides us the right to purchase water treatment and disposal facilities developed by the other party to the agreement, and we are also party to a solids facilities development agreement with this other party. During March 2014, we purchased one additional facility under this development agreement. During the year ended March 31, 2015, we purchased 16 water treatment and disposal facilities under this development agreement.
- In August 2013, we completed a business combination whereby we acquired seven entities affiliated with Oilfield Water Lines LP (collectively, OWL ). The businesses of OWL include four water treatment and disposal facilities in the Eagle Ford shale play in Texas.
- In September 2013, we completed a business combination with Coastal Plains Disposal #1, LLC ( Coastal ), whereby we acquired the ownership interests in three water treatment and disposal facilities in the Eagle Ford shale play in Texas, and the option to acquire an additional facility, which we exercised in March 2014.
- In December 2013, we acquired the ownership interests in Gavilon, LLC ( Gavilon Energy ). The assets of Gavilon Energy include crude oil terminals in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana, a 50% interest in Glass Mountain Pipeline, LLC

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( Glass Mountain ), which owns a crude oil pipeline that originates in western Oklahoma and terminates in Cushing, Oklahoma and became operational in February 2014, and an interest in an ethanol production facility in the Midwest. The operations of Gavilon Energy include the marketing of crude oil, refined products, ethanol, biodiesel, and natural gas liquids, and also include crude oil storage in Cushing, Oklahoma.

*Year Ended March 31, 2015*

- In July 2014, we acquired TransMontaigne Inc. ( TransMontaigne ). As part of this transaction, we also purchased inventory from the previous owner of TransMontaigne. The operations of TransMontaigne include the marketing of refined products. As part of this transaction, we acquired the 2.0% general partner interest, the incentive distribution rights, a 19.7% limited partner interest in TLP, and assumed certain terminaling service agreements with TLP from an affiliate of the previous owner of TransMontaigne.
- In November 2014, we completed the acquisition of two saltwater disposal facilities in the Bakken shale play in North Dakota.
- In February 2015, we acquired Sawtooth NGL Caverns, LLC ( Sawtooth ), which owns a natural gas liquids salt dome storage facility in Utah with rail and truck access to western U.S. markets and entered into a construction agreement to expand the storage capacity of the facility.

### **Primary Service Areas**

The following maps show the primary service areas of our businesses at various points in time, to illustrate the growth of our businesses:

*Primary Service Areas at March 31, 2012*



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*Primary Service Areas at March 31, 2013*

*Primary Service Areas at March 31, 2014*





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*Primary Service Areas at March 31, 2015*

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**Organizational Chart**

The following chart provides a summarized view of our legal entity structure at March 31, 2015:

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(1) Includes the operations of our crude oil logistics, refined products, and renewables businesses.

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- (2) Includes the operations of our water solutions business.
- (3) Includes the operations of our liquids business.
- (4) Includes the operations of our retail propane business.

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**Our Business Strategies**

Our principal business objective is to increase the quarterly distributions that we pay to our unitholders over time while ensuring the ongoing stability of our business and its cash flows. We expect to achieve this objective by executing the following strategies:

- *Focus on building a vertically integrated midstream master limited partnership providing multiple services to producers.* We continue to enhance our ability to transport crude oil from the wellhead to refiners, refined products from refiners to customers, wastewater from the wellhead to treatment for disposal, recycle, or discharge, and natural gas liquids from processing plants to end users, including retail propane customers.
- *Achieve organic growth by investing in new assets that increase volumes, enhance our operations, and generate attractive rates of return.* We believe that there are accretive organic growth opportunities that originate from assets we have acquired. We also believe that there are further organic growth opportunities within our existing businesses, particularly within our crude oil logistics, water solutions, and refined products businesses.
- *Deliver accretive growth through strategic acquisitions that complement our existing business model and expand our operations.* We intend to continue to pursue acquisitions that build upon our vertically integrated business model, add scale to our crude oil logistics platform, and enhance our geographic diversity in our water solutions business. We have established a successful track record of acquiring companies and assets at attractive prices and we continue to evaluate acquisition opportunities in order to capitalize on this strategy in the future.
- *Focus on consistent annual cash flows by adding operations that minimize commodity price risk and generate fee-based, cost-plus, or margin-based revenues under multi-year contracts.* In our liquids, crude oil logistics, and refined products businesses, we intend to focus on long-term contracts associated with pipelines in addition to back-to-back contracts which minimize commodity price exposure. In our water solutions business, cash flows are supported by certain fee-based, multi-year contracts, some of which include acreage dedications from producers or volume commitments. We believe that expanding our retail propane business with an emphasis on a high level of residential customers and a high level of company-owned tanks will result in strong customer retention rates and consistent operating margins. Our refined products business is backed by term marketing agreements and long-term throughput agreements for terminaling operations.
- *Maintain a disciplined capital structure characterized by low leverage.* We target leverage levels that are consistent with those of investment grade companies. Through our disciplined approach to leverage, we maintain sufficient liquidity to manage existing and future capital requirements.
- *Maintain a disciplined cash distribution policy that complements our acquisition and organic growth strategies.* We intend to use cash flows from our operations to make distributions to our unitholders and to use excess cash flows to finance organic growth and opportunistically repay indebtedness, including amounts outstanding under our revolving credit facility. We believe this strategy positions us to pursue future acquisitions and to execute upon our organic growth initiatives.

## Our Competitive Strengths

We believe that we are well positioned to successfully execute our business strategies and achieve our principal business objective because of the following competitive strengths:

- *Our seasoned management team with extensive midstream industry experience and a track record of acquiring, integrating, operating and growing successful businesses.* Our management team has significant experience managing companies in the energy industry, including master limited partnerships. In addition, through decades of experience, our management team has developed strong business relationships with key industry participants throughout the United States. We believe that our management's knowledge of the industry, relationships within the industry, and experience in identifying, evaluating and completing acquisitions provides us with opportunities to grow through strategic and accretive acquisitions that complement or expand our existing operations.
- *Our vertically integrated and diversified operations, which help us generate more predictable and stable cash flows on a year-to-year basis.* Our ability to provide multiple services to producers in numerous geographic areas enhances our competitive position. Our retail propane business sources propane through our liquids business which allows us to

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leverage the expertise of our liquids business to help improve our margins and profitability and enhance our cash flows. Furthermore, we believe that our liquids business provides us with valuable market intelligence that helps us identify potential acquisition opportunities. Our refined products and retail propane businesses benefit from lower energy prices.

- *Our network of crude oil transportation assets, which allows us to serve customers over a wide geographic area and optimize sales.* Our strategically deployed railcar fleet, towboats, barges, and trucks, and our owned and contracted pipeline capacity, provide access to a wide range of customers and markets. We use this expansive network of transportation assets to deliver crude oil to the optimal markets.
- *Our water processing facilities, which are strategically located near areas of high crude oil and natural gas production.* Our water processing facilities are located among the most prolific crude oil and natural gas producing areas in the United States, including the Permian Basin, the DJ Basin, the Eagle Ford shale play, the Bakken shale play, and the Pinedale Anticline. In addition, we believe that the technological capabilities of our water solutions business can be quickly implemented at new facilities and locations.
- *Our network of natural gas liquids transportation, terminal, and storage assets, which allow us to provide multiple services over the continental United States.* Our strategically located terminals, large railcar fleet, shipper status on common carrier pipelines, and substantial leased and owned underground storage enable us to be a preferred purchaser and seller of natural gas liquids.
- *Our high percentage of retail sales to residential customers, who are generally more stable purchasers of propane and distillates and generate higher margins than other customers.* Our high percentage of propane tank ownership, payment billing systems, and automatic delivery program have resulted in a strong record of customer retention and help us better predict our cash flows in the retail propane business.
- *Our access to refined products pipeline and terminal infrastructure.* Our capacity allocations on third-party pipelines and our access to TLP's refined products terminals give us the opportunity to serve customers over a large geographic area.

**Our Businesses**

***Crude Oil Logistics***

*Overview.* Our crude oil logistics segment purchases crude oil from producers and transports it for resale at owned and leased pipeline injection stations, storage terminals, barge loading facilities, rail facilities, refineries, and other trade hubs. Our operations are centered near areas of high crude oil production, such as the Bakken shale play in North Dakota, the DJ Basin in Colorado, the Mississippi Lime shale play in Oklahoma, the Permian Basin in Texas and New Mexico, the Eagle Ford shale play in Texas, the Anadarko Basin in Oklahoma and Texas, and southern Louisiana at the Gulf of Mexico.

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*Operations.* We purchase crude oil from producers and transport it to refineries or for resale. Our strategically deployed railcar fleet, towboats, barges, and trucks, and our owned and contracted pipeline capacity, provide access to a wide range of customers and markets. We use this expansive network of transportation assets to deliver crude oil to the optimal markets.

We currently transport approximately 275,000 barrels per day of crude oil using the following assets:

- 300 owned trucks and 300 owned trailers operating primarily in the Mid-Continent, Permian Basin, Eagle Ford shale play, and Rocky Mountain regions;
- 400 owned railcars and 350 leased railcars operating primarily in Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Wyoming, and West Texas; and
- 8 owned towboats, 19 owned barges, 2 leased towboats and 6 leased barges operating primarily in the intercoastal waterways of the Gulf Coast and along the Mississippi and Arkansas river systems.

Of our 400 owned railcars, all are compliant with the standards for railcars built subsequent to 2011. Of our 350 leased railcars, 100 are compliant with these standards.

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We contract for truck, rail, and barge transportation services from third parties and ship on 17 common carrier pipelines. We own 44 pipeline injection stations. The location of these facilities is summarized below.

| State        | Number of Pipeline Injection Stations |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Oklahoma     | 17                                    |
| Texas        | 15                                    |
| New Mexico   | 5                                     |
| Kansas       | 3                                     |
| North Dakota | 3                                     |
| Montana      | 1                                     |
| Total        | 44                                    |

We also lease 5 pipeline injection stations in Kansas, Montana, and North Dakota. We own and lease several rail transload facilities and have several throughput agreements at rail transload facilities in Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Oklahoma. We also have commitments on several interstate pipelines for transportation of crude oil.

We own seven storage terminal facilities. The largest of these is a terminal in Cushing, Oklahoma with a storage capacity of 4,140,000 barrels, 1,000,000 barrels of which are owned by Glass Mountain. The combined storage capacity of the other six terminals is 462,500 barrels.

We lease 3,703,000 barrels of capacity at three storage terminal facilities. Of this leased storage capacity, 3,350,000 barrels are at Cushing, Oklahoma.

We have one Gulf Coast terminal facility that is under construction and is expected to be completed early in fiscal year 2017 with a total expected storage capacity of 300,000 barrels. We own a 50% interest in Glass Mountain, which owns a 210-mile crude oil pipeline that originates in western Oklahoma and terminates in Cushing, Oklahoma. This pipeline, which became operational in February 2014, has a capacity of 147,000 barrels per day. We also own Grand Mesa, which is constructing a 20-inch crude oil pipeline originating in Weld County, Colorado and terminating at our Cushing, Oklahoma terminal. We anticipate that the pipeline will commence service in the second half of calendar year 2016. Upon completion, Grand Mesa is expected to have a capacity in excess of 200,000 barrels per day. Rimrock Midstream LLC's Platte River gathering system, which is currently under development, is expected to deliver volumes from multiple shippers to Grand Mesa's northern origin near Lucerne, Colorado.

*Customers.* Our customers include crude oil refiners, producers, and marketers. During the year ended March 31, 2015, 65% of the revenues of the crude oil logistics segment were generated from our ten largest customers of the segment. In addition to utilizing our assets to transport crude oil we own, we also provide truck transportation, barge transportation, storage, and terminal throughput services to our customers.

*Competition.* Our crude oil logistics business faces significant competition, as many entities are engaged in the crude oil logistics business, some of which are larger and have greater financial resources than we do. The primary factors on which we compete are:



- price;
- availability of supply;
- reliability of service;
- logistics capabilities, including the availability of railcars, proprietary terminals, and owned pipelines, barges, railcars, trucks, and towboats;

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- long-term customer relationships; and
- the acquisition of businesses.

*Supply.* We obtain crude oil from a large base of suppliers, which consists primarily of crude oil producers. We currently purchase crude oil from 600 producers at 6,200 leases.

*Pricing Policy.* Most of our contracts to purchase or sell crude oil are at floating prices that are indexed to published rates in active markets, such as Cushing, Oklahoma. We seek to manage price risk by entering into purchase and sale contracts of similar volumes based on similar indexes and by hedging exposure due to fluctuations in actual volumes and scheduled volumes.

Our profitability is impacted by forward crude oil prices. Crude oil markets can either be in contango (a condition in which the forward crude price is greater than the spot price) and can be backwardated (a condition in which the forward crude price is lower than the spot price). Our crude oil logistics business benefits when the market is in contango, as increasing prices result in inventory holding gains during the time between when we purchase inventory and when we sell it. In addition, we are able to better utilize our storage assets when crude oil markets are in contango. When markets are backwardated, falling prices typically have an unfavorable impact on our margins.

*Billing and Collection Procedures.* Our crude oil logistics customers consist primarily of crude oil refiners, producers, and marketers. We typically invoice these customers on a monthly basis. We perform credit analysis, require credit approvals, establish credit limits, and follow monitoring procedures on our crude oil logistics customers. We believe the following procedures enhance our collection efforts with our crude oil logistics customers:

- we require certain customers to prepay or place deposits for our services;
- we require certain customers to post letters of credit on a portion of our receivables;
- we review receivable aging analyses regularly to identify issues or trends that may develop; and
- we require our marketing personnel to manage their customers' receivable position and suspend sales to customers that have not timely paid invoices.

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*Trade Names.* Our crude oil logistics segment operates primarily under the NGL Crude Logistics, NGL Crude Transportation and NGL Marine trade names.

### ***Water Solutions***

*Overview.* Our water solutions segment generates revenues from the treatment and disposal of wastewater generated from crude oil and natural gas production, from the sale of recycled water and recovered hydrocarbons, and from the disposal of solids such as tank bottoms and drilling fluids. Our facilities are located near areas of high crude oil and natural gas production, including the Permian Basin in Texas, the DJ Basin in Colorado, the Eagle Ford shale play in Texas, the Bakken shale play in North Dakota, and the Pinedale Anticline in Wyoming. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we took delivery of 48.9 million barrels of wastewater, an average of 543,000 barrels per day.

Our water solutions segment is in the process of expanding its disposal business. With the addition of specialized equipment to select facilities in the Eagle Ford shale play, the Permian Basin, and the DJ Basin, we will be able to accept and dispose of solids such as tank bottoms and drilling fluids generated by crude oil and natural gas exploration and production activities. Our facilities will accept only exploration and production exempt waste allowed under our current permits.

*Operations.* We own 46 water treatment and disposal facilities, including 58 wells. The location of the facilities and the processing capacities at which the facilities currently operate are summarized below.

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| Location                      | Processing Capacity<br>(barrels per day) | Located on<br>Land We Own<br>or Lease |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Pinedale Anticline:           |  |                                       |
| Pinedale, Wyoming (A)         | 60,000                                   | Lease                                 |
| DJ Basin:                     |  |                                       |
| Briggsdale, Colorado (B)      | 34,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Grover, Colorado              | 25,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Greeley, Colorado             | 18,000                                   | Lease                                 |
| Grover, Colorado              | 17,500                                   | Lease                                 |
| Platteville, Colorado (B)     | 16,200                                   | Own                                   |
| Kersey, Colorado              | 14,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Orchard, Colorado             | 10,000                                   | Own                                   |
| LaSalle, Colorado             | 5,900                                    | Own                                   |
| Brighton, Colorado            | 5,100                                    | Own                                   |
| Total DJ Basin                | 145,700                                  |                                       |
| Permian Basin:                |  |                                       |
| Mentone, Texas                | 35,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Orla, Texas (C)               | 35,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Big Lake, Texas               | 30,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Orla, Texas                   | 30,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Big Spring, Texas             | 25,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Garden City, Texas            | 25,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Kermit, Texas                 | 25,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Rankin, Texas                 | 25,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Pecos, Texas                  | 23,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Colorado City, Texas          | 20,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Crane, Texas                  | 20,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Midland, Texas                | 20,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Midkiff, Texas                | 18,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Barnhart, Texas               | 16,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Andrews, Texas                | 12,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Total Permian Basin           | 359,000                                  |                                       |
| Eagle Ford Shale Play:        |  |                                       |
| Carrizo Springs, Texas (D)    | 22,500                                   | Lease                                 |
| Catarina, Texas (D)           | 22,000                                   | Lease                                 |
| Charlotte, Texas              | 22,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Cheapside, Texas              | 22,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Gillett, Texas                | 22,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Karnes City, Texas            | 22,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Artesia Wells, Texas          | 20,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Los Angeles, Texas            | 20,000                                   | Lease                                 |
| Nixon, Texas                  | 20,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Tilden, Texas                 | 20,000                                   | Lease                                 |
| Westhoff, Texas (C)           | 20,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Fowlerton, Texas              | 18,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Pearsall, Texas               | 17,000                                   | Lease                                 |
| Cotulla, Texas                | 16,500                                   | Own                                   |
| Dilley Lea, Texas             | 15,000                                   | Lease                                 |
| Catarina, Texas (D)           | 12,000                                   | Lease                                 |
| Total Eagle Ford Shale Play   | 311,000                                  |                                       |
| Eaglebine Shale Play:         |  |                                       |
| Madisonville, Texas           | 20,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Granite Wash Shale Play:      |  |                                       |
| Wheeler, Texas                | 27,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Canadian, Texas               | 25,000                                   | Own                                   |
| Total Granite Wash Shale Play | 52,000                                   |                                       |

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|                               |         |       |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Bakken Shale Play:            |         |       |
| Killdeer, North Dakota        | 20,000  | Lease |
| Johnsons Corner, North Dakota | 20,000  | Own   |
| Total Bakken Shale Play       | 40,000  |       |
| Total All Facilities          | 987,700 |       |

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(A) This facility has a design capacity of 60,000 barrels per day to process water to a recycle standard which also includes a design capacity of 15,000 barrels per day to process water to a discharge standard.

(B) The processing capacity listed above for each of these facilities includes a design capacity of 10,000 barrels per day to process water to a recycle standard.

(C) These facilities can dispose of both wastewater and solids such as tank bottoms and drilling fluids. We own a 50% interest in the disposal of solids.

(D) Reflects the total processing capacity of each facility, of which we own a 75% interest in each of these facilities.

Our customers bring wastewater generated by crude oil and natural gas exploration and production operations to our facilities for treatment through pipeline gathering systems, which we plan to further expand, and by truck. Once we take delivery of the water, the level of processing is determined by the ultimate disposition of the water. Our solids customers bring solids generated by crude oil and natural gas exploration and production operations to our facilities with trucks.

Our facility in Wyoming has the assets and technology needed to treat the water more extensively. At this facility, the water is recycled, rather than being disposed of in an injection well. We either process the water to the point where it can be returned to producers to be reused in future drilling operations (recycle quality water), or we treat the water to a greater extent, such that it exceeds the standards for drinking water, and can be returned to the ecosystem (discharge quality water). Recycling offers producers an alternative to the use of fresh water in hydraulic fracturing operations. This minimizes the impact on aquifers, particularly in arid regions of the United States. We have recycled approximately 9 million barrels (378 million gallons) of recycle quality water since our merger with High Sierra in June 2012. We have returned approximately 5 million barrels (210 million gallons) of discharge quality water back to New Fork River, which is a tributary of the Colorado River. We also make discharge quality water available to producers and the surrounding community for purposes such as dust control.

Our facilities in Colorado dispose of wastewater primarily into deep underground formations via injection wells. Two of our facilities in Colorado have the assets and technology needed to treat the water to the point that we can sell the water back to producers for use in future drilling operations.

Our facilities in Texas and North Dakota dispose of wastewater into deep underground formations via injection wells.

At our disposal facilities, we use proprietary well maintenance programs to enhance injection rates and extend the service lives of the wells.

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*Customers.* The customers of our Wyoming and Colorado facilities consist primarily of large exploration and production companies that conduct drilling operations near our facilities. The customers of our Texas and North Dakota facilities consist of both wastewater transportation companies and producers. The primary customers of our facility in Wyoming have committed to deliver a specified minimum volume of water to our facility under long-term contracts. The primary customers of our facilities in Colorado have committed to deliver to our facilities all wastewater produced at all wells in a designated area. One customer in Texas has committed to deliver at least 50,000 barrels of wastewater per day to our facilities. Most of the customers at our other facilities are not under volume commitments. During the year ended March 31, 2015, 23% of the water treatment and disposal revenues of the water solutions segment were generated from our two largest customers of the segment, and 57% of the water treatment and disposal revenues of the segment were generated from our ten largest customers of the segment.

*Competition.* We compete with other processors of wastewater to the extent that other processors have facilities geographically close to our facilities. Location is an important consideration for our customers, who seek to minimize the cost of transporting the wastewater to disposal facilities. Our facilities are strategically located near areas of significant crude oil and natural gas production.

*Pricing Policy.* We generally charge customers a processing fee per barrel of wastewater processed. Certain of our contracts require the customer to deliver a specified minimum volume of wastewater over a specified period of time. We also generate revenue from the sale of hydrocarbons we recover in the process of treating the wastewater, which we take into consideration in negotiating the processing fees with our customers.

*Billing and Collection Procedures.* Our water solutions customers consist of large crude oil and natural gas producers, and also include smaller water transportation companies. We typically invoice customers on a monthly basis. We perform credit analysis,

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require credit approvals, establish credit limits, and follow monitoring procedures on our water solutions customers. We believe the following procedures enhance our collection efforts with our water solutions customers:

- we require certain customers to prepay or place deposits for our services;
- we review receivable aging analyses regularly to identify issues or trends that may develop; and
- we require our marketing personnel to manage their customers' receivable position and suspend service to customers that have not timely paid invoices.

*Trade Names.* Our water solutions segment operates primarily under the NGL Water Solutions and Anticline Disposal trade names.

*Technology.* We hold multiple patents for processing technologies. We own a research and development center, which we use to optimize treatment processes and cost minimization. We believe that the technological capabilities of our water solutions business can be quickly implemented at new facilities and locations.

***Liquids***

*Overview.* Our liquids segment provides natural gas liquids procurement, storage, transportation, and supply services to customers through assets owned by us and third parties. Our liquids business also supplies the majority of the propane for our retail propane business. We also sell butanes and natural gasolines to refiners and producers for use as blending stocks and diluent and assist refineries by managing their seasonal butane supply needs. During the year ended March 31, 2015, we sold 2.1 billion gallons of natural gas liquids, an average of 5.75 million gallons per day.

*Operations.* We procure natural gas liquids from refiners, gas processing plants, producers and other resellers for delivery to leased or owned storage space, common carrier pipelines, railcar terminals, and direct to certain customers. Our customers take delivery by loading natural gas liquids into transport vehicles from common carrier pipeline terminals, private terminals, our terminals, directly from refineries and rail terminals, and by railcar.

A portion of our wholesale propane gallons are presold to third-party retailers and wholesalers at a fixed price under back-to-back contracts. Back-to-back contracts, in which we balance our contractual portfolio by buying propane supply when we have a matching purchase commitment from our wholesale customers, protects our margins, and mitigates commodity price risk. Presales also reduce the impact of warm weather because the customer is required to take delivery of the propane regardless of the weather. We generally require cash deposits from these customers. In addition, on a daily basis we have the ability to balance our inventory by buying or selling propane, butanes, and natural



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gasoline to refiners, resellers, and propane producers through pipeline inventory transfers at major storage hubs.

In order to secure consistent supply during the heating season, we are often required to purchase volumes of propane during the entire fiscal year. In order to mitigate storage costs and price risk, we may sell those volumes at a lesser margin than we earn in our other wholesale operations.

We purchase butane from refiners during the summer months, when refiners have a greater butane supply than they need, and sell butane to refiners during the winter blending season, when demand for butane is higher. We utilize a portion of our railcar fleet and a portion of our leased underground storage to store butane for this purpose.

We also transport customer-owned natural gas liquids on our leased railcars and charge the customers a transportation service fee. In addition, we sublease railcars to certain customers.

In addition, we purchase and sell asphalt. We utilize leased railcars to move the asphalt from our suppliers to our customers.

We own 21 natural gas liquids terminals and we lease a fleet of railcars. These assets give us the opportunity to access wholesale markets throughout the United States, and to move product to locations where demand is highest. We utilize these terminals and railcars primarily in the service of our wholesale operations, although we also provide transportation, storage, and throughput services to other parties to a lesser extent.

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The following chart lists our natural gas liquids terminals and their throughput capacity:

| <b>Facility</b>                 | <b>Throughput Capacity<br/>(gallons per day)</b> |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Rosemount, Minnesota            | 1,441,000  |
| Lebanon, Indiana                | 1,058,000  |
| West Memphis, Arkansas          | 1,058,000  |
| Dexter, Missouri                | 930,000  |
| East St. Louis, Illinois        | 883,000  |
| Jefferson City, Missouri        | 883,000  |
| St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada | 700,000  |
| Janesville, Wisconsin           | 553,000  |
| Light, Arkansas                 | 524,400  |
| Rixie, Arkansas                 | 524,400  |
| Winslow, Arizona                | 500,000  |
| West Springfield, Massachusetts | 441,000  |
| Albuquerque, New Mexico         | 408,000  |
| Kingsland, Arkansas             | 405,000  |
| Portland, Maine                 | 360,000  |
| Vancouver, Washington           | 358,000  |
| Green Bay, Wisconsin            | 310,000  |
| Thackerville, Oklahoma          | 235,000  |
| Ritzville, Washington           | 198,000  |
| Sidney, Montana                 | 180,000  |
| Shelton, Washington             | 161,000  |
| Total                           | 12,110,800                                       |

We have operating agreements with third parties for certain of our terminals. The terminals in East St. Louis, Illinois and Jefferson City, Missouri are operated for us by a third party for a monthly fee under an operating and maintenance agreement that expires in 2017. The terminal in St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada is operated by a third party under a year-to-year agreement.

We own the terminal assets. We own the land on which 11 of the terminals are located and we either have easements or lease the land on which ten of the terminals are located. The terminals in East St. Louis, Illinois and Jefferson City, Missouri have perpetual easements, and the terminal in St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada has a long-term lease that expires in 2022.

In February 2015 we acquired an underground storage facility near Delta, Utah. This facility currently has capacity to store approximately 1.8 million barrels of natural gas liquids. We have begun construction of new caverns to expand the storage capacity, and we expect these new caverns to be operational during the year ending March 31, 2016. We lease storage to 11 customers, with lease terms ranging from one to four years. The facility is located on property for which we have a long-term lease.

We lease 4,591 railcars, of which 520 are subleased to a third party. These include high pressure and general-purpose railcars.

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We own 23 transloading units, which enable customers to transfer product from railcars to trucks. These transloading units can be moved to locations along a railroad where it is most convenient for customers to transfer their product.

We lease natural gas liquids storage space to accommodate the supply requirements and contractual needs of our retail and wholesale customers. We lease storage space for natural gas liquids in various storage hubs in Arizona, Canada, Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas.

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The following chart shows our leased storage space at natural gas liquids storage facilities and interconnects to those facilities:

| Storage Facility             | Leased Storage Space<br>(gallons) |                         | Storage Interconnects  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                              | Beginning<br>April 1,<br>2015     | At<br>March 31,<br>2015 |  |
| Conway, Kansas               | 64,940,000                        | 73,290,000              | Connected to Enterprise Mid-America and NuStar Pipelines;<br>Rail Facility |
| Borger, Texas                | 42,000,000                        | 42,000,000              | Connected to ConocoPhillips Blue Line Pipeline                             |
| Bushton, Kansas              | 12,600,000                        | 10,500,000              | Connected to ONEOK North System Pipeline                                   |
| Mont Belvieu, Texas          | 3,150,000                         | 3,150,000               | Connected to Enterprise Texas Eastern Products Pipeline                    |
| Carthage, Missouri           | 7,560,000                         | 7,560,000               | Connected to Mid-America Pipeline  |
| Marysville, Michigan         | 2,100,000                         | 4,200,000               | Connected to Cochin Pipeline   |
| Hattiesburg, Mississippi     | 11,340,000                        | 6,930,000               | Connected to Enterprise Dixie Pipeline; Rail Facility                      |
| Redwater, Alberta, Canada    | 9,072,000                         | 7,938,000               | Connected to Cochin Pipeline; Rail Facility                                |
| Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada |                                   | 1,260,000               | Connected to Cochin Pipeline; Rail Facility                                |
| St. Clair, Michigan          | 6,300,000                         |                         | Rail Facility  |
| Adamana, Arizona             | 1,680,000                         | 1,398,600               | Rail Facility  |
| Corunna, Ontario, Canada     | 2,100,000                         | 2,100,000               | Rail Facility  |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>162,842,000</b>                | <b>160,326,600</b>      |  |

During the typical heating season from September 15 through March 15 each year, we have the right to utilize ConocoPhillips capacity as a shipper on the Blue Line pipeline to transport natural gas liquids from our leased storage space to our terminals in East St. Louis, Illinois and Jefferson City, Missouri. During the remainder of the year, we have access to available capacity on the Blue Line pipeline on the same basis as other shippers.

*Customers.* Our liquids business serves approximately 900 customers in 47 states. Our liquids business serves national, regional and independent retail, industrial, wholesale, petrochemical, refiner and natural gas liquids production customers. Our liquids business also supplies the majority of the propane for our retail propane business. We deliver the propane supply to our customers at terminals located on common carrier pipeline systems, rail terminals, refineries, and major United States propane storage hubs. During the year ended March 31, 2015, 33% of the revenues of the liquids segment were generated from our ten largest customers of the segment (exclusive of sales to our retail propane segment).

*Seasonality.* Our wholesale propane business is affected by the weather in a similar manner as our retail propane business as discussed below. However, we are able to partially mitigate the effects of seasonality by preselling a portion of our wholesale volumes to retailers and wholesalers and requiring the customer to take delivery regardless of the weather.

*Competition.* Our liquids business faces significant competition, as many entities, including other natural gas liquids wholesalers and companies involved in the natural gas liquids midstream industry (such as terminal and refinery operations), are engaged in the liquids business, some of which have greater financial resources than we do. The primary factors on which we compete are:

- price;

- availability of supply;
- reliability of service;
- available space on common carrier pipelines;
- storage availability;
- logistics capabilities, including the availability of railcars, and proprietary terminals;

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- long-term customer relationships; and
- the acquisition of businesses.

*Pricing Policy.* In our natural gas liquids business, we offer our customers three categories of contracts for propane sourced from common carrier pipelines:

- customer pre-buys, which typically require deposits based on market pricing conditions;
- market based, which can either be a posted price or an index to spot price at time of delivery; and
- load package, a firm price agreement for customers seeking to purchase specific volumes delivered during a specific time period.

We use back-to-back contracts for many of our liquids segment sales to limit exposure to commodity price risk and protect our margins. We are able to match our supply and sales commitments by offering our customers purchase contracts with flexible price, location, storage, and ratable delivery. However, certain common carrier pipelines require us to keep minimum in-line inventory balances year round to conduct our daily business, and these volumes may not be matched with a purchase commitment.

We generally require deposits from our customers for fixed priced future delivery of propane if the delivery date is more than 30 days after the time of contractual agreement.

*Billing and Collection Procedures.* Our liquids segment customers consist of commercial accounts varying in size from local independent distributors to large regional and national retailers. These sales tend to be large volume transactions that can range from 10,000 gallons to as much as 1,000,000 gallons, and deliveries can occur over time periods extending from days to as long as a year. We perform credit analysis, require credit approvals, establish credit limits, and follow monitoring procedures on our liquids customers. We believe the following procedures enhance our collection efforts with our liquids customers:

- we require certain customers to prepay or place deposits for their purchases;
- we require certain customers to post letters of credit on a portion of our receivables;

- we require certain customers to take delivery of their contracted volume ratably to help control the account balance rather than allowing them to take delivery of propane at their discretion;
- we review receivable aging analyses regularly to identify issues or trends that may develop; and
- we require our marketing personnel to manage their customers' receivable position and suspend sales to customers that have not timely paid invoices.

*Trade Names.* Our liquids segment operates primarily under the NGL Supply Wholesale, NGL Supply Terminal Company, Sawtooth NGL Caverns, Centennial Energy, and Centennial Gas Liquids trade names.

#### ***Retail Propane***

*Overview.* Our retail propane segment consists of the retail marketing, sale and distribution of propane and distillates, including the sale and lease of propane tanks, equipment and supplies, to more than 300,000 residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial customers. We also sell propane to certain resellers. We purchase the majority of the propane sold in our retail propane business from our liquids business, which provides our retail propane business with a stable and secure supply of propane. During the year ended March 31, 2015, we sold 204.1 million gallons of propane and distillates, an average of 559,000 gallons per day.

*Operations.* We market retail propane and distillates through our customer service locations. We sell propane primarily in rural areas, but we also have a number of customers in suburban areas where energy alternatives to propane such as natural gas are not generally available. We own or lease 107 customer service locations and 91 satellite distribution locations, with aggregate propane storage capacity of 11.5 million gallons and aggregate distillate storage capacity of 3.7 million gallons. Our customer service locations are staffed and operated to service a defined geographic market area and typically include a business office, product showroom, and secondary propane storage. Our satellite distribution locations, which are unmanned storage tanks, allow our customer service centers to serve an extended market area.

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Our customer service locations in Illinois and Indiana also rent over 16,000 water softeners and filters, primarily to residential customers in rural areas to treat well water or other problem water. We sell water conditioning equipment and treatment supplies as well. Although the water-conditioning portion of our retail propane business is small, it generates steady year round revenues. The customer bases in Illinois and Indiana for retail propane and water conditioning have significant overlap, providing the opportunity to cross-sell both products between those customer bases.

The following table shows the number of our customer service locations and satellite distribution locations by state:

| State          | Number of Customer Service Locations | Number of Satellite Distribution Locations |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Illinois       | 22                                   | 21   |
| Maine          | 16                                   | 10   |
| Georgia        | 14                                   | 3  |
| Massachusetts  | 10                                   | 8  |
| North Carolina | 8                                    | 1  |
| Pennsylvania   | 7                                    | 3  |
| Kansas         | 6                                    | 26   |
| Indiana        | 4                                    | 5  |
| Connecticut    | 4                                    | 2  |
| South Carolina | 3                                    |  |
| New Hampshire  | 2                                    | 1  |
| Oregon         | 2                                    | 1  |
| Washington     | 2                                    |  |
| Mississippi    | 1                                    | 3  |
| Maryland       | 1                                    | 1  |
| Rhode Island   | 1                                    | 1  |
| Tennessee      | 1                                    | 1  |
| Utah           | 1                                    | 1  |
| Wyoming        | 1                                    | 1  |
| Colorado       | 1                                    |  |
| New Jersey     |                                      | 1  |
| Vermont        |                                      | 1  |
| Total          | 107                                  | 91   |

We own 82 of our 107 customer service centers and 63 of our 91 satellite distribution locations, and we lease the remainder.

Tank ownership at customer locations is an important component to our operations and customer retention. At March 31, 2015, we owned the following propane storage tanks:

- 400 bulk storage tanks with capacities ranging from 2,000 to 90,000 gallons; and
- over 300,000 stationary customer storage tanks with capacities ranging from 7 to 30,000 gallons.



We also lease an additional 20 bulk storage tanks.

At March 31, 2015, we owned a fleet of 430 bulk delivery trucks, 40 semi-tractors, 40 propane transport trailers and 490 other service trucks.

Retail deliveries of propane are usually made to customers by means of our fleet of bulk delivery trucks. Propane is pumped from the bulk delivery truck, which holds 2,400 to 5,000 gallons, into a storage tank at the customer's premises. The capacity of these storage tanks ranges from 50 to 30,000 gallons. We also deliver propane to retail customers in portable cylinders, which typically have a capacity of 5 to 25 gallons. These cylinders are either picked up on a delivery route, refilled at our customer service locations, and

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then returned to the retail customer, or refilled at the customer's location. Customers can also bring the cylinders to our customer service centers to be refilled.

Approximately 69% of our residential customers receive their propane supply via our automatic route delivery program, which allows us to maximize our delivery efficiency. For these customers, our delivery forecasting software system utilizes a customer's historical consumption patterns combined with current weather conditions to more accurately predict the optimal time to refill the customer's tank. The delivery information is then uploaded to routing software to calculate the most cost effective delivery route. Our automatic delivery program promotes customer retention by providing an uninterrupted supply of propane and enables us to efficiently conduct route deliveries on a regular basis. Some of our purchase plans, such as level payment billing, fixed price, and price cap programs, further promote our automatic delivery program.

*Customers.* Our retail propane and distillate customers fall into three broad categories: residential, commercial and industrial, and agricultural. At March 31, 2015, our retail propane and distillate customers were comprised of:

- 71% residential customers;
- 28% commercial and industrial customers; and
- 1% agricultural customers.

No single customer accounted for more than 1% of our retail propane volumes during the year ended March 31, 2015.

*Seasonality.* The retail propane and distillate business is largely seasonal due to the primary use of propane and distillates as heating fuels. In particular, residential and agricultural customers who use propane and distillates to heat homes and livestock buildings generally only need to purchase propane during the typical fall and winter heating season. Propane sales to agricultural customers who use propane for crop drying are also seasonal, although the impact on our retail propane volumes sold varies from year to year depending on the moisture content of the crop and the ambient temperature at the time of harvest. Propane and distillate sales to commercial and industrial customers, while affected by economic patterns, are not as seasonal as sales to residential and agricultural customers.

*Competition.* Our retail propane business faces significant competition, as many entities are engaged in the retail propane business, some of which have greater financial resources than we do. Also, we compete with alternative energy sources, including natural gas, fuel oil, and electricity. The primary factors on which we compete are:

- price;

- availability of supply;
- reliability of service;
- long-term customer relationships; and
- the acquisition of businesses.

Competition with other retail propane distributors in the propane industry is highly fragmented and generally occurs on a local basis with other large full-service, multi-state propane marketers, smaller local independent marketers, and farm cooperatives. Our customer service locations generally have one to five competitors in their market area.

The competitive landscape of the markets that we serve has been fairly stable. Each customer service location operates in its own competitive environment, since retailers are located in close proximity to their customers due to delivery economics. Our customer service locations generally have an effective marketing radius of 25 to 55 miles, although in certain areas the marketing radius may be extended by satellite distribution locations.

The ability to compete effectively depends on the ability to provide superior customer service, which includes reliability of supply, quality equipment, well-trained service staff, efficient delivery, 24-hours-a-day service for emergency repairs and deliveries, multiple payment and purchase options and the ability to maintain competitive prices. Additionally, we believe that our safety programs, policies and procedures are more comprehensive than many of our smaller, independent competitors, which offers a higher

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level of service to our customers. We also believe that our overall service capabilities and customer responsiveness differentiate us from many of our competitors.

*Supply.* Our retail propane segment purchases the majority of its propane from our liquids segment.

*Pricing Policy.* Our pricing policy is an essential element in the successful marketing of retail propane and distillates. We protect our margin by adjusting our retail propane pricing based on, among other things, prevailing supply costs, local market conditions, and input from management at our customer service locations. We rely on our regional management to set prices based on these factors. Our regional managers are advised regularly of any changes in the delivered cost of propane and distillates, potential supply disruptions, changes in industry inventory levels, and possible trends in the future cost of propane and distillates. We believe the market intelligence provided by our liquids business, combined with our propane and distillate pricing methods allows us to respond to changes in supply costs in a manner that protects our customer base and our margins.

*Billing and Collection Procedures.* In our retail propane business, our customer service locations are typically responsible for customer billing and account collection. We believe that this decentralized and more personal approach is beneficial because our local staff has more detailed knowledge of our customers, their needs, and their history than would an employee at a remote billing center. Our local staff often develops relationships with our customers that are beneficial in reducing payment time for a number of reasons:

- customers are billed on a timely basis;
- customers tend to keep accounts receivable balances current when paying a local business and people they know;
- many customers prefer the convenience of paying in person; and
- billing issues may be handled more quickly because local personnel have current account information and detailed customer history available to them at all times to answer customer inquiries.

Our retail propane customers must comply with our standards for extending credit, which typically includes submitting a credit application, supplying credit references, and undergoing a credit check with an appropriate credit agency.

*Trade Names.* We use a variety of trademarks and trade names that we own, including Hicksgas, Propane Central, Brantley Gas, Osterman, Pacer, Downeast Energy, Allied Propane, Lessig Oil and Propane, Proflame, Anthem Propane Exchange, Woodstock Gas, and Bernville Quality Fuels, among others. We typically retain and continue to use the names of the companies that we acquire and believe that this helps maintain the

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local identification of these companies and contributes to their continued success. We regard our trademarks, trade names, and other proprietary rights as valuable assets and believe that they have significant value in the marketing of our products.

### ***Refined Products and Renewables***

*Overview.* Our refined products and renewables segment conducts gasoline, diesel, ethanol, and biodiesel marketing operations. We own the 2.0% general partner interest and a 19.6% limited partner interest in TLP, which conducts refined products terminaling operations. TLP also owns a 42.5% interest in BOSTCO and a 50% interest in Frontera, which are entities that own refined products storage facilities. During the nine months ended March 31, 2015, we sold 60.1 million barrels of refined products, an average of 220,000 barrels per day.

*Operations.* We provide integrated terminal, transportation, storage, supply, distribution, and marketing services to refiners, wholesalers, distributors, marketers, and industrial and commercial end users of refined petroleum products. Although the assets and operations of TLP are included in our consolidated financial statements, this description of our business describes the activities of TLP separately.

The refined products we handle include gasoline, diesel fuel, heating oil, jet fuel, and kerosene. We purchase refined petroleum products primarily in the Gulf Coast, East Coast, and Midwest regions of the United States and schedule them for delivery primarily on the Colonial, Plantation, and Magellan pipelines. On certain interstate pipelines, demand for shipment exceeds the available capacity, and pipeline capacity is allocated to shippers based on their historical shipment volumes. We hold allocated capacity on the Colonial and Plantation pipelines.

We sell our products to commercial and industrial end users, independent retailers, distributors, marketers, government entities, and other wholesalers of refined petroleum products. We sell our products at TLP's terminals and at terminals owned by third parties. We have the contractual right to the exclusive use of the majority of the terminals in TLP's Southeast region.

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We purchase ethanol primarily at production facilities in the Midwest and transport the ethanol via trucks and railcars for sale at various locations. We also blend ethanol into gasoline for sale to customers at TLP's terminals. We market and handle logistics for third-party ethanol manufacturers for a service fee. We purchase biodiesel from production facilities in the Midwest and in Houston, Texas, and transport the biodiesel via railcar to sell to customers. We lease approximately 60,000 barrels of biodiesel storage in Deer Park, Texas and have a terminaling agreement at a biodiesel facility in Phoenix, Arizona with a minimum monthly throughput requirement. We lease 32 railcars for the transportation of renewables.

*Customers.* Our refined products and renewables segment serves customers in 43 states. During the year ended March 31, 2015, 22% of the revenues of this segment were generated from the ten largest customers. We sell to customers via rack spot sales, contract sales, bulk sales, and just-in-time sales.

Contract sales are made pursuant to negotiated contracts, generally ranging from one to twelve months in duration, that we enter into with local market wholesalers, independent gasoline station chains, heating oil suppliers, and other customers. Contract sales provide these customers with a specified volume of product during the term of the agreement. Delivery of product sold under these arrangements generally is at our truck racks. The pricing of the product delivered under a majority of our contract sales is based on published index prices, and varies based on changes in the applicable indices. In addition, at the customer's option, the contract price may be fixed at a stipulated price per gallon.

Rack spot sales are sales that do not involve continuing contractual obligations to purchase or deliver product. Rack spot sales are priced and delivered on a daily basis through truck loading racks. At the end of each day for each of the terminals that we market from, we establish the next day selling price for each product for each of our delivery locations. We announce or post to customers via website, e-mail, and telephone communications the rack spot sale price of various products for the following morning. Typical rack spot sale purchasers include commercial and industrial end users, independent retailers and small, independent marketers who resell product to retail gasoline stations or other end users. Our selling price of a particular product on a particular day is a function of our supply at that delivery location or terminal, our estimate of the costs to replenish the product at that delivery location, and our desire to reduce inventory levels at that particular location that day.

Bulk sales generally involve the sale of products in large quantities in the major cash markets including the Houston Gulf Coast and New York Harbor. A bulk sale of products also may be made while the product is being transported in the common carrier pipelines.

We conduct just-in-time sales at a nationwide network of terminals owned by third parties. We post prices at each of these locations on a daily basis. When customers decide to purchase product from us, we purchase the same volume of product from a supplier at a previously agreed-upon price. For these just-in-time transactions, our purchase from the supplier occurs at the same time as our sale to our customer.

*Seasonality.* The demand for gasoline typically peaks during the summer driving season, which extends from April to September, and declines during the fall and winter months.

*Competition.* Our refined products and renewables business faces significant competition, as many entities are engaged in the refined products and renewables business, some of which have greater financial resources than we do. The primary factors on which we compete are:

- price;
- availability of supply;
- reliability of service;
- available space on common carrier pipelines;
- storage availability;
- logistics capabilities, including the availability of railcars, and proprietary terminals; and
- long-term customer relationships.

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*Market Price Risk.* Our philosophy is to maintain a minimum commodity price exposure through a combination of purchase contracts, sales contracts and financial derivatives. A significant percentage of our business is contracted on a back-to-back basis where physical purchases are matched with physical sales. For discretionary inventory, and for those instances where physical transactions cannot be appropriately matched, we utilize financial derivatives to mitigate commodity price exposure. Specific exposure limits are mandated in our credit agreement and in our market risk policy.

The value of refined products in any local delivery market is the sum of the commodity price as reflected on the NYMEX and the basis differential for that local delivery market. The basis differential for any local delivery market is the spread between the cash price in the physical market and the quoted price in the futures markets for the prompt month. We typically utilize NYMEX futures contracts to mitigate commodity price exposure. We generally do not manage the financial impact on us from changes in basis differentials affected by local market supply and demand disruptions.

*Legal and Regulatory Considerations.* Demand for ethanol and biodiesel is driven in large part by government mandates and incentives. Refiners and producers are required to blend a certain percentage of renewables into their refined products, although the percentage can vary from year to year based on the United States Environmental Protection Agency ( EPA ) mandates. In addition, the federal government has in recent years granted certain tax credits for the use of biodiesel, although on several occasions these tax credits have expired. In December 2014 the federal government passed a law to reinstate the tax credit retroactively to January 1, 2014, with the credit expiring on December 31, 2014. Changes in future mandates and incentives, or decisions by the federal government related to future reinstatement of the biodiesel tax credit, could result in changes in demand for ethanol and biodiesel.

*Billing and Collection Procedures.* We perform credit analysis, require credit approvals, establish credit limits, and follow monitoring procedures on our refined products and renewables customers. We believe the following procedures enhance our collection efforts with our customers:

- we require certain customers to prepay or place deposits for our services;
- we require certain customers to post letters of credit on a portion of our receivables;
- we monitor individual customer receivables relative to previously-approved credit limits, and our automated rack delivery system gives us the option to discontinue providing product to customers when they exceed their credit limits;
- we review receivable aging analyses regularly to identify issues or trends that may develop; and
- we require our marketing personnel to manage their customers' receivable position and suspend sales to customers that have not timely paid invoices.



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*Trade Names.* Our refined products and renewables segment operates primarily under the NGL Crude Logistics and TransMontaigne Product Services LLC trade names.

### ***TLP***

*Overview.* We own the 2.0% general partner interest and a 19.6% limited partner interest in TLP, which conducts refined products terminaling operations. TLP also provides storage of crude oil, fertilizer, chemicals, vegetable oils, naphtha, and wax.

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*Operations.* TLP is a terminaling and transportation company with operations in the United States. TLP uses its terminaling facilities to, among other things:

- receive refined products from the pipeline, ship, barge or railcar and transfer those refined products to the tanks located at its terminals;
- store the refined products in our tanks for its customers;
- monitor the volume of the refined products stored in its tanks;
- distribute the refined products out of our terminals in vessels, railcars or truckloads using truck racks and other distribution equipment located at its terminals, including pipelines; and
- heat residual fuel oils and asphalt stored in our tanks, and provide other ancillary services related to the throughput process.

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The locations and approximate aggregate active storage capacity at TLP's terminal facilities at March 31, 2015 were as follows:

| <b>Locations</b>  | <b>Active Storage Capacity<br/>(shell barrels)</b> |
|---|--|
| <b>Gulf Coast Facilities</b>                                    |  |
| Florida   |  |
| Cape Canaveral  | 724,000  |
| Fisher Island   | 673,000  |
| Jacksonville  | 271,000  |
| Pensacola   | 270,000  |
| Port Everglades Complex   |  |
| Port Everglades North   | 2,408,000  |
| Port Everglades South   | 376,000  |
| Port Manatee  | 1,375,000  |
| Tampa   | 760,000  |
| Gulf Coast Total  | 6,857,000  |
| <b>Midwest Facilities</b>                                       |  |
| Cushing, Oklahoma   | 1,005,000  |
| Oklahoma City, Oklahoma   | 158,000  |
| Rogers, Arkansas and Mount Vernon, Missouri (aggregate amounts) | 406,000  |
| Midwest Total   | 1,569,000  |
| <b>Brownsville Facilities</b>                                   |  |
| Brownsville, Texas  | 919,000  |
| Frontera (1)  | 1,498,000  |
| Brownsville Total   | 2,417,000  |
| <b>River Facilities</b>   |  |
| Arkansas City, Arkansas   | 446,000  |
| Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Dock)                                   |  |
| Cape Girardeau, Missouri  | 140,000  |
| East Liverpool, Ohio  | 227,000  |
| Evansville, Indiana   | 245,000  |
| Greater Cincinnati, Kentucky                                    | 189,000  |
| Greenville, Mississippi (Clay Street)                           | 350,000  |
| Greenville, Mississippi (Industrial Road)                       | 56,000   |
| Henderson, Kentucky   | 169,000  |
| Louisville, Kentucky  | 183,000  |
| New Albany, Indiana   | 201,000  |
| Owensboro, Kentucky   | 157,000  |
| Paducah, Kentucky   | 322,000  |
| River Total   | 2,685,000  |
| <b>Southeast Facilities</b>                                     |  |
| Albany, Georgia   | 203,000  |
| Americus, Georgia   | 93,000   |
| Athens, Georgia   | 203,000  |
| Bainbridge, Georgia   | 367,000  |
| Belton, South Carolina  |  |
| Birmingham, Alabama   | 178,000  |
| Charlotte, North Carolina                                       | 121,000  |
| Collins, Mississippi  | 200,000  |
| Collins/Purvis, Mississippi                                     | 3,419,000  |
| Doraville, Georgia  | 438,000  |
| Fairfax, Virginia   | 513,000  |
| Greensboro, North Carolina                                      | 479,000  |

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|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Griffin, Georgia            | 107,000    |
| Lookout Mountain, Georgia   | 219,000    |
| Macon, Georgia              | 174,000    |
| Meridian, Mississippi       | 139,000    |
| Montvale, Virginia          | 503,000    |
| Norfolk, Virginia           | 1,336,000  |
| Richmond, Virginia          | 478,000    |
| Rome, Georgia               | 152,000    |
| Selma, North Carolina       | 529,000    |
| Spartanburg, South Carolina | 166,000    |
| Southeast Total             | 10,017,000 |
| BOSTCO (2)                  | 7,080,000  |
| Total Capacity              | 30,625,000 |

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- (1) Reflects the total active storage capacity of Frontera, of which TLP has a 50% ownership interest.
- (2) Reflects the completed construction total active storage capacity of BOSTCO, of which TLP has a 42.5%, general voting, Class A Member ownership interest.

TLP leases all or part of the land on which seven of the terminals are located. TLP owns the land on which its other terminals are located.

TLP owns and operates the Razorback pipeline. The Razorback pipeline is a 67-mile, 8-inch diameter interstate common carrier pipeline that transports light refined product from its terminal at Mount Vernon, Missouri where it is interconnected with a pipeline system owned by Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P., to TLP's terminal at Rogers, Arkansas. TLP also owns and operates the Diamondback pipeline. The Diamondback pipeline consists of an 8-inch pipeline that transports LPG approximately 16 miles from TLP's Brownsville, Texas facilities to the U.S./Mexico border and a 6-inch pipeline, which runs parallel to the 8-inch pipeline, that can be used by TLP in the future to transport additional LPG or refined products to Matamoros, Mexico. The 8-inch pipeline has a capacity of approximately 20,000 barrels per day. The 6-inch pipeline has a capacity of approximately 12,000 barrels per day. TLP also operates and maintains the United States portion of a 174-mile bidirectional refined products pipeline owned by P.M.I. Services North America Inc. This pipeline connects TLP's Brownsville, Texas terminal complex to a pipeline in Mexico that delivers to Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) terminal located in Reynosa, Mexico and terminates at PEMEX's refinery, located in Cadereyta, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, a suburb of the large industrial city of Monterrey, Mexico.

*Customers.* TLP has several significant customer relationships from which it expects to derive a substantial majority of its revenue for the foreseeable future. During the period from July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, 33% of TLP's revenues were generated from services to NGL (these revenues are eliminated in our consolidated statements of operations).

*Competition.* TLP faces competition from other terminals and pipelines that may be able to supply customers with integrated terminaling and transportation services on a more competitive basis. TLP competes with national, regional and local terminal and transportation companies, including the major integrated oil companies, of widely varying sizes, financial resources and experience. TLP's ability to compete could be harmed by factors we cannot control, including:

- price competition from terminal and transportation companies, some of which are substantially larger than we are and have greater financial resources, and control substantially greater storage capacity, than TLP does;
- the perception that another company can provide better service; and
- the availability of alternative supply points, or supply points located closer to customers' operations.

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*Supply.* The volume of product that is handled, transported, throughput or stored in TLP's terminals and pipeline is directly affected by the level of supply and demand in the wholesale markets served by our terminals and pipelines. Overall supply of refined products in the wholesale markets is influenced by the products' absolute prices, the availability of capacity on delivering pipelines and vessels, fluctuating refinery margins and the markets' perception of future project prices.

*Pricing Policy.* TLP derives revenue from its terminal and pipeline transportation operations by charging fees for providing integrated terminaling, transportation and related services. The fees and other sources of revenue are composed of:

- ***Terminaling Service Fees.*** TLP generates terminaling service fees by receiving, storing and distributing products for customers. Terminaling service fees include throughput fees based on the volume of product distributed from the facility, injection fees based on the volume of product injected with additive compounds and storage fees based on a rate per barrel of storage capacity per month.
- ***Pipeline Transportation Fees.*** TLP earns pipeline transportation fees on its Razorback pipeline and Diamondback pipeline and the Ella-Brownsville pipeline, which it leases from a third party, based on the volume of product transported and the distance from the origin point to the delivery point. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates the tariff on the Razorback, Diamondback and Ella-Brownsville pipelines.

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- **Management Fees and Reimbursed Costs.** TLP manages and operates certain tank capacity at its Port Everglades (South) terminal for a major oil company and receives a reimbursement of its proportionate share of operating and maintenance costs. TLP manages and operates for an affiliate of PEMEX, Mexico's state-owned petroleum company, a bidirectional products pipeline connected to its Brownsville, Texas terminal facility and receives a management fee and reimbursement of costs. TLP manages and operates Frontera and receives a management fee based on costs incurred.
- **Other Revenue.** TLP provides ancillary services including heating and mixing of stored products, product transfer services, railcar handling, wharfage fees and vapor recovery fees. Pursuant to certain terminaling services agreements with throughput customers, TLP is entitled to the volume of net product gained resulting from differences in the measurement of product volumes received and distributed at its terminaling facilities. Consistent with recognized industry practices, measurement differentials occur as the result of the inherent variances in measurement devices and methodology. TLP recognizes as revenue the net proceeds from the sale of the product gained.

**Employees**

At March 31, 2015, we had 3,100 full-time employees. Thirteen of our employees at two of our locations are members of a labor union. We believe that our relations with our employees are satisfactory.

**Government Regulation**

***Regulation of the Oil and Natural Gas Industries***

***Regulation of Oil and Natural Gas Exploration, Production and Sales.*** Sales of crude oil and natural gas liquids are not currently regulated and are transacted at market prices. In 1989, the United States Congress enacted the Natural Gas Wellhead Decontrol Act, which removed all remaining price and non-price controls affecting wellhead sales of natural gas. The FERC, which has the authority under the Natural Gas Act to regulate the prices and other terms and conditions of the sale of natural gas for resale in interstate commerce, has issued blanket authorizations for all natural gas resellers subject to its regulation, except interstate pipelines, to resell natural gas at market prices. Either Congress or the FERC (with respect to the resale of natural gas in interstate commerce), however, could re-impose price controls in the future.

Exploration and production operations are subject to various types of federal, state and local regulation, including, but not limited to, permitting, well location, methods of drilling, well operations, and conservation of resources. While these regulations do not directly apply to our business, they may affect the businesses of certain of our customers and suppliers and thereby indirectly affect our business.

***Regulation of the Transportation and Storage of Natural Gas and Oil and Related Facilities.*** The FERC regulates oil pipelines under the Interstate Commerce Act and natural gas pipeline and storage companies under the Natural Gas Act, and Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (the NGPA), as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. While this regulation does not currently apply directly to our facilities, it may affect the price and availability of supply and thereby indirectly affect our business. Additionally, contracts we enter into for the transportation or storage

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of natural gas or oil are subject to FERC regulation including reporting or other requirements. In addition, the intrastate transportation and storage of oil and natural gas is subject to regulation by the state in which such facilities are located, and such regulation can affect the availability and price of our supply, and have both a direct and indirect effect on our business.

*Anti-Market Manipulation Rules.* We are subject to the anti-market manipulation provisions in the Natural Gas Act and the NGPA, as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which authorizes the FERC to impose fines of up to \$1,000,000 per day per violation of the Natural Gas Act, the NGPA, or their implementing regulations. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission ( *FTC* ) holds statutory authority under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to prevent market manipulation in petroleum markets, including the authority to request that a court impose fines of up to \$1,000,000 per violation. These agencies have promulgated broad rules and regulations prohibiting fraud and manipulation in oil and gas markets. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ( *CFTC* ) is directed under the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent price manipulations in the commodity and futures markets, including the energy futures markets. Pursuant to statutory authority, the CFTC has adopted anti-market manipulation regulations that prohibit fraud and price manipulation in the commodity and futures markets. The CFTC also has statutory authority to seek civil penalties of up to the greater of \$1,000,000 per day per violation or triple the monetary gain to the violator for violations of the anti-market manipulation sections of the Commodity Exchange Act. We are also subject to various reporting requirements that are designed to facilitate transparency and prevent market manipulation.

*Maritime Transportation.* The Jones Act is a federal law that restricts maritime transportation between locations in the United States to vessels built and registered in the United States and owned and manned by United States citizens. Since we engage in



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maritime transportation through our barge fleet between locations in the United States, we are subject to the provisions of the law. As a result, we are responsible for monitoring the ownership of our subsidiaries that engage in maritime transportation and for taking any remedial action necessary to ensure that no violation of the Jones Act ownership restrictions occurs. The Jones Act also requires that all United States-flagged vessels be manned by United States citizens. Foreign-flagged seamen generally receive lower wages and benefits than those received by United States citizen seamen. This requirement significantly increases operating costs of United States-flagged vessel operations compared to foreign-flagged vessel operations. Certain foreign governments subsidize their nations' shipyards. This results in lower shipyard costs both for new vessels and repairs than those paid by United States-flagged vessel owners. The United States Coast Guard and American Bureau of Shipping maintain the most stringent regimen of vessel inspection in the world, which tends to result in higher regulatory compliance costs for United States-flagged operators than for owners of vessels registered under foreign flags of convenience.

***Environmental Regulation***

*General.* Our operations are subject to stringent and complex federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. Accordingly, we must comply with these laws and regulations at the federal, state and local levels. These laws and regulations can restrict or impact our business activities in many ways, such as:

- requiring the installation of pollution-control equipment or otherwise restricting the way we operate or imposing additional costs on our operations;
- limiting or prohibiting construction activities in sensitive areas, such as wetlands, coastal regions or areas inhabited by endangered or threatened species;
- delaying construction or system modification or upgrades during permit issuance or renewal;
- requiring investigatory and remedial actions to mitigate pollution conditions caused by our operations or attributable to former operations; and
- enjoining the operations of facilities deemed to be in non-compliance with permits or permit requirements issued pursuant to or imposed by such environmental laws and regulations.

Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may trigger a variety of administrative, civil and criminal enforcement measures, including the assessment of monetary penalties. Certain environmental statutes impose strict, joint and several liability for costs required to clean up and restore sites where substances, hydrocarbons or wastes have been disposed or otherwise released. The trend in environmental regulation is to place more restrictions and limitations on activities that may adversely affect the environment. Thus, there can be no assurance as to the amount or timing of future expenditures for environmental compliance or remediation and actual future expenditures may be different from the amounts we currently anticipate.

The following is a discussion of the material environmental laws and regulations that relate to our business.

*Hazardous Substances and Waste.* We are subject to various federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations governing the storage, distribution and transportation of natural gas liquids and the operation of bulk storage LPG terminals, as well as laws and regulations governing environmental protection, including those addressing the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to protection of the environment. Generally, these laws (i) regulate air and water quality and impose limitations on the discharge of pollutants and establish standards for the handling of solid and hazardous wastes; (ii) subject our operations to certain permitting and registration requirements; (iii) may result in the suspension or revocation of necessary permits, licenses and authorizations; (iv) impose substantial liabilities on us for pollution resulting from our operations; (v) require remedial measures to mitigate pollution from former or ongoing operations; and (vi) may result in the assessment of administrative, civil and criminal penalties for failure to comply with such laws. These laws include, among others, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ( RCRA ), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ( CERCLA ), the federal Clean Air Act, the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and comparable state statutes. For example, as a flammable substance, propane is subject to risk management plan requirements under section 112(r) of the federal Clean Air Act.

CERCLA, also known as the Superfund law, and similar state laws impose liability, without regard to fault or the legality of the original conduct, on certain classes of potentially responsible persons that are considered to have contributed to the release of a hazardous substance into the environment. These persons include the current and past owner or operator of the site where the release occurred, and anyone who disposed or arranged for the disposal of a hazardous substance released at the site. While natural gas liquids are not a hazardous substance within the meaning of CERCLA, other chemicals used in or generated by our operations may be

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classified as hazardous. Persons who are or were responsible for releases of hazardous substances under CERCLA may be subject to strict and joint and several liability for the costs of investigating and cleaning up the hazardous substances that have been released into the environment, for damages to natural resources and for the costs of certain health studies, and it is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by the hazardous substances released into the environment.

RCRA, and comparable state statutes and their implementing regulations, regulate the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, disposal and cleanup of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. Under the auspices of the EPA, most states administer some or all of the provisions of RCRA, sometimes in conjunction with their own, more stringent requirements. Federal and state regulatory agencies can seek to impose administrative, civil and criminal penalties for alleged non-compliance with RCRA and analogous state requirements. Certain wastes associated with the production of oil and natural gas, as well as certain types of petroleum-contaminated media and debris, are excluded from regulation as hazardous waste under Subtitle C of RCRA. These wastes, instead, are regulated under RCRA's less stringent solid waste provisions, state laws or other federal laws. It is possible, however, that certain wastes now classified as non-hazardous could be classified as hazardous wastes in the future and therefore be subject to more rigorous and costly disposal requirements. Indeed, legislation has been proposed from time to time in Congress to re-categorize certain oil and natural gas wastes as hazardous wastes. Any such change could result in an increase in our costs to manage and dispose of wastes, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial position.

We currently own or lease properties where hydrocarbons are being or have been handled for many years. Although previous operators have utilized operating and disposal practices that were standard in the industry at the time, hydrocarbons or other wastes may have been disposed of or released on or under the properties owned or leased by us or on or under the other locations where these hydrocarbons and wastes have been transported for treatment or disposal. These properties and the wastes disposed thereon may be subject to CERCLA, RCRA and analogous state laws. Under these laws, we could be required to remove or remediate previously disposed wastes (including wastes disposed of or released by prior owners or operators), to clean up contaminated property (including contaminated groundwater) or to implement remedial measures to prevent or mitigate future contamination. We are not currently aware of any facts, events or conditions relating to such requirements that could materially impact our operations or financial condition.

*Oil Pollution Prevention.* Our operations involve the shipment of crude oil by barge through navigable waters of the United States. The Oil Pollution Prevention Act imposes liability for releases of oil from vessels or facilities into navigable waters. If a release of crude oil to navigable waters occurred during shipment or from a terminal, we could be subject to liability under the Oil Pollution Prevention Act. We are not currently aware of any facts, events, or conditions related to oil spills that could materially impact our operations or financial condition. In 1973, the EPA adopted oil pollution prevention regulations under the Clean Water Act. These oil pollution prevention regulations, as amended several times since their original adoption, require the preparation of a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan for facilities engaged in drilling, producing, gathering, storing, processing, refining, transferring, distributing, using, or consuming oil and oil products, and which due to their location, could reasonably be expected to discharge oil in harmful quantities into or upon the navigable waters of the United States. The owner or operator of an SPCC-regulated facility is required to prepare a written, site-specific spill prevention plan, which details how a facility's operations comply with the requirements. To be in compliance, the facility's SPCC plan must satisfy all of the applicable requirements for drainage, bulk storage tanks, tank car and truck loading and unloading, transfer operations (intrafacility piping), inspections and records, security, and training. Most importantly, the facility must fully implement the SPCC plan and train personnel in its execution. We maintain and implement such plans for our facilities.

*Air Emissions.* Our operations are subject to the federal Clean Air Act and comparable state and local laws and regulations. These laws and regulations regulate emissions of air pollutants from various industrial sources, and also impose various monitoring and reporting requirements. Such laws and regulations may require that we obtain permits prior to the construction or modification of certain projects or facilities expected to produce or significantly increase air emissions, obtain and strictly comply with air permits containing various emissions and operational limitations and utilize specific emission control technologies to limit emissions. Our failure to comply with these requirements could subject us to monetary penalties, injunctions, conditions or restrictions on operations and, potentially, criminal enforcement actions. Furthermore, we may be required to incur certain capital expenditures in the future for air pollution control equipment in connection with obtaining and maintaining operating permits and approvals for air emissions. We are aware of planned EPA rulemakings concerning air emissions from the oil and gas

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industry, but the EPA's schedule for proposing and finalizing these upcoming rulemakings is not presently known.

*Water Discharges.* The Clean Water Act and analogous state laws impose restrictions and strict controls regarding the discharge of pollutants into state waters as well as waters of the United States and impose requirements affecting our ability to conduct construction activities in waters and wetlands. Certain state regulations and the general permits issued under the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program prohibit the discharge of pollutants and chemicals. Spill prevention, control and countermeasure requirements of federal laws require appropriate containment berms and similar structures to help prevent the

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contamination of regulated waters in the event of a hydrocarbon or other constituent tank spill, rupture or leak. In addition, the Clean Water Act and analogous state laws require individual permits or coverage under general permits for discharges of storm water runoff from certain types of facilities. We have discharge permits in place for a number of our facilities. These permits may require us to monitor and sample the storm water runoff from such facilities. Some states also maintain groundwater protection programs that require permits for discharges or operations that may impact groundwater conditions. Federal and state regulatory agencies can impose administrative, civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance with discharge permits or other requirements of the Clean Water Act and analogous state laws and regulations.

*Underground Injection Control.* Our underground injection operations are subject to the Safe Drinking Water Act, as well as analogous state laws and regulations, which establish requirements for permitting, testing, monitoring, record keeping, and reporting of injection well activities, as well as a prohibition against the migration of fluid containing any contaminant into underground sources of drinking water. Any leakage from the subsurface portions of the injection wells could cause degradation of fresh groundwater resources, potentially resulting in suspension of our permits, issuance of fines and penalties from governmental agencies, incurrence of expenditures for remediation of the affected resource and imposition of liability by third parties for property damages and personal injuries.

*Hydraulic Fracturing.* The underground injection of oil and natural gas wastes are regulated by the Underground Injection Control program authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act. The primary objective of injection well operating requirements is to ensure the mechanical integrity of the injection apparatus and to prevent migration of fluids from the injection zone into underground sources of drinking water. We do not conduct any hydraulic fracturing activities. However, a portion of our customers' oil and natural gas production is developed from unconventional sources that require hydraulic fracturing as part of the completion process and our water solutions business treats and disposes of wastewater generated from natural gas production, including production utilizing hydraulic fracturing. Hydraulic fracturing involves the injection of water, sand and chemicals under pressure into the formation to stimulate oil and gas production. Legislation to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal the exemption for hydraulic fracturing from the definition of underground injection and require federal permitting and regulatory control of hydraulic fracturing, as well as legislative proposals to require disclosure of the chemical constituents of the fluids used in the fracturing process, have been proposed in recent sessions of the United States Congress. Congress will likely continue to consider legislation to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to subject hydraulic fracturing operations to regulation under the Act's Underground Injection Control Program and/or to require disclosure of chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process. Federal agencies, including the EPA and the United States Department of the Interior, have asserted their regulatory authority to, for example, study the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on the environment, and initiate rulemakings to compel disclosure of the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing operations, and establish pretreatment standards for wastewater from hydraulic fracturing operations. In addition, some states have also proposed or adopted legislative or regulatory restrictions on hydraulic fracturing, which include additional permit requirements, public disclosure of fracturing fluid contents, operational restrictions, and/or temporary or permanent bans on hydraulic fracturing. We expect that scrutiny of hydraulic fracturing activities will continue in the future.

## ***Greenhouse Gas Regulation***

There is a growing concern, both nationally and internationally, about climate change and the contribution of greenhouse gas emissions, most notably carbon dioxide, to global warming. In June 2009, the United States House of Representatives passed the ACES Act, also known as the Waxman-Markey Bill, but the ACES Act ultimately was not enacted by the 111th Congress. The ACES Act would have established an economy-wide cap on emissions of greenhouse gases in the United States and would have required most sources of greenhouse gas emissions to obtain and hold allowances corresponding to their annual emissions of greenhouse gases. A steady stream of legislation regarding climate change continues to be introduced into Congress, but none of the proposed bills have received bipartisan support. Recently, Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) introduced H.R. 1027, which would cap greenhouse gas emissions and require the purchase of carbon permits. The bill was referred to the Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee on February 24, 2015 but has not yet advanced out of committee. The ultimate outcome of any possible future federal legislative initiatives is uncertain. In addition, several states have already adopted some legal measures to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, primarily through the planned development of greenhouse gas emission inventories and/or regional greenhouse gas cap-and-trade programs.

On December 15, 2009, the EPA published its findings that emissions of carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases present an endangerment to public health and the environment because emissions of such gases are, according to the EPA, contributing to warming of the earth's atmosphere and other climatic changes. These findings allowed the EPA to adopt and implement regulations to restrict emissions of greenhouse gases under existing provisions of the federal Clean Air Act. Accordingly, the EPA has issued a number of regulations addressing greenhouse gas emissions under the federal Clean Air Act, including (i) the greenhouse gas reporting rule; (ii) greenhouse gas standards applicable to heavy-duty and light-duty vehicles; and (iii) a rule requiring stationary sources to address greenhouse gas emissions in Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Title V permits, known as the Tailoring Rule. The Supreme Court of the United States invalidated the Tailoring Rule in *Utility Air Regulatory Group v. EPA* on

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June 23, 2014. Under the Supreme Court's decision, sources are no longer required to obtain Prevention of Significant Deterioration or Title V permits based solely on their greenhouse gas emissions; however, installation of the best available control technology for greenhouse gases may be required at sources that emit more than a *de minimis* amount of greenhouse gases and are otherwise required to obtain Prevention of Significant Deterioration permits. On January 14, 2015, the EPA announced its intention to propose regulations that would require reductions in methane and volatile organic compound emissions from the oil and gas industry. The schedule for when these regulations will be proposed or finalized is not presently known. The EPA's greenhouse gas regulations could require us to incur costs to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases associated with our operations and also could adversely affect demand for the products that we transport, store, process, or otherwise handle in connection with our services.

Some scientists have suggested climate change from greenhouse gases could increase the severity of extreme weather, such as increased hurricanes and floods, which could damage our facilities. Another possible consequence of climate change is increased volatility in seasonal temperatures. The market for our natural gas liquids is generally improved by periods of colder weather and impaired by periods of warmer weather, so any changes in climate could affect the market for our products and services. If there is an overall trend of warmer temperatures, it would be expected to have an adverse effect on our business.

Because propane is considered a clean alternative fuel under the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, new climate change regulations may provide us with a competitive advantage over other sources of energy, such as fuel oil and coal.

The trend of more expansive and stringent environmental legislation and regulations, including greenhouse gas regulation, could continue, resulting in increased costs of doing business and consequently affecting our profitability. To the extent laws are enacted or other governmental action is taken that restricts certain aspects of our business or imposes more stringent and costly operating, waste handling, disposal and cleanup requirements, our business and prospects could be adversely affected.

## ***Safety and Transportation***

All states in which we operate have adopted fire safety codes that regulate the storage and distribution of propane and distillates. In some states, state agencies administer these laws. In others, municipalities administer them. We conduct training programs to help ensure that our operations comply with applicable governmental regulations. With respect to general operations, each state in which we operate adopts National Fire Protection Association, Pamphlet Nos. 54 and 58, or comparable regulations, which establish a set of rules and procedures governing the safe handling of propane, and Pamphlet Nos. 30, 30A, 31, 385, and 395 which establish rules and procedures governing the safe handling of distillates, such as fuel oil. We believe that the policies and procedures currently in effect at all of our facilities for the handling, storage and distribution of propane and distillates and related service and installation operations are consistent with industry standards and are in compliance in all material respects with applicable environmental, health and safety laws.

With respect to the transportation of propane, distillates, crude oil, and water, we are subject to regulations promulgated under federal legislation, including the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act and the Homeland Security Act of 2002. Regulations under these statutes cover the security and transportation of hazardous materials and are administered by the United States Department of Transportation ( DOT ). Specifically, crude oil pipelines are subject to regulation by the DOT, through the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration ( PHMSA ), under the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 ( HLPESA ), which requires PHMSA to develop, prescribe, and enforce minimum federal safety standards for the storage and transportation of hazardous liquids by and comparable state statutes with respect to design, installation, testing, construction, operation, replacement and management of pipeline facilities. HLPESA covers petroleum and petroleum products and requires any entity that owns or operates pipeline facilities to comply with such regulations, to permit access to and copying of records and to file certain

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reports and provide information as required by the United States Secretary of Transportation. These regulations include potential fines and penalties for violations.

The Pipeline Safety Act of 1992 added the environment to the list of statutory factors that must be considered in establishing safety standards for hazardous liquid pipelines, established safety standards for certain regulated gathering lines, and mandated that regulations be issued to establish criteria for operators to use in identifying and inspecting pipelines located in high consequence areas (HCAs), defined as those areas that are unusually sensitive to environmental damage, that cross a navigable waterway, or that have a high population density. In the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006, Congress required mandatory inspections for certain United States crude oil and natural gas transmission pipelines in HCAs and mandated that regulations be issued for low-stress hazardous liquid pipelines and pipeline control room management. In January 2012, the federal government passed the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (the 2011 Pipeline Safety Act). This act provides for additional regulatory oversight of the nation's pipelines, increases the penalties for violations of pipeline safety rules, and complements the DOT's other initiatives. The 2011 Pipeline Safety Act increases the maximum fine for the most serious pipeline safety violations involving deaths, injuries or major environmental harm from \$1 million to \$2 million. In addition, this law established additional safety requirements for newly constructed pipelines. The law also provides for (i) additional pipeline damage prevention measures, (ii) allowing the Secretary of Transportation to require automatic and remote-controlled shut-off valves on new pipelines, (iii) requiring



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the Secretary of Transportation to evaluate the effectiveness of expanding pipeline integrity management and leak detection requirements, (iv) improving the way the DOT and pipeline operators provide information to the public and emergency responders and (v) reforming the process by which pipeline operators notify federal, state and local officials of pipeline accidents.

***Railcar Regulation***

We transport a significant portion of our natural gas liquids and crude oil via rail transportation, and we own and lease a fleet of railcars for this purpose. Our railcar operations are subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Railroad Administration of the DOT, as well as other federal and state regulatory agencies.

***Occupational Health Regulations***

The workplaces associated with our manufacturing, processing, terminal and storage facilities are subject to the requirements of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act ( OSHA ) and comparable state statutes. We believe we have conducted our operations in substantial compliance with OSHA requirements, including general industry standards, record keeping requirements and monitoring of occupational exposure to regulated substances. Our marine vessel operations are also subject to safety and operational standards established and monitored by the United States Coast Guard. In general, we expect to increase our expenditures relating to compliance with likely higher industry and regulatory safety standards such as those described above. However, these expenditures cannot be accurately estimated at this time, but we do not expect them to have a material adverse effect on our business.

**Available Information on our Website**

Our website address is <http://www.nglenergypartners.com>. We make available on our website, free of charge, the periodic reports that we file with or furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ), as well as all amendments to these reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are filed with or furnished to the SEC. The information contained on, or connected to, our website is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report and should not be considered part of this or any other report that we file with or furnish to the SEC.

The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information about the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information related to issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

*We may not have sufficient cash to enable us to pay the minimum quarterly distribution to our unitholders following the establishment of cash reserves by our general partner and the payment of costs and expenses, including reimbursement of expenses to our general partner.*

We may not have sufficient cash each quarter to enable us to pay the minimum quarterly distribution. The amount of cash we can distribute on our common units principally depends on the amount of cash we generate from our operations, which will fluctuate from quarter to quarter based on, among other things:

- weather conditions in our operating areas;
- the cost of crude oil, natural gas liquids, refined products, ethanol, and biodiesel that we buy for resale and whether we are able to pass along cost increases to our customers;
- the volume of wastewater delivered to our processing facilities;
- disruptions in the availability of crude oil and/or natural gas liquids supply;
- our ability to renew leases for storage and railcars;
- the effectiveness of our commodity price hedging strategy;
- the level of competition from other energy providers; and

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- prevailing economic conditions.

In addition, the actual amount of cash we will have available for distribution also depends on other factors, some of which are beyond our control, including:

- the level of capital expenditures we make;
- the cost of acquisitions, if any;
- restrictions contained in our credit agreement (the Credit Agreement), the purchase agreement governing our outstanding 6.65% senior secured notes due 2022 (the Note Purchase Agreement), the indentures governing our outstanding 6.875% senior notes due 2021 and 5.125% senior notes due 2019 (collectively, the Indentures) and other debt service requirements;
- fluctuations in working capital needs;
- our ability to borrow funds and access capital markets;
- the amount, if any, of cash reserves established by our general partner; and
- other business risks discussed in this Annual Report that may affect our cash levels.

***The amount of cash we have available for distribution to our unitholders depends primarily on our cash flow rather than on our profitability, which may prevent us from making distributions, even during periods in which we realize net income.***

The amount of cash we have available for distribution depends primarily on our cash flow and not solely on profitability, which will be affected by non-cash items. As a result, we might make cash distributions during periods when we record net losses for financial accounting purposes and we might not make cash distributions during periods when we record net income for financial accounting purposes.

*Our future financial performance and growth may be limited by our ability to successfully complete accretive acquisitions on economically acceptable terms.*

Our ability to consummate acquisitions on economically acceptable terms may be limited by various factors, including, but not limited to:

- increased competition for attractive acquisitions;
- covenants in our Credit Agreement, Note Purchase Agreement and Indentures that limit the amount and types of indebtedness that we may incur to finance acquisitions and which may adversely affect our ability to make distributions to our unitholders;
- lack of available cash or external capital or limitations on our ability to issue equity to pay for acquisitions; and
- possible unwillingness of prospective sellers to accept our common units as consideration and the potential dilutive effect to our existing unitholders caused by an issuance of common units in an acquisition.

There can be no assurance that we will identify attractive acquisition candidates in the future, that we will be able to acquire such businesses on economically favorable terms, that any acquisitions will not be dilutive to earnings and distributions or that any additional debt that we incur to finance an acquisition will not affect our ability to make distributions to unitholders. Furthermore, if we consummate any future acquisitions, our capitalization and results of operations may change significantly, and unitholders will not have the opportunity to evaluate the economic, financial and other relevant information that we will consider in determining the application of these funds and other resources.

Our ability to expand our retail propane business is dependent on our ability to successfully complete accretive acquisitions. The propane industry is a mature industry, and we anticipate only limited growth in total national demand for propane in the near future. Increased competition from alternative energy sources has limited growth in the propane industry, and year-to-year industry volumes are primarily impacted by fluctuations in weather and economic conditions. While our business strategy includes expanding

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our existing retail propane operations through internal growth, our ability to grow within the retail propane business will depend principally on acquisitions, and there can be no assurances that we will be able to identify suitable acquisition candidates or successfully complete acquisitions in this line of business.

***We may be subject to substantial risks in connection with the integration and operation of acquired businesses, in particular those businesses with operations that are distinct and separate from our existing operations.***

Any acquisitions we make in pursuit of our growth strategy are subject to potential risks, including, but not limited to:

- the inability to successfully integrate the operations of recently acquired businesses;
- the assumption of known or unknown liabilities, including environmental liabilities;
- limitations on rights to indemnity from the seller;
- mistaken assumptions about the overall costs of equity or debt or synergies;
- unforeseen difficulties operating in new geographic areas or in new business segments;
- the diversion of management's and employees' attention from other business concerns;
- customer or key employee loss from the acquired businesses; and
- a potential significant increase in our indebtedness and related interest expense.

We undertake due diligence efforts in our assessment of acquisitions, but may be unable to identify or fully plan for all issues and risks attendant to a particular acquisition. Even when an issue or risk is identified, we may be unable to obtain adequate contractual protection from the seller. The realization of any of these risks could have a material adverse effect on the success of a particular acquisition or our financial condition,

results of operations or future growth.

As part of our growth strategy, we may expand our operations into businesses that differ from our existing operations. Integration of new businesses is a complex, costly and time-consuming process and may involve assets with which we have limited operating experience. Failure to timely and successfully integrate acquired businesses into our existing operations may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. In addition to the risks set forth above, new businesses will subject us to additional business and operating risks, such as the acquisitions not being accretive to our unitholders as a result of decreased profitability, increased interest expense related to debt we incur to make such acquisitions or an inability to successfully integrate those operations into our overall business operation. The realization of any of these risks could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

***Our substantial indebtedness may limit our flexibility to obtain financing and to pursue other business opportunities.***

At March 31, 2015, we had \$2.7 billion of outstanding indebtedness. Our level of debt could have important consequences to us, including the following:

- our ability to obtain additional financing, if necessary, for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other purposes may be impaired or such financing may not be available on favorable terms;
- our funds available for operations, future business opportunities and distributions to unitholders will be reduced by that portion of our cash flow required to make principal and interest payments on our debt;
- we may be more vulnerable to competitive pressures or a downturn in our business or the economy generally; and
- our flexibility in responding to changing business and economic conditions may be limited.

Our ability to service our debt will depend on, among other things, our future financial and operating performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic and weather conditions, and financial, business, regulatory and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. If our operating results are not sufficient to service our future indebtedness, we would be forced to take actions such as reducing distributions, reducing or delaying our business activities, acquisitions, investments or capital expenditures, selling

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assets or seeking additional equity capital. We may be unable to effect any of these actions on satisfactory terms or at all. The agreements governing our indebtedness permit us to incur additional debt under certain circumstances, and we will likely need to incur additional debt in order to implement our growth strategy. We may experience adverse consequences from increased levels of debt.

***Restrictions in our Credit Agreement, Note Purchase Agreement and Indentures could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, ability to make distributions to unitholders and the value of our common units.***

Our Credit Agreement, Note Purchase Agreement and Indentures limit our ability to, among other things:

- incur additional debt or issue letters of credit;
- redeem or repurchase units;
- make certain loans, investments and acquisitions;
- incur certain liens or permit them to exist;
- engage in sale and leaseback transactions;
- enter into certain types of transactions with affiliates;
- enter into agreements limiting subsidiary distributions;
- change the nature of our business or enter into a substantially different business;
- merge or consolidate with another company; and

- transfer or otherwise dispose of assets.

We are permitted to make distributions to our unitholders under our Credit Agreement, Note Purchase Agreement and Indentures as long as no default or event of default exists both immediately before and after giving effect to the declaration and payment of the distribution and the distribution does not exceed available cash for the applicable quarterly period. Our Credit Agreement, Note Purchase Agreement and Indentures also contain covenants requiring us to maintain certain financial ratios. Please see Part II, Item 7 – Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Liquidity, Sources of Capital and Capital Resource Activities – Long-Term Debt.

The provisions of our Credit Agreement, Note Purchase Agreement and Indentures may affect our ability to obtain future financing and pursue attractive business opportunities and our flexibility in planning for, and reacting to, changes in business conditions. In addition, a failure to comply with the provisions of our Credit Agreement could result in a covenant violation, default or an event of default that could enable our lenders, subject to the terms and conditions of our Credit Agreement, to declare the outstanding principal of that debt, together with accrued and unpaid interest, to be immediately due and payable. If we were unable to repay the accelerated amounts, our lenders could proceed against the collateral we granted them to secure our debts. If the payment of our debt is accelerated, defaults under our other debt instruments, if any then exist, may be triggered, and our assets may be insufficient to repay such debt in full, and our unitholders could experience a partial or total loss of their investment.

***Increases in interest rates could adversely impact our unit price, our ability to issue equity or incur debt for acquisitions or other purposes, and our ability to make cash distributions at our intended levels.***

Interest rates may increase in the future. As a result, interest rates on our existing and future credit facilities and debt offerings could be higher than current levels, causing our financing costs to increase accordingly. As with other yield-oriented securities, our unit price will be impacted by our level of cash distributions and implied distribution yield. The distribution yield is often used by investors to compare and rank yield-oriented securities for investment decision-making purposes. Therefore, changes in interest rates, either positive or negative, may affect the yield requirements of investors who invest in our units, and a rising interest rate environment could have an adverse impact on our unit price and our ability to issue equity or incur debt for acquisitions or other purposes and to make payments on our debt obligations and cash distributions at our intended levels.

***Our business depends on the availability of supply of crude oil, natural gas liquids, and refined products in the United States and Canada, which is dependent on the ability and willingness of other parties to explore for and produce crude oil and natural gas.***



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*Spending on crude oil and natural gas exploration and production may be adversely affected by industry and financial market conditions that are beyond our control including, without limitation, (1) prices for crude oil, condensate, and natural gas liquids, (2) crude oil and natural gas producers having success in their operations, (3) continued commercially viable areas in which to explore and produce crude oil and natural gas, (4) the availability of liquids-rich natural gas needed to produce natural gas liquids, and (5) the availability of pipeline transportation and storage capacity.*

Our business depends on domestic spending by the oil and natural gas industry, and this spending and our business have been, and may continue to be, adversely affected by industry and financial market conditions and existing or new regulations, such as those related to environmental matters, that are beyond our control.

We depend on the ability and willingness of other entities to make operating and capital expenditures to explore for, develop, and produce oil and natural gas in the United States and Canada, and to extract natural gas liquids from natural gas as well as the availability of necessary pipeline transportation and storage capacity. Customers' expectations of lower market prices for oil and natural gas, as well as the availability of capital for operating and capital expenditures, may cause them to curtail spending, thereby reducing business opportunities and demand for our services and equipment. Actual market conditions and producers' expectations of market conditions for crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids may also cause producers to curtail spending, thereby reducing business opportunities and demand for our services.

Industry conditions are influenced by numerous factors over which we have no control, such as the availability of commercially viable geographic areas in which to explore and produce oil and natural gas, the availability of liquids-rich natural gas needed to produce natural gas liquids, the supply of and demand for oil and natural gas, environmental restrictions on the exploration and production of oil and natural gas, such as existing and proposed regulation of hydraulic fracturing, domestic and worldwide economic conditions, political instability in oil and natural gas producing countries and merger and divestiture activity among our current or potential customers. The volatility of the oil and natural gas industry and the resulting impact on exploration and production activity could adversely impact the level of drilling activity. This reduction may cause a decline in business opportunities or the demand for our services, or adversely affect the price of our services. Reduced discovery rates of new oil and natural gas reserves in our market areas also may have a negative long-term impact on our business, even in an environment of stronger oil and natural gas prices, to the extent existing production is not replaced.

The oil and natural gas production industry tends to run in cycles and may, at any time, cycle into a downturn; if that occurs again, the rate at which it returns to former levels, if ever, will be uncertain. Prior adverse changes in the global economic environment and capital markets and declines in prices for oil and natural gas have caused many customers to reduce capital budgets for future periods and have caused decreased demand for oil and natural gas. Limitations on the availability of capital, or higher costs of capital, for financing expenditures have caused and may continue to cause customers to make additional reductions to capital budgets in the future even if commodity prices increase from current levels. These cuts in spending may curtail drilling programs and other discretionary spending, which could result in a reduction in business opportunities and demand for our services, the rates we can charge and our utilization. In addition, certain of our customers could become unable to pay their suppliers, including us. Any of these conditions or events could materially and adversely affect our operating results.

*Declining crude oil prices could adversely impact our water solutions and crude oil logistics businesses.*

Crude oil spot and forward prices experienced a significant decline during the second half of calendar year 2014, and this has an unfavorable impact on the revenues of our water solutions business. The volume of water we process is driven in part by the level of crude oil production, and the lower crude oil prices have given producers less incentive to expand production. In addition, a significant portion of the revenues of our water solutions business are generated from the sale of crude oil that we recover in the process of treating the wastewater, and lower crude oil

prices have an adverse impact on these revenues. A further decline in crude oil prices or a prolonged period of low crude oil prices could have an adverse effect on our water solutions business.

In addition, the sharp decline in crude oil prices has reduced the incentive for producers to expand production. If crude oil prices remain low, resultant declines in crude oil production could adversely impact volumes in our crude oil logistics business.

*Our profitability could be negatively impacted by price and inventory risk related to our business.*

The crude oil logistics, liquids, retail propane, refined products, and renewables businesses are margin-based businesses in which our realized margins depend on the differential of sales prices over our total supply costs. Our profitability is therefore sensitive to changes in product prices caused by changes in supply, pipeline transportation and storage capacity or other market conditions.

Generally, we attempt to maintain an inventory position that is substantially balanced between our purchases and sales, including our future delivery obligations. We attempt to obtain a certain margin for our purchases by selling our product to our customers, which include third-party consumers, other wholesalers and retailers, and others. However, market, weather or other conditions beyond our control may disrupt our expected supply of product, and we may be required to obtain supply at increased prices that cannot be passed through to our customers. In general, product supply contracts permit suppliers to charge posted prices at

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the time of delivery or the current prices established at major storage points, creating the potential for sudden and drastic price fluctuations. Sudden and extended wholesale price increases could reduce our margins and could, if continued over an extended period of time, reduce demand by encouraging retail customers to conserve or convert to alternative energy sources. Conversely, a prolonged decline in product prices could potentially result in a reduction of the borrowing base under our working capital facility, and we could be required to liquidate inventory that we have already presold.

One of the strategies of our refined products and renewables segment is to purchase refined products in the Gulf Coast region and to transport the product on the Colonial pipeline for sale in the Southeast and East Coast. Spreads between product prices in the Gulf Coast compared to locations along the Colonial pipeline can vary significantly, which can create volatility in our product margins. In addition, we are subject to the risk of a price decline between the time we purchase refined products and the time we sell the products. We seek to mitigate this risk by entering into NYMEX futures contracts. However, price changes in locations where we operate do not correspond directly with changes in prices in the NYMEX futures market, and as a result these futures contracts cannot be perfect hedges of our commodity price risk.

***We are affected by competition from other midstream, transportation, terminaling and storage, and retail-marketing companies, some of which are larger and more firmly established and may have greater marketing and development budgets and capital resources than we do.***

We experience competition in all of our segments. In our liquids segment, we compete for natural gas supplies and also for customers for our services. Our competitors include major integrated oil companies, interstate and intrastate pipelines and companies that gather, compress, treat, process, transport, store and market natural gas. Our natural gas liquids terminals compete with other terminaling and storage providers in the transportation and storage of natural gas liquids. Natural gas and natural gas liquids also compete with other forms of energy, including electricity, coal, fuel oil and renewable or alternative energy.

Our crude oil logistics segment faces significant competition for crude oil supplies and also for customers for our services. These operations also face competition from trucks for incremental and marginal volumes in the areas we serve. Further, our crude oil terminals compete with terminals owned by integrated petroleum companies, refining and marketing companies, independent terminal companies and distribution companies with marketing and trading operations.

Our water solutions segment is in direct and indirect competition with other businesses, including disposal and other wastewater treatment businesses.

We face strong competition in the market for the sale of retail propane and distillates. Our competitors vary from retail propane companies who are larger and have substantially greater financial resources than we do to small retail propane distributors, rural electric cooperatives and fuel oil distributors who have entered the market due to a low barrier to entry. The actions of our retail-marketing competitors, including the impact of imports, could lead to lower prices or reduced margins for the products we sell, which could have an adverse effect on our business or results of operations.

Our refined products and renewables segment also faces significant competition for refined products and renewables supplies and also for customers for our services.

We can make no assurances that we will be able to compete successfully in each of our lines of business. If a competitor attempts to increase market share by reducing prices, we may lose customers, which would reduce our revenues.

*Our business would be adversely affected if service at our principal storage facilities or on the common carrier pipelines we use is interrupted.*

We use third-party common carrier pipelines to transport and we use third-party facilities to store our products. Any significant interruption in the service at these storage facilities or on the common carrier pipelines we use would adversely affect our ability to obtain products.

*Our business would be adversely affected if service on the railroads we use is interrupted.*

We transport crude oil, natural gas liquids, ethanol, and biodiesel by railcar. We do not own or operate the railroads on which these cars are transported. Any disruptions in the operations of these railroads could adversely impact our ability to deliver product to our customers.

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***If we are unable to purchase product from our principal suppliers, our results of operations would be adversely affected.***

If we are unable to purchase product from significant suppliers, our failure to obtain alternate sources of supply at competitive prices and on a timely basis would adversely affect our ability to satisfy customer demand, reduce our revenues and adversely affect our results of operations.

***The fees charged to customers under our agreements with them for the transportation and marketing of crude oil, condensate, natural gas liquids, refined products, ethanol, and biodiesel may not escalate sufficiently to cover increases in costs and the agreements may be suspended in some circumstances, which would affect our profitability.***

Our costs may increase at a rate greater than the rate that the fees that we charge to customers increase pursuant to our contracts with them. Additionally, some customers' obligations under their agreements with us may be permanently or temporarily reduced upon the occurrence of certain events, some of which are beyond our control, including force majeure events wherein the supply of crude oil, condensate, and/or natural gas liquids are curtailed or cut off. Force majeure events include (but are not limited to) revolutions, wars, acts of enemies, embargoes, import or export restrictions, strikes, lockouts, fires, storms, floods, acts of God, explosions, mechanical or physical failures of our equipment or facilities of our customers. If the escalation of fees is insufficient to cover increased costs or if any customer suspends or terminates its contracts with us, our profitability could be materially and adversely affected.

***Our sales of crude oil, condensate, natural gas liquids, refined products, ethanol, and biodiesel and related transportation and hedging activities, and our processing of wastewater, expose us to potential regulatory risks.***

The FTC, the FERC, and the CFTC hold statutory authority to monitor certain segments of the physical and financial energy commodity markets. These agencies have imposed broad regulations prohibiting fraud and manipulation of such markets. With regard to our physical sales of energy commodities, and any related transportation and/or hedging activities that we undertake, we are required to observe the market-related regulations enforced by these agencies, which hold substantial enforcement authority. Our sales may also be subject to certain reporting and other requirements. Additionally, to the extent that we enter into transportation contracts with pipelines that are subject to the FERC regulation or we become subject to the FERC regulation ourselves (see *Certain of our operations are subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC, and some of our operations could become subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC in the future*, below), we will be obligated to comply with the FERC's regulations and policies. Any failure on our part to comply with the FERC's regulations and policies at that time could result in the imposition of civil and criminal penalties. Failure to comply with such regulations, as interpreted and enforced, could have a material and adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The intrastate transportation or storage of crude oil and refined products is subject to regulation by the state in which the facilities and transactions occur and requires compliance with all such regulation. This state regulation can have a material and adverse effect on that portion of our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the *Dodd-Frank Act*) provides for statutory and regulatory requirements for derivative transactions, including crude oil and natural gas hedging transactions. Certain transactions will be required to be cleared on exchanges and cash collateral will have to be posted. The Dodd-Frank Act provides for a potential exemption from these clearing and cash collateral requirements for commercial end users and it includes a number of defined terms that will be used in determining how this exemption applies to

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particular derivative transactions and the parties to those transactions. Since the Dodd-Frank Act mandates the CFTC to promulgate rules to define these terms, the full impact of the Dodd-Frank Act on our hedging activities is uncertain at this time. However, new legislation and any new regulations could significantly increase the cost of derivative contracts (including through requirements to post collateral which could adversely affect our available liquidity), materially alter the terms of derivative contracts, reduce the availability of derivatives to protect against risks that we encounter, reduce our ability to monetize or restructure our existing derivative contracts, and increase our exposure to less creditworthy counterparties. The Dodd-Frank Act may also materially affect our customers and materially and adversely affect the demand for our services.

***We are subject to trucking safety regulations, which are enacted, reviewed and amended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration ( FMCSA ). If our current DOT safety ratings are downgraded to Unsatisfactory , our business and results of our operations may be adversely affected.***

All federally regulated carriers' safety ratings are measured through a program implemented by the FMCSA known as the Compliance Safety Accountability ( CSA ) program. The CSA program measures a carrier's safety performance based on violations observed during roadside inspections as opposed to compliance audits performed by the FMCSA. The quantity and severity of any violations are compared to a peer group of companies of comparable size and annual mileage. If a company rises above a threshold established by the FMCSA, it is subject to action from the FMCSA. There is a progressive intervention strategy that begins with a company providing the FMCSA with an acceptable plan of corrective action that the company will implement. If the issues are not

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corrected, the intervention escalates to on-site compliance audits and ultimately an unsatisfactory rating and the revocation of the company's operating authority by the FMCSA, which could result in a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

***Our business is subject to federal, state, provincial and local laws and regulations with respect to environmental, safety and other regulatory matters and the cost of compliance with, violation of or liabilities under, such laws and regulations could adversely affect our profitability.***

Our operations, including those involving crude oil, condensate, natural gas liquids, refined products, renewables, and oil and gas produced wastewater, are subject to stringent federal, state, provincial and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of natural resources and the environment, health and safety, waste management, and transportation and disposal of such products and materials. We face inherent risks of incurring significant environmental costs and liabilities in the performance of our operations due to handling of wastewater and hydrocarbons, such as crude oil, condensate, natural gas liquids, refined products, ethanol, and biodiesel. For instance, our wastewater treatment business carries with it environmental risks, including leakage from the treatment plants to surface or subsurface soils, surface water or groundwater, or accidental spills. Our crude oil logistics, liquids, and refined products and renewables businesses carry similar risks of leakage and sudden or accidental spills of crude oil, natural gas liquids, and hydrocarbons. Liability under, or violation of, environmental laws and regulations could result in, among other things, the impairment or cancellation of operations, injunctions, fines and penalties, reputational damage, expenditures for remediation and liability for natural resource damages, property damage and personal injuries.

We use various modes of transportation to carry propane, distillates, crude oil and water, including trucks, railcars and barges, each of which is subject to regulation. With respect to transportation by truck, we are subject to regulations promulgated under federal legislation, including the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act and the Homeland Security Act of 2002, which cover the security and transportation of hazardous materials and are administered by the DOT. We also own and lease a fleet of railcars, the operation of which is subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Railroad Administration of the DOT, as well as other federal and state regulatory agencies. In response to train derailments, United States regulators are implementing or considering new rules to address the safety risks of transporting crude oil by rail. The introduction of these or other regulations that result in new requirements addressing the type, design, specifications or construction of railcars used to transport crude oil could result in severe transportation capacity constraints during the period in which new railcars are retrofitted or constructed to meet new specifications. Our barge transportation operations are subject to the Jones Act, a federal law restricting marine transportation in the United States to vessels built and registered in the United States, and manned and owned by United States citizens, as well as rules and regulations of the United States Coast Guard. Non-compliance with any of these regulations could result in increased costs related to the transportation of our products and could have an adverse effect on our business.

In addition, under certain environmental laws, we could be subject to strict and/or joint and several liability for the investigation, removal or remediation of previously released materials. As a result, these laws could cause us to become liable for the conduct of others, such as prior owners or operators of our facilities, or for consequences of our or our predecessor's actions, regardless of whether we were responsible for the release or if such actions were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time of those actions. Also, upon closure of certain facilities, such as at the end of their useful life, we have been and may be required to undertake environmental evaluations or cleanups.

Additionally, in order to conduct our operations, we must obtain and maintain numerous permits, approvals and other authorizations from various federal, state, provincial and local governmental authorities relating to wastewater handling, discharge and disposal, air emissions, transportation and other environmental matters. These authorizations subject us to terms and conditions which may be onerous or costly to comply with, and that may require costly operational modifications to attain and maintain compliance. The renewal, amendment or modification of these permits, approvals and other authorizations may involve the imposition of even more stringent and burdensome terms and conditions with attendant higher costs and more significant effects upon our operations.

Changes in environmental laws and regulations occur frequently. New laws or regulations, changes to existing laws or regulations, such as more stringent pollution control requirements or additional safety requirements, or more stringent interpretation or enforcement of existing laws and regulations, may unfavorably impact us, and could result in increased operating costs and have a material and adverse effect on our activities and profitability. For example, new or proposed laws or regulations governing the withdrawal, storage and use of surface water or groundwater necessary for hydraulic fracturing of wells may increase our costs for treatment of frac flowback water (or affect our hydraulic fracturing customers' ability to operate) and cause delays, interruption or termination of our water treatment operations, all of which could have a material and adverse effect on our operations and financial performance.

Furthermore, our customers in the oil and gas production industry are subject to certain environmental laws and regulations that may impose significant costs and liabilities on them, including as a result of changes in such laws and regulations causing them to



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become more stringent over time. For example, in April 2012, the EPA issued final rules that established new air emission controls for oil and gas production and gas processing operations. The final rule includes a 95% reduction in volatile organic compounds ( VOCs ) (which contribute to smog) emitted during the completion of new and modified hydraulically fractured wells. In August 2013, the EPA updated its 2012 air emission standards for crude oil and natural gas storage tanks to extend the compliance date and allow an alternate emissions limit of less than four tons per year without emission controls. In January 2015, the EPA announced its intention to propose regulations that would require further reductions in methane and VOC emissions from the oil and gas industry. The EPA's schedule for proposing or finalizing these regulations is not presently known. Any significant increased costs or restrictions placed on our customers to comply with environmental laws and regulations could affect their production output significantly. Such an effect could materially and adversely affect our utilization and profitability, thus reducing demand for our midstream services. Such an effect on our customers could materially and adversely affect our utilization and profitability. The adoption or implementation of any new regulations imposing additional reporting obligations on greenhouse gas emissions, or limiting greenhouse gas emissions from our equipment and operations, could require us to incur significant costs.

***Federal and state legislation and regulatory initiatives relating to our hydraulic fracturing customers could result in increased costs and additional operating restrictions or delays and could harm our business.***

Hydraulic fracturing is a frequent practice in the oil and gas fields in which our water solutions segment operates. Hydraulic fracturing is an important and common process used to facilitate production of natural gas and other hydrocarbon condensates in shale formations, as well as tight conventional formations. The hydraulic fracturing process is primarily regulated by state oil and gas authorities. This process has come under considerable scrutiny from sections of the public as well as environmental and other groups asserting that chemicals used in the fracturing process could adversely affect drinking water supplies. New laws or regulations, or changes to existing laws or regulations in response to this perceived threat may unfavorably impact the oil and gas drilling industry. For instance, the EPA has asserted federal regulatory authority over certain hydraulic fracturing practices involving the use of diesel fuel under the Safe Drinking Water Act and its Underground Injection Control program. In February 2014, the EPA issued technical guidance for the permitting of the underground injection of diesel fuel for hydraulic fracturing activities. The EPA has also commenced a study of the potential environmental impact of hydraulic fracturing activities, the final results of which are expected in 2015. In addition, the United States Department of the Interior issued a final rule on March 20, 2015 updating existing regulation of hydraulic fracturing activities on federal and tribal lands, including requirements for disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing to the Bureau of Land Management, well bore integrity and handling of flowback water. The rule will become effective 90 days after publication in the Federal Register. Also, legislation has been introduced, but not adopted, in Congress to provide for federal regulation of hydraulic fracturing. In addition, some states have adopted and other states are considering adopting regulations that could restrict or regulate hydraulic fracturing in certain circumstances. For example, some states have adopted legislation requiring the disclosure of hydraulic fracturing chemicals, which could make it easier for third parties opposing the hydraulic fracturing process to initiate legal proceedings based on allegations that specific chemicals used in the fracturing process could adversely affect groundwater. Other states, such as New York, have banned hydraulic fracturing. We cannot predict whether any proposed federal, state or local laws or regulations will be enacted and, if so, what actions any such laws or regulations would require or prohibit. However, any restrictions on hydraulic fracturing could lead to operational delays or increased operating costs and regulatory burdens that could make it more difficult or costly to perform hydraulic fracturing which would negatively impact our customer base resulting in an adverse effect on our profitability.

***Federal and state legislation and regulatory initiatives relating to saltwater disposal wells could result in increased costs and additional operating restrictions or delays and could harm our business.***

The water disposal process is primarily regulated by state oil and gas authorities. This water disposal process has come under considerable scrutiny from sections of the public as well as environmental and other groups asserting that the operation of certain water disposal wells has caused increased seismic activity. New laws or regulations, or changes to existing laws or regulations, in response to this perceived threat may unfavorably impact the water disposal industry.

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On certain occasions, a state regulatory agency has requested that we suspend operations at a specified disposal facility, pending further study of its potential impact on seismic activity. In one instance we have modified a disposal well to redirect the flow of water to a different area of the geologic formation in order to address such concerns.

We cannot predict whether any federal, state or local laws or regulations will be enacted and, if so, what actions any such laws or regulations would require or prohibit. However, any restrictions on water disposal could lead to operational delays or increased operating costs and regulatory burdens that could make it more difficult or costly to perform water disposal operations, which would negatively impact our profitability.

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***Seasonal weather conditions and natural or man-made disasters could severely disrupt normal operations and have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

We operate in various locations across the United States and Canada which may be adversely affected by seasonal weather conditions and natural or man-made disasters. During periods of heavy snow, ice, rain or extreme weather conditions such as high winds, tornados and hurricanes or after other natural disasters such as earthquakes or wildfires, we may be unable to move our trucks or railcars between locations and our facilities may be damaged, thereby reducing our ability to provide services and generate revenues. In addition, hurricanes or other severe weather in the Gulf Coast region could seriously disrupt the supply of products and cause serious shortages in various areas, including the areas in which we operate. These same conditions may cause serious damage or destruction to homes, business structures and the operations of customers. Such disruptions could potentially have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

***Risk management procedures cannot eliminate all commodity risk, basis risk, or risk of adverse market conditions which can adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, any non-compliance with our risk policy could result in significant financial losses.***

Pursuant to the requirements of our market risk policy, we attempt to lock in a margin for a portion of the commodities we purchase by selling such commodities for physical delivery to our customers, such as independent refiners or major oil companies, or by entering into future delivery obligations under contracts for forward sale. We also enter into financial derivative contracts, such as futures, to manage commodity price risk. Through these transactions, we seek to maintain a position that is substantially balanced between purchases on the one hand, and sales or future delivery obligations on the other hand. These policies and practices cannot, however, eliminate all risks. For example, any event that disrupts our anticipated physical supply of commodities could expose us to risk of loss resulting from the need to cover obligations required under contracts for forward sale. Additionally, we can provide no assurance that our processes and procedures will detect and/or prevent all violations of our risk management policies and procedures, particularly if deception or other intentional misconduct is involved.

Basis risk describes the inherent market price risk created when a commodity of certain grade or location is purchased, sold or exchanged as compared to a purchase, sale or exchange of a like commodity at a different time or place. Transportation costs and timing differentials are components of basis risk. In a backwardated market (when prices for future deliveries are lower than current prices), basis risk is created with respect to timing. In these instances, physical inventory generally loses value as price of such physical inventory declines over time. Basis risk cannot be entirely eliminated, and basis exposure, particularly in backwardated or other adverse market conditions, can adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

***The counterparties to our commodity derivative and physical purchase and sale contracts may not be able to perform their obligations to us, which could materially affect our cash flows and results of operations.***

We encounter risk of counterparty nonperformance in our businesses. Disruptions in the supply of product and in the oil and gas commodities sector overall for an extended or near term period of time could result in counterparty defaults on our derivative and physical purchase and sale contracts. This could impair our ability to obtain supply to fulfill our sales delivery commitments or obtain supply at reasonable prices, which could result in decreased gross margins and profitability, thereby impairing our ability to make payments on our debt obligations or distributions to our unitholders.

*Our use of derivative financial instruments could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.*

We have used derivative financial instruments as a means to protect against commodity price risk or interest rate risk and expect to continue to do so. We may, as a component of our overall business strategy, increase or decrease from time to time our use of such derivative financial instruments in the future. Our use of such derivative financial instruments could cause us to forego the economic benefits we would otherwise realize if commodity prices or interest rates were to change in our favor. In addition, although we monitor such activities in our risk management processes and procedures, such activities could result in losses, which could adversely affect our results of operations and impair our ability to make payments on our debt obligations or distributions to our unitholders.

*Certain of our operations are subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC, and some of our operations could be subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC in the future.*

TLP's Razorback and Diamondback pipelines are subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC. Any of our transportation services could in the future become subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC, which could adversely affect the terms of service, rates and revenues of such services. At the date of this Annual Report, our facilities do not fall under the FERC's jurisdiction. Currently, the FERC regulates crude oil and refined products pipelines, among other things. Intrastate transportation and gathering pipelines that do not provide interstate services are not subject to regulation by the FERC. However, the distinction between the FERC-regulated interstate pipeline transportation on the one hand and intrastate pipeline transportation on the other hand, is a fact-based determination.

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The classification and regulation of our crude oil pipelines are subject to change based on future determinations by the FERC, federal courts, Congress or regulatory commissions, courts or legislatures in the states in which we operate. Glass Mountain, one of our joint ventures, owns a pipeline in Oklahoma that carries crude oil owned by us and by third parties. We believe that the pipeline segments on which Glass Mountain would provide service to third parties and the services it would provide to third parties on this pipeline system meet the traditional tests that the FERC has used to determine that the pipeline services provided are not in interstate commerce. However, we cannot provide assurance that the FERC will not in the future, either at the request of other entities or on its own initiative, determine that some or all of the pipeline and the services Glass Mountain will provide on that system are within its jurisdiction, or that such a determination would not adversely affect Glass Mountain's or our results of operations. If the FERC's regulatory reach was expanded to our other facilities, or if we expand our operations into areas that are subject to the FERC's regulation, we may have to commit substantial capital to comply with such regulations and such expenditures could have a material and adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flows.

Additionally, our subsidiary Grand Mesa is in the process of constructing a pipeline originating in Weld County, Colorado and terminating at our Cushing, Oklahoma terminal. We expect that this pipeline will be subject to FERC regulation.

***Volumes of crude oil recovered during the wastewater treatment process can vary. Any significant reduction in residual crude oil content in wastewater we treat will affect our recovery of crude oil and, therefore, our profitability.***

A significant portion of revenues in our water business is derived from sales of crude oil recovered during the wastewater treatment process. Our ability to recover sufficient volumes of crude oil is dependent upon the residual crude oil content in the wastewater we treat, which is, among other things, a function of water temperature. Generally, where water temperature is higher, residual crude oil content is lower. Thus, our crude oil recovery during the winter season is substantially higher than our recovery during the summer season. Additionally, residual crude oil content will decrease if, among other things, producers begin recovering higher levels of crude oil in produced wastewater prior to delivering such water to us for treatment. Any reduction in residual crude oil content in the wastewater we treat could materially and adversely affect our profitability.

***Competition from alternative energy sources may cause us to lose customers, thereby negatively impacting our financial condition and results of operations.***

Propane competes with other sources of energy, some of which are less costly for equivalent energy value. We compete for customers against suppliers of electricity, natural gas and fuel oil. Competition from alternative energy sources, including electricity and natural gas, has increased as a result of reduced regulation of many utilities. Electricity is a major competitor of propane, but propane has historically enjoyed a competitive price advantage over electricity. Except for some industrial and commercial applications, propane is generally not competitive with natural gas in areas where natural gas pipelines already exist because such pipelines generally make it possible for the delivered cost of natural gas to be less expensive than the bulk delivery of propane. The expansion of natural gas into traditional propane markets has historically been inhibited by the capital cost required to expand distribution and pipeline systems; however, the gradual expansion of the nation's natural gas distribution systems has resulted in natural gas being available in areas that previously depended on propane, which could cause us to lose customers, thereby reducing our revenues. Although propane is similar to fuel oil in some applications and market demand, propane and fuel oil compete to a lesser extent primarily because of the cost of converting from one to the other and due to the fact that both fuel oil and propane have generally developed their own distinct geographic markets.

We cannot predict the effect that development of alternative energy sources may have on our operations, including whether subsidies of alternative energy sources by local, state, and federal governments might be expanded, or what impact this might have on the supply of or the demand for crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids.

*Energy efficiency and new technology may reduce the demand for propane and adversely affect our operating results.*

The national trend toward increased conservation and technological advances, such as installation of improved insulation and the development of more efficient furnaces and other heating devices, has adversely affected the demand for propane by retail customers. Future conservation measures or technological advances in heating, conservation, energy generation or other devices may reduce demand for propane. In addition, if the price of propane increases, some of our customers may increase their conservation efforts and thereby decrease their consumption of propane.

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***The majority of our retail propane operations are concentrated in the Northeast, Southeast, and Midwest, and localized warmer weather and/or economic downturns may adversely affect demand for propane in those regions, thereby affecting our financial condition and results of operations.***

A substantial portion of our retail propane sales are to residential customers located in the Northeast, Southeast, and Midwest who rely heavily on propane for heating purposes. A significant percentage of our retail propane volume is attributable to sales during the peak heating season of October through March. Warmer weather may result in reduced sales volumes that could adversely impact our operating results and financial condition. In addition, adverse economic conditions in areas where our retail propane operations are concentrated may cause our residential customers to reduce their use of propane regardless of weather conditions. Localized warmer weather and/or economic downturns may have a significantly greater impact on our operating results and financial condition than if our retail propane business were less concentrated.

***Reduced demand for refined products could have an adverse effect our results of operations.***

Any sustained decrease in demand for refined products in the markets we serve could reduce our cash flow. Factors that could lead to a decrease in market demand include:

- a recession or other adverse economic condition that results in lower spending by consumers on gasoline, diesel, and travel;
- higher fuel taxes or other governmental or regulatory actions that increase, directly or indirectly, the cost of gasoline;
- an increase in automotive engine fuel economy, whether as a result of a shift by consumers to more fuel-efficient vehicles or technological advances by manufacturers;
- an increase in the market price of crude oil that leads to higher refined product prices, which may reduce demand for refined products and drive demand for alternative products; and
- the increased use of alternative fuel sources, such as battery-powered engines.

***Recent attempts to reduce or eliminate the federal Renewable Fuels Standard ( RFS ), if successful, could unfavorably impact our results of operations.***

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The United States renewables industry is highly dependent on several federal and state incentives which promote the use of renewable fuels. Without these incentives, demand for and the price of renewable fuels could be negatively impacted which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. The most significant of the federal and state incentives which benefit renewable products we market, such as ethanol and biodiesel, is the RFS. The RFS requires that an increasing amount of renewable fuels must be blended with petroleum-based fuels each year in the United States. However, the EPA has authority to waive the requirements of the RFS, in whole or in part, provided one of two conditions is met. The conditions are: (1) there is inadequate domestic renewable fuel supply; or (2) implementation of the requirement would severely harm the economy or environment of a state, region or the United States. Opponents of the RFS are seeking to force the EPA to reduce or eliminate the RFS. Further, several pieces of legislation have been introduced with the goal of significantly reducing or eliminating the RFS. While the outcome of these legislative efforts is uncertain, it is possible that the EPA could adjust the RFS requirements in the future. If the EPA were to adjust the RFS requirements in any material way, it could negatively impact demand for the renewable fuel products we market, which could unfavorably impact our results of operations.

*The expiration of tax credits could adversely impact the demand for biodiesel, which could unfavorably impact our results of operations*

The demand for biodiesel is supported by certain federal tax credits. These tax credits have typically been granted for short durations, and on several occasions these tax credits have expired. In December 2014, the federal government passed a law reinstating the tax credit retroactively to January 1, 2014 to be effective through December 31, 2014. Currently no such tax credit exists for transactions subsequent to December 31, 2014, and there can be no assurance that the federal government will grant such tax credits in the future. If the federal government were to discontinue the practice of granting such tax credits, this would likely have an adverse effect on demand for biodiesel and on our biodiesel marketing operations.

*A loss of one or more significant customers could materially or adversely affect our results of operations.*

Approximately 65% of the revenues of our crude oil logistics segment during the year ended March 31, 2015 were generated from our ten largest customers of the segment. Approximately 23% of the water treatment and disposal revenues of our water solutions segment during the year ended March 31, 2015 were generated from our two largest customers of the segment. Approximately 33% of the revenues of our liquids segment during the year ended March 31, 2015 were generated from our ten largest customers of the segment. Approximately 22% of the revenues of our refined products and renewables segment during the year ended



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March 31, 2015 were generated from our ten largest customers of the segment. We expect to continue to depend on key customers to support our revenues for the foreseeable future. The loss of key customers, failure to renew contracts upon expiration, or a sustained decrease in demand by key customers could result in a substantial loss of revenues and could have a material and adverse effect on our results of operations.

***Certain of our operations are conducted through joint ventures which have unique risks.***

Certain of our operations are conducted through joint ventures. With respect to our joint ventures, we share ownership and management responsibilities with partners that may not share our goals and objectives. Differences in views among the partners may result in delayed decisions or failures to agree on major matters, such as large expenditures or contractual commitments, the construction or acquisition of assets or borrowing money, among others. Delay or failure to agree may prevent action with respect to such matters, even though such action may serve our best interest or that of the joint venture. Accordingly, delayed decisions and disagreements could adversely affect the business and operations of the joint ventures and, in turn, our business and operations. From time to time, our joint ventures may be involved in disputes or legal proceedings which may negatively affect our investments. Accordingly, any such occurrences could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

***Growing our business by constructing new transportation systems and facilities subjects us to construction risks and risks that supplies for such systems and facilities will not be available upon completion thereof.***

One of the ways we intend to grow our business is through the construction of additions to our systems and/or the construction of new terminaling, transportation, and wastewater treatment facilities. In addition, Grand Mesa, one of our subsidiaries, is in the process of constructing a crude oil pipeline originating in Weld County, Colorado and terminating at our Cushing, Oklahoma terminal. We anticipate that the pipeline will commence service in the second half of calendar year 2016. These expansion projects require the expenditure of significant amounts of capital, which may exceed our resources, and involves numerous regulatory, environmental, political and legal uncertainties. There can be no assurances that we will be able to complete these projects on schedule or at all or at the budgeted cost. Moreover, our revenues may not increase upon the expenditure of funds on a particular project. Moreover, we may undertake expansion projects to capture anticipated future growth in production in a region in which anticipated production growth does not materialize or for which we are unable to acquire new customers. We may also rely on estimates of proved, probable or possible reserves in our decision to undertake expansion projects, which may prove to be inaccurate because there are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of proved, probable or possible reserves. As a result, our new facilities and infrastructure may not be able to attract enough product to achieve our expected investment return, which could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

***Product liability claims and litigation could adversely affect our business and results of operations.***

Our operations are subject to all operating hazards and risks incident to handling, storing, transporting and providing customers with combustible liquids. As a result, we are subject to product liability claims and lawsuits, including potential class actions, in the ordinary course of business. Any product liability claim brought against us, with or without merit, could be costly to defend and could result in an increase of our insurance premiums. Some claims brought against us might not be covered by our insurance policies. In addition, we have self-insured retention amounts which we would have to pay in full before obtaining any insurance proceeds to satisfy a judgment or settlement and we may have insufficient reserves on our balance sheet to satisfy such self-retention obligations. Furthermore, even where the claim is covered by our insurance, our insurance coverage might be inadequate and we would have to pay the amount of any settlement or judgment that is in excess of our policy limits. We may not be able to obtain insurance on terms acceptable to us or at all since insurance varies in cost and can be difficult to obtain. Our failure to maintain adequate insurance coverage or successfully defend against product liability claims could materially and

adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

*A failure in our operational systems or cyber security attacks on any of our facilities, or those of third parties, may affect adversely our financial results.*

Our business is dependent upon our operational systems to process a large amount of data and complex transactions. If any of our financial, operational, or other data processing systems fail or have other significant shortcomings, our financial results could be adversely affected. Our financial results could also be adversely affected if an employee causes our operational systems to fail, either as a result of inadvertent error or by deliberately tampering with or manipulating our operational systems. In addition, dependence upon automated systems may further increase the risk related to operational system flaws, and employee tampering or manipulation of those systems will result in losses that are difficult to detect.

Due to increased technology advances, we have become more reliant on technology to help increase efficiency in our business. We use computer programs to help run our financial and operations sectors, and this may subject our business to increased

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risks. Any future cyber security attacks that affect our facilities, our customers and any financial data could have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, cyber attacks on our customer and employee data may result in a financial loss, including potential fines for failure to safeguard data, and may negatively impact our reputation. Third-party systems on which we rely could also suffer operational system failure. Any of these occurrences could disrupt our business, result in potential liability or reputational damage or otherwise have an adverse effect on our financial results.

***We do not own all of the land on which our facilities are located, and instead lease certain facilities and equipment, and we, therefore, are subject to the possibility of increased costs to retain necessary land and equipment use which could disrupt our operations.***

We do not own all of the land on which our facilities are located, and we are therefore subject to the possibility of more onerous terms and/or increased costs to retain necessary land use if we do not have valid rights-of-way or if our facilities are not properly located within the boundaries of such rights-of-way. Additionally, our loss of rights, through our inability to renew right-of-way contracts or otherwise, could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Additionally, certain facilities and equipment (or parts thereof) used by us are leased from third parties for specific periods, including many of our railcars. Our inability to renew facility or equipment leases or otherwise maintain the right to utilize such facilities and equipment on acceptable terms, or the increased costs to maintain such rights, could have a material and adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flows.

We also must operate within the terms and conditions of permits and various rules and regulations from the United States Bureau of Land Management for the rights of way on which our pipelines are constructed and the Wyoming State Engineer's Office for water well, disposal well and containment pits.

***Difficulty in attracting and retaining qualified drivers could adversely affect our growth and profitability.***

Maintaining a staff of qualified truck drivers is critical to the success of our crude oil logistics and retail propane operations. We have in the past experienced difficulty in attracting and retaining sufficient numbers of qualified drivers. In addition, due in part to current economic conditions, including the cost of fuel, insurance, and tractors and the DOT regulatory requirements, the available pool of qualified truck drivers has been declining. Regulatory requirements, including the FMCSA's CSA initiative, and an improvement in the economy could reduce the number of eligible drivers or require us to pay more to attract and retain drivers. A shortage of qualified drivers and intense competition for drivers from other companies will create difficulties in increasing the number of our drivers for our anticipated expansion in our fleet of trucks. If we are unable to continue to attract and retain a sufficient number of qualified drivers, we could have difficulty meeting customer demands, any of which could materially and adversely affect our growth and profitability.

***If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls, including internal controls over financial reporting, we may be unable to report our financial results accurately or prevent fraud, which would likely have a negative impact on the market price of our common units.***

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We are subject to the public reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We are also subject to the obligation under Section 404(a) of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 to annually review and report on our internal control over financial reporting, and to the obligation under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes Oxley Act to engage our independent registered public accounting firm to attest to the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting.

Effective internal controls are necessary for us to provide reliable financial reports, prevent fraud, and operate successfully as a publicly traded partnership. Our efforts to maintain our internal controls may be unsuccessful, and we may be unable to maintain effective controls over financial reporting, including our disclosure controls. Any failure to maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations. These risks may be heightened after a business combination, during the phase when we are implementing our internal control structure over the recently acquired business.

Given the difficulties inherent in the design and operation of internal controls over financial reporting, we can provide no assurance as to our, or our independent registered public accounting firm's, conclusions about the effectiveness of internal controls in the future, and we may incur significant costs in our efforts to comply with Section 404. Ineffective internal controls could subject us to regulatory scrutiny and a loss of confidence in our reported financial information, which could have an adverse effect on our business and would likely have a negative effect on the trading price of our common units.

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***An impairment of goodwill and intangible assets could reduce our earnings.***

At March 31, 2015, we had reported goodwill and intangible assets of \$2.7 billion. Such assets are subject to impairment reviews on an annual basis, or at an interim date if information indicates that such asset values have been impaired. Any impairment we would be required to record in our financial statements would result in a charge to our income, which would reduce our earnings.

***Our business requires extensive credit risk management that may not be adequate to protect against customer nonpayment.***

Our credit management procedures may not fully eliminate the risk of nonpayment by our customers. We manage our credit risk exposure through credit analysis, credit approvals, establishing credit limits, requiring prepayments (partially or wholly), requiring product deliveries over defined time periods, and credit monitoring. While we believe our procedures are effective, we can provide no assurance that bad debt write-offs in the future may not be significant and any such nonpayment problems could impact our results of operations and potentially limit our ability to make payments on our debt obligations or distributions to our unitholders.

***Our terminaling operations depend on pipelines to transport crude oil, natural gas liquids, and refined products.***

We own natural gas liquids and crude oil terminals, and TLP owns refined products terminals. These facilities depend on pipeline and storage systems that are owned and operated by third parties. Any interruption of service on the pipeline or lateral connections or adverse change in the terms and conditions of service could have a material adverse effect on our ability, and the ability of our customers, to transport product to and from our facilities and have a corresponding material adverse effect on our revenues. In addition, the rates charged by the interconnected pipelines for transportation to and from our facilities affect the utilization and value of our terminals. We have historically been able to pass through the costs of pipeline transportation to our customers. However, if competing pipelines do not have similar annual tariff increases or service fee adjustments, such increases could affect our ability to compete, thereby adversely affecting our revenues.

***Our marketing operations depend on the availability of transportation and storage capacity.***

Our product supply is transported and stored on facilities owned and operated by third parties. Any interruption of service on the pipeline or storage companies or adverse change in the terms and conditions of service could have a material adverse effect on our ability, and the ability of our customers, to transport products and have a corresponding material adverse effect on our revenues. In addition, the rates charged by the interconnected pipelines for transportation affects the profitability of our operations.

***The financial results of our natural gas liquids businesses are seasonal and generally lower in the first and second quarters of our fiscal year, which may require us to borrow money to make distributions to our unitholders during these quarters.***

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The natural gas liquids inventory we have presold to customers is highest during summer months, and our cash receipts are lowest during summer months. As a result, our cash available for distribution for the summer is much lower than for the winter. With lower cash flow during the first and second fiscal quarters, we may be required to borrow money to pay distributions to our unitholders during these quarters. Any restrictions on our ability to borrow money could restrict our ability to pay the minimum quarterly distributions to our unitholders.

*A significant increase in fuel prices may adversely affect our transportation costs.*

Fuel is a significant operating expense for us in connection with the delivery of products to our customers. A significant increase in fuel prices will result in increased transportation costs to us. The price and supply of fuel is unpredictable and fluctuates based on events we cannot control, such as geopolitical developments, supply and demand for oil and gas, actions by oil and gas producers, war and unrest in oil producing countries and regions, regional production patterns and weather concerns. As a result, any increases in these prices may adversely affect our profitability and competitiveness.

*Some of our operations cross the United States/Canada border and are subject to cross-border regulation.*

Our cross-border activities subject us to regulatory matters, including import and export licenses, tariffs, Canadian and United States customs and tax issues and toxic substance certifications. Such regulations include the Short Supply Controls of the Export Administration Act, the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Toxic Substances Control Act. Violations of these licensing, tariff and tax reporting requirements could result in the imposition of significant administrative, civil and criminal penalties.

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***The risk of terrorism and political unrest in various energy producing regions may adversely affect the economy and the price and availability of products.***

An act of terror in any of the major energy producing regions of the world could potentially result in disruptions in the supply of crude oil and natural gas, the major sources of propane, which could have a material impact on the availability and price of propane. Terrorist attacks in the areas of our operations could negatively impact our ability to transport propane to our locations. These risks could potentially negatively impact our results of operations.

***We depend on the leadership and involvement of key personnel for the success of our businesses.***

We have certain key individuals in our senior management who we believe are critical to the success of our business. The loss of leadership and involvement of those key management personnel could potentially have a material adverse impact on our business and possibly on the market value of our units.

**Risks Inherent in an Investment in Us**

***Our partnership agreement limits the fiduciary duties of our general partner to our unitholders and restricts the remedies available to our unitholders for actions taken by our general partner that might otherwise be breaches of fiduciary duty.***

Fiduciary duties owed to our unitholders by our general partner are prescribed by law and our partnership agreement. The Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act ( Delaware LP Act ) provides that Delaware limited partnerships may, in their partnership agreements, restrict the fiduciary duties owed by the general partner to limited partners and the partnership. Our partnership agreement contains provisions that reduce the standards to which our general partner would otherwise be held by state fiduciary duty law. For example, our partnership agreement:

- limits the liability and reduces the fiduciary duties of our general partner, while also restricting the remedies available to our unitholders for actions that, without these limitations, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty. As a result of purchasing common units, our unitholders consent to some actions and conflicts of interest that might otherwise constitute a breach of fiduciary or other duties under applicable state law;
- permits our general partner to make a number of decisions in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner. This entitles our general partner to consider only the interests and factors that it desires, and it has no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, us, our affiliates or any limited partner. Examples include the exercise of its limited call right, its voting rights with respect to the units it owns and its determination whether or not to consent to any merger or consolidation of the partnership;

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- provides that our general partner shall not have any liability to us or our unitholders for decisions made in its capacity as general partner so long as it acted in good faith, meaning our general partner subjectively believed that the decision was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the partnership;
- generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not approved by the conflicts committee and not involving a vote of our unitholders must be on terms no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or be fair and reasonable to us and that, in determining whether a transaction or resolution is fair and reasonable, our general partner may consider the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to us; and
- provides that our general partner and its officers and directors will not be liable for monetary damages to us or our limited partners for any acts or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that our general partner or those other persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct.

By purchasing a common unit, a common unitholder will become bound by the provisions of our partnership agreement, including the provisions described above.

***Our general partner and its affiliates have conflicts of interest with us and limited fiduciary duties to our unitholders, and they may favor their own interests to the detriment of us and our unitholders.***

The NGL Energy GP Investor Group owns and controls our general partner and its 0.1% general partner interest in us. Although our general partner has certain fiduciary duties to manage us in a manner beneficial to us and our unitholders, the executive officers and directors of our general partner have a fiduciary duty to manage our general partner in a manner beneficial to its owners. Furthermore, since certain executive officers and directors of our general partner are executive officers or directors of affiliates of our



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general partner, conflicts of interest may arise between the NGL Energy GP Investor Group and its affiliates, including our general partner, on the one hand, and us and our unitholders, on the other hand. As a result of these conflicts, our general partner may favor its own interests and the interests of its affiliates over the interests of our unitholders (see *Our partnership agreement limits the fiduciary duties of our general partner to our unitholders and restricts the remedies available to our unitholders for actions taken by our general partner that might otherwise be breaches of fiduciary duty*, above). The risk to our unitholders due to such conflicts may arise because of the following factors, among others:

- our general partner is allowed to take into account the interests of parties other than us, such as members of the NGL Energy GP Investor Group, in resolving conflicts of interest;
- neither our partnership agreement nor any other agreement requires owners of our general partner to pursue a business strategy that favors us;
- except in limited circumstances, our general partner has the power and authority to conduct our business without unitholder approval;
- our general partner determines the amount and timing of asset purchases and sales, borrowings, issuance of additional partnership securities and the creation, reduction or increase of reserves, each of which can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to our unitholders;
- our general partner determines the amount and timing of any capital expenditures and whether a capital expenditure is classified as a maintenance capital expenditure, which reduces operating surplus, or an expansion capital expenditure, which does not reduce operating surplus. This determination can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to our unitholders and to our general partner;
- our general partner determines which costs incurred by it are reimbursable by us;
- our general partner may cause us to borrow funds to permit the payment of cash distributions, even if the purpose or effect of the borrowing is to make incentive distributions;
- our partnership agreement permits us to classify up to \$20.0 million as operating surplus, even if it is generated from asset sales, non-working capital borrowings or other sources that would otherwise constitute capital surplus. This cash may be used to fund distributions to our general partner in respect of the general partner interest or the incentive distribution rights ( IDRs );
- our partnership agreement does not restrict our general partner from causing us to pay it or its affiliates for any services rendered to us or entering into additional contractual arrangements with any of these entities on our behalf;

- our general partner intends to limit its liability regarding our contractual and other obligations;
- our general partner may exercise its right to call and purchase all of the common units not owned by it and its affiliates if they own more than 80% of the common units;
- our general partner controls the enforcement of the obligations that it and its affiliates owe to us;
- our general partner decides whether to retain separate counsel, accountants or others to perform services for us; and
- our general partner may elect to cause us to issue common units to it in connection with a resetting of the target distribution levels related to our general partner's IDRs without the approval of the conflicts committee of the board of directors of our general partner or our unitholders. This election may result in lower distributions to our common unitholders in certain situations.

In addition, certain members of the NGL Energy GP Investor Group and their affiliates currently hold interests in other companies in the energy and natural resource sectors. Our partnership agreement provides that our general partner will be restricted from engaging in any business activities other than acting as our general partner and those activities incidental to its ownership interest in us. However, members of the NGL Energy GP Investor Group are not prohibited from engaging in other businesses or activities, including those that might be in direct competition with us. As a result, they could potentially compete with us for acquisition opportunities and for new business or extensions of the existing services provided by us.

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Pursuant to the terms of our partnership agreement, the doctrine of corporate opportunity, or any analogous doctrine, does not apply to our general partner or any of its affiliates, including its executive officers, directors and owners. Any such person or entity that becomes aware of a potential transaction, agreement, arrangement or other matter that may be an opportunity for us will not have any duty to communicate or offer such opportunity to us. Any such person or entity will not be liable to us or to any limited partner for breach of any fiduciary duty or other duty by reason of the fact that such person or entity pursues or acquires such opportunity for itself, directs such opportunity to another person or entity or does not communicate such opportunity or information to us. This may create actual and potential conflicts of interest between us and affiliates of our general partner and result in less than favorable treatment of us and our unitholders.

***Although we control TLP through our ownership of its general partner, TLP's general partner owes fiduciary duties to TLP's unitholders, which may conflict with our interests.***

Conflicts of interest exist and may arise in the future as a result of the relationships between us and our affiliates, on the one hand, and TLP and its limited partners, on the other hand. The directors and officers of TLP's general partner have fiduciary duties to manage TLP in a manner beneficial to us. At the same time, TLP's general partner has fiduciary duties to manage TLP in a manner beneficial to TLP and its limited partners. The board of directors of TLP's general partner will resolve any such conflict and has broad latitude to consider the interests of all parties to the conflict. The resolution of these conflicts may not always be in our best interest.

For example, conflicts of interest with TLP may arise in the following situations:

- the interpretation and enforcement of contractual obligations between us and our affiliates, on the one hand, and TLP, on the other hand;
- the determination of the amount of cash to be distributed to TLP's limited partners and the amount of cash to be reserved for the future conduct of TLP's business; and
- the determination whether to make borrowings under TLP's revolving credit facility to pay distributions to its limited partners.

***Even if our unitholders are dissatisfied, they have limited voting rights and are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors.***

Unlike the holders of common stock in a corporation, unitholders have only limited voting rights on matters affecting our business and, therefore, limited ability to influence management's decisions regarding our business. Unitholders will have no right on an annual or ongoing basis to elect our general partner or its board of directors. The board of directors of our general partner is chosen entirely by its members and not by our unitholders. Unlike publicly traded corporations, we will not conduct annual meetings of our unitholders to elect directors or conduct other matters routinely conducted at annual meetings of stockholders of corporations. Furthermore, if our unitholders are dissatisfied with the performance of our general partner, they will have limited ability to remove our general partner. As a result of these limitations, the price at which the common units will trade could be diminished because of the absence or reduction of a takeover premium in the trading price. Our

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partnership agreement also contains provisions limiting the ability of unitholders to call meetings or to acquire information about our operations, as well as other provisions limiting our unitholders' ability to influence the manner or direction of management.

***Our partnership agreement restricts the voting rights of unitholders owning 20% or more of our common units.***

Unitholders' voting rights are further restricted by a provision of our partnership agreement providing that any units held by a person that owns 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, other than our general partner, its affiliates, their direct transferees and their indirect transferees approved by our general partner (which approval may be granted in its sole discretion) and persons who acquired such units with the prior approval of our general partner, cannot vote on any matter.

***Our general partner interest or the control of our general partner may be transferred to a third party without the consent of our unitholders.***

Our general partner may transfer its general partner interest to a third party in a merger or in a sale of all or substantially all of its assets without the consent of our unitholders. Furthermore, our partnership agreement does not restrict the ability of the members of the NGL Energy GP Investor Group to transfer all or a portion of their ownership interest in our general partner to a third party. The new owner of our general partner would then be in a position to replace the board of directors and officers of our general partner with its own designees and thereby exert significant control over the decisions made by the board of directors and officers.

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***The IDRs of our general partner may be transferred to a third party.***

Prior to the first day of the first quarter beginning after the 10th anniversary of the closing date of our IPO, a transfer of IDRs by our general partner requires (except in certain limited circumstances) the consent of a majority of our outstanding common units (excluding common units held by our general partner and its affiliates). However, after the expiration of this period, our general partner may transfer its IDRs to a third party at any time without the consent of our unitholders. If our general partner transfers its IDRs to a third party but retains its general partner interest, our general partner may not have the same incentive to grow our partnership and increase quarterly distributions to unitholders over time as it would if it had retained ownership of its IDRs.

***Our general partner has a limited call right that may require our unitholders to sell their common units at an undesirable time or price.***

If at any time our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the common units, our general partner will have the right, which it may assign to any of its affiliates or to us, but not the obligation, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the common units held by unaffiliated persons at a price that is not less than their then-current market price, as calculated pursuant to the terms of our partnership agreement. As a result, our unitholders may be required to sell their common units at an undesirable time or price and may not receive any return or may receive a negative return on their investment. Our unitholders may also incur a tax liability upon a sale of their units.

***Cost reimbursements to our general partner may be substantial and could reduce our cash available to make quarterly distributions to our unitholders.***

Prior to making any distribution on the common units, we will reimburse our general partner and its affiliates for all expenses they incur on our behalf, which will be determined by our general partner in its sole discretion in accordance with the terms of our partnership agreement. In determining the costs and expenses allocable to us, our general partner is subject to its fiduciary duty, as modified by our partnership agreement, to the limited partners, which requires it to act in good faith. These expenses will include all costs incurred by our general partner and its affiliates in managing and operating us. We are managed and operated by executive officers and directors of our general partner. The reimbursement of expenses and payment of fees, if any, to our general partner and its affiliates, will reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to our unitholders.

***Our partnership agreement requires that we distribute all of our available cash, which could limit our ability to grow and make acquisitions.***

We expect that we will distribute all of our available cash to our unitholders and will rely primarily on external financing sources, including commercial bank borrowings and the issuance of debt and equity securities, as well as reserves we have established to fund our acquisitions and expansion capital expenditures. As a result, to the extent we are unable to finance growth externally, our cash distribution policy will significantly impair our ability to grow.

In addition, because we distribute all of our available cash, our growth may not be as fast as that of businesses that reinvest their available cash to expand ongoing operations. To the extent we issue additional units in connection with any acquisitions or expansion capital expenditures, the

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payment of distributions on those additional units may increase the risk that we will be unable to maintain or increase our per unit distribution level. There are no limitations in our partnership agreement or the agreements governing our indebtedness on our ability to issue additional units, including units ranking senior to the common units. The incurrence of additional commercial borrowings or other debt to finance our growth strategy would result in increased interest expense, which, in turn, may impact the available cash that we have to distribute to our unitholders.

*We may issue additional units without the approval of our unitholders, which would dilute the interests of existing unitholders.*

Our partnership agreement does not limit the number of additional limited partner interests that we may issue at any time without the approval of our unitholders. Our issuance of additional common units or other equity securities of equal or senior rank will have the following effects:

- our existing unitholders' proportionate ownership interest in us will decrease;
- the amount of available cash for distribution on each unit may decrease;
- the ratio of taxable income to distributions may increase;

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- the relative voting strength of each previously outstanding unit may be diminished; and
- the market price of the common units may decline.

***Our general partner, without the approval of our unitholders, may elect to cause us to issue common units while also maintaining its general partner interest in connection with a resetting of the target distribution levels related to its IDRs. This could result in lower distributions to our unitholders.***

Our general partner has the right to reset the initial target distribution levels at higher levels based on our distributions at the time of the exercise of the reset election. Following a reset election by our general partner, the minimum quarterly distribution will be adjusted to equal the reset minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels will be reset to correspondingly higher levels based on percentage increases above the reset minimum quarterly distribution.

If our general partner elects to reset the target distribution levels, it will be entitled to receive a number of common units. The number of common units to be issued to our general partner will be equal to that number of common units that would have entitled their holder to an average aggregate quarterly cash distribution in the prior two quarters equal to the average of the distributions to our general partner on the IDRs in the prior two quarters. We anticipate that our general partner would exercise this reset right to facilitate acquisitions or internal growth projects that would not be sufficiently accretive to cash distributions per common unit without such conversion. It is possible, however, that our general partner could exercise this reset election at a time when it is experiencing, or expects to experience, declines in the cash distributions it receives related to its IDRs and may, therefore, desire to be issued common units rather than retain the right to receive distributions on its IDRs based on the initial target distribution levels. As a result, a reset election may cause our common unitholders to experience a reduction in the amount of cash distributions that our common unitholders would have otherwise received had we not issued new common units and general partner interests to our general partner in connection with resetting the target distribution levels.

***Our unitholders' liability may not be limited if a court finds that unitholder action constitutes control of our business.***

A general partner of a partnership generally has unlimited liability for the obligations of the partnership, except for those contractual obligations of the partnership that are expressly made without recourse to the general partner. Our partnership is organized under Delaware law, and we conduct business in a number of other states. The limitations on the liability of holders of limited partner interests for the obligations of a limited partnership have not been clearly established in some of the other states in which we do business. You could be liable for any and all of our obligations as if you were a general partner if a court or government agency were to determine that:

- we were conducting business in a state but had not complied with that particular state's partnership statute; or
- a unitholder's right to act with other unitholders to remove or replace our general partner, to approve some amendments to our partnership agreement or to take other actions under our partnership agreement constitute control of our business.

*Our unitholders may have liability to repay distributions that were wrongfully distributed to them.*

Under certain circumstances, unitholders may have to repay amounts wrongfully returned or distributed to them. Under Section 17-607 of the Delaware LP Act, we may not make a distribution to you if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets. Delaware law provides that for a period of three years from the date of an impermissible distribution, limited partners who received the distribution and who knew at the time of the distribution that it violated Delaware law will be liable to the limited partnership for the distribution amount. Substituted limited partners are liable both for the obligations of the assignor to make contributions to the partnership that were known to the substituted limited partner at the time it became a limited partner and for those obligations that were unknown if the liabilities could have been determined from the partnership agreement. Neither liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests nor liabilities that are non-recourse to the partnership are counted for purposes of determining whether a distribution is permitted. For the purpose of determining the fair value of the assets of a limited partnership, the Delaware LP Act provides that the fair value of property subject to liability for which recourse of creditors is limited shall be included in the assets of the limited partnership only to the extent that the fair value of that property exceeds the nonrecourse liability.

#### **Tax Risks to Common Unitholders**

*Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. We could lose our status as a partnership for a number of reasons, including not having enough qualifying income. If the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS )*



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***were to treat us as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, our cash available for distribution to our unitholders would be substantially reduced.***

The anticipated after-tax economic benefit of an investment in our common units depends largely on our being treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. We have not requested, and do not plan to request, a ruling from the IRS with respect to our treatment as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

Despite the fact that we are a limited partnership under Delaware law, a publicly traded partnership such as us will be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes unless, for each taxable year, 90% or more of its gross income is qualifying income under Section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Internal Revenue Code). Qualifying income includes income and gains derived from the exploration, development, production, processing, transportation, storage and marketing of natural gas, natural gas products, and crude oil or other passive types of income such as certain interest and dividends and gains from the sale or other disposition of capital assets held for the production of income that otherwise constitutes qualifying income. Although we do not believe based upon our current operations that we are treated as a corporation, we could be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject to taxation as an entity if our gross income is not properly classified as qualifying income, there is a change in our business or there is a change in current law.

If we were treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, we would pay federal income tax on our taxable income at the corporate tax rate, which is currently a maximum of 35%, and would pay state income tax at varying rates. Distributions to our unitholders would generally be taxed again as corporate dividends (to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits), and no income, gains, losses or deductions would flow through to our unitholders. Because a tax would be imposed upon us as a corporation, our cash available for distribution to our unitholders would be substantially reduced. Therefore, treatment of us as a corporation would result in a material reduction in the anticipated cash flow and after-tax return to our unitholders, likely causing a substantial reduction in the value of our common units.

Our partnership agreement provides that if a law is enacted or existing law is modified or interpreted in a manner that subjects us to taxation as a corporation or otherwise subjects us to entity-level taxation for federal income tax purposes, the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution amounts may be adjusted to reflect the impact of that law on us.

***If we were subjected to a material amount of additional entity-level taxation by individual states, it would reduce our cash available for distribution to our unitholders.***

Changes in current state law may subject us to additional entity-level taxation by individual states. Because of widespread state budget deficits and other reasons, several states are evaluating ways to subject partnerships to entity-level taxation through the imposition of state income, franchise and other forms of taxation. Imposition of any such taxes may substantially reduce the cash available for distribution to our unitholders. Our partnership agreement provides that, if a law is enacted or existing law is modified or interpreted in a manner that subjects us to entity-level taxation, the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution amounts may be adjusted to reflect the impact of that law on us.

***The tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships or an investment in our common units could be subject to potential legislative, judicial or administrative changes and differing interpretations, possibly on a retroactive basis.***

The present income tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships, including us, or an investment in our common units may be modified by administrative, legislative or judicial interpretation at any time. For example, from time to time, members of the United States Congress propose and consider substantive changes to the existing United States federal income tax laws that affect the tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships. Members of Congress have recently proposed substantive changes to the existing United States tax laws that would affect certain publicly traded partnerships, if such proposals are enacted into law. The Obama administration's budget proposal for fiscal year 2016 recommends that certain publicly traded partnerships earning income from activities related to fossil fuels be taxed as corporations beginning in 2021. If successful, the Obama administration's proposal, or other similar proposals, could eliminate the qualifying income exception to the treatment of all publicly traded partnerships as corporations, upon which we rely for our treatment as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

We are unable to predict whether any such change or other proposals will ultimately be enacted or will affect our tax treatment. Any modification to the income tax laws and interpretations thereof may or may not be applied retroactively and could, among other things, cause us to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to entity-level taxation. Moreover, such modifications and change in interpretations may affect or cause us to change our business activities, affect the tax considerations of an investment in us, change the character or treatment of portions of our income and adversely affect an investment in our common units. Although we are unable to predict whether any of these changes, or other proposals, will ultimately be enacted, any such changes could negatively impact the value of an investment in our common units.

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***If the IRS contests the federal income tax positions we take, the market for our common units may be adversely impacted and the cost of any IRS contest will reduce our cash available for distribution to our unitholders.***

We have not requested a ruling from the IRS with respect to our treatment as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. The IRS may adopt positions that differ from the positions we take. It may be necessary to resort to administrative or court proceedings to sustain some or all of the positions we take and such positions may not ultimately be sustained. A court may not agree with some or all of the positions we take. Any contest with the IRS may materially and adversely impact the market for our common units and the price at which they trade. In addition, our costs of any contest with the IRS will be borne indirectly by our unitholders and our general partner because the costs will reduce our cash available for distribution.

***Our unitholders will be required to pay taxes on their share of our income even if they do not receive any cash distributions from us.***

Because we expect to be treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes, our unitholders will be treated as partners to whom we will allocate taxable income that could be different in amount than the cash we distribute, our unitholders will be required to pay any federal income taxes and, in some cases, state and local income taxes on their share of our taxable income even if they receive no cash distributions from us. Our unitholders may not receive cash distributions from us equal to their share of our taxable income or even equal to the actual tax liability that results from that income.

***Tax gain or loss on the disposition of our common units could be more or less than expected.***

If unitholders sell their common units, they will recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and their tax basis in those common units. Because distributions in excess of the unitholder's allocable share of our net taxable income decrease the unitholder's tax basis in their common units, the amount, if any, of such prior excess distributions with respect to the units the unitholder sells will, in effect, become taxable income to the unitholder if they sell such units at a price greater than their tax basis in those units, even if the price they receive is less than their original cost. Furthermore, a substantial portion of the amount realized on any sale of common units, whether or not representing gain, may be taxed as ordinary income due to potential recapture items, including depreciation recapture. In addition, because the amount realized includes a unitholder's share of our nonrecourse liabilities, if a unitholder sell units, they may incur a tax liability in excess of the amount of cash they receive from the sale.

***Tax exempt entities and non-United States persons face unique tax issues from owning our common units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.***

Investment in common units by tax exempt entities, such as employee benefit plans, individual retirement accounts ( IRAs ), Keogh plans and other retirement plans and non-United States persons raises issues unique to them. For example, virtually all of our income allocated to organizations that are exempt from federal income tax, including IRAs and other retirement plans, will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to them. Distributions to non-United States persons will be reduced by withholding taxes at the highest applicable effective tax rate, and non-United States persons will be required to file United States federal income tax returns and pay tax on their share of our taxable income. If you are a tax exempt entity or a non-United States person, you should consult your tax advisor before investing in our common units.

***We treat each purchaser of common units as having the same tax benefits without regard to the actual common units purchased. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of the common units.***

Because we cannot match transferors and transferees of common units and because of other reasons, we have adopted depreciation and amortization positions that may not conform to all aspects of existing Treasury Regulations. Any position we take that is inconsistent with applicable Treasury Regulations may have to be disclosed on our federal income tax return. This disclosure increases the likelihood that the IRS will challenge our positions and propose adjustments to some or all of our unitholders. A successful IRS challenge to those positions could adversely affect the amount of tax benefits available to our unitholders. It also could affect the timing of these tax benefits or the amount of gain from the sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of our common units or result in audit adjustments to tax returns of unitholders.

***We have subsidiaries that are treated as corporations for federal income tax purposes and subject to corporate level income taxes.***

We conduct a portion of our operations through subsidiaries that are corporations for federal income tax purposes. We may elect to conduct additional operations in corporate form in the future. Our corporate subsidiaries will be subject to corporate level tax, which will reduce the cash available for distribution to us and, in turn, to our unitholders. If the IRS or other state or local jurisdictions

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were to successfully assert that our corporate subsidiaries have more tax liability than we anticipate or legislation was enacted that increased the corporate tax rate, our cash available for distribution to our unitholders would be further reduced.

***We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction for United States federal income tax purposes between transferors and transferees of our units each month based on the ownership of our units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders.***

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our units each month based on the ownership of our units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. The use of this proration method may not be permitted under existing Treasury Regulations. The United States Treasury Department, however, has issued proposed Treasury Regulations that provide a safe harbor pursuant to which publicly traded partnerships may use a similar monthly simplifying convention to allocate tax items among transferor and transferee unitholders. Nonetheless, the proposed regulations do not specifically authorize the use of the proration method we have adopted. Therefore, the use of this proration method may not be permitted under existing Treasury Regulations. If the IRS were to challenge our proration method or new Treasury Regulations were issued, we may be required to change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders.

***A unitholder whose units are loaned to a short seller to affect a short sale of units may be considered as having disposed of those common units. If so, such unitholder would no longer be treated for federal income tax purposes as a partner with respect to those common units during the period of the loan and may recognize gain or loss from the disposition.***

Because a unitholder whose units are loaned to a short seller to effect a short sale of units may be considered as having disposed of the loaned units, the unitholder may no longer be treated for tax purposes as a partner with respect to those units during the period of the loan to the short seller and the unitholder may recognize gain or loss from such disposition. Moreover, during the period of the loan to the short seller, any of our income, gain, loss or deduction with respect to those units may not be reportable by the unitholder and any cash distributions received by the unitholder as to those units could be fully taxable as ordinary income. Unitholders desiring to assure their status as partners and avoid the risk of gain recognition from a loan to a short seller are urged to consult a tax advisor to discuss whether it is advisable to modify any applicable brokerage account agreements to prohibit their brokers from borrowing their units.

***We have adopted certain valuation methodologies and monthly conventions for United States federal income tax purposes that may result in a shift of income, gain, loss and deduction between our general partner and our unitholders. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of our common units.***

When we issue additional units or engage in certain other transactions, we will determine the fair market value of our assets and allocate any unrealized gain or loss attributable to our assets to the capital accounts of our unitholders and our general partner. Our methodology may be viewed as understating the value of our assets. In that case, there may be a shift of income, gain, loss and deduction between certain unitholders and the general partner, which may be unfavorable to such unitholders. Moreover, under our current valuation methods, subsequent purchasers of common units may have a greater portion of their Internal Revenue Code Section 743(b) adjustment allocated to our tangible assets and a lesser portion allocated to our intangible assets. The IRS may challenge our valuation methods, or our allocation of the Internal Revenue Code Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to our tangible and intangible assets, and allocations of taxable income, gain, loss and deduction between the general partner and certain of our unitholders.

A successful IRS challenge to these methods or allocations could adversely affect the amount of taxable income or loss being allocated to our unitholders. It also could affect the amount of taxable gain from our unitholders' sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of the common units or result in audit adjustments to our unitholders' tax returns without the benefit of additional deductions.

***The sale or exchange of 50% or more of our capital and profits interests during any twelve-month period will result in the termination of our partnership for federal income tax purposes.***

We will be considered to have technically terminated for federal income tax purposes if there is a sale or exchange of 50% or more of the total interests in our capital and profits within a twelve-month period. For purposes of determining whether the 50% threshold has been met, multiple sales of the same unit will be counted only once. While we would continue our existence as a Delaware limited partnership, our technical termination would, among other things, result in the closing of our taxable year for all unitholders, which would result in us filing two tax returns (and our unitholders could receive two Schedules K-1 if relief was not available, as described below) for one fiscal year and could result in a significant deferral of depreciation deductions allowable in

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computing our taxable income. In the case of a unitholder reporting on a taxable year other than a fiscal year ending December 31, the closing of our taxable year may also result in more than twelve months of our taxable income or loss being includable in his taxable income for the year of termination. A technical termination currently would not affect our classification as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, but instead, we would be treated as a new partnership for tax purposes. If treated as a new partnership, we must make new tax elections and could be subject to penalties for failure to file a timely return if we are unable to determine that a technical termination occurred. The IRS has announced a relief procedure whereby if a publicly traded partnership that has technically terminated requests and the IRS grants special relief, among other things, the partnership will be required to provide only a single Schedule K-1 to unitholders for the tax years in which the termination occurs.

*There are limits on the deductibility of our losses that may adversely affect our unitholders.*

There are a number of limitations that may prevent unitholders from using their allocable share of our losses as a deduction against unrelated income. In cases where our unitholders are subject to the passive loss rules (generally, individuals and closely held corporations), any losses generated by us will only be available to offset our future income and cannot be used to offset income from other activities, including other passive activities or investments. Unused losses may be deducted when the unitholder disposes of its entire investment in us in a fully taxable transaction with an unrelated party. A unitholder's share of our net passive income may be offset by unused losses from us carried over from prior years but not by losses from other passive activities, including losses from other publicly traded partnerships. Other limitations that may further restrict the deductibility of our losses by a unitholder include the at-risk rules and the prohibition against loss allocations in excess of the unitholder's tax basis in its units.

*Purchasers of our common units may become subject to state and local taxes and return filing requirements in jurisdictions where we operate or own or acquire properties.*

In addition to federal income taxes, holders of our common units are subject to other taxes, including foreign, state and local income taxes, unincorporated business taxes and estate, inheritance or intangible taxes that are imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we conduct business or own or control property now or in the future. Holders of our common units are required to file foreign, state and local income tax returns and pay state and local income taxes in some or all of these various jurisdictions and may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. We own assets and conduct business in a number of states, most of which impose a personal income tax on individuals. Most of these states also impose an income tax on corporations and other entities. As we make acquisitions or expand our business, we may own or control assets or conduct business in additional states that impose a personal income tax.

**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

**Item 2. Properties**

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*Overview.* We believe that we have satisfactory title or valid rights to use all of our material properties. Although some of these properties are subject to liabilities and leases, liens for taxes not yet due and payable, encumbrances securing payment obligations under non-compete agreements entered into in connection with acquisitions and other encumbrances, easements and restrictions, we do not believe that any of these burdens will materially interfere with our continued use of these properties in our business, taken as a whole. Our obligations under our credit facilities are secured by liens and mortgages on substantially all of our real and personal property.

Other than as described below, we believe that we have all required material approvals, authorizations, orders, licenses, permits, franchises and consents of, and have obtained or made all required material registrations, qualifications and filings with, the various state and local governmental and regulatory authorities that relate to ownership of our properties or the operations of our business.

One of our facilities acquired in the High Sierra merger is operating with all but one of the required permits, as the State of Wyoming has not yet developed a process for issuing permits of this type. We believe that the permit will ultimately be granted, but we are unable to determine the timing of any action by the State of Wyoming.

Our corporate headquarters are in Tulsa, Oklahoma and are leased. We also lease corporate offices in Denver, Colorado.

For additional information regarding our properties and the reportable segments in which they are used, see Part I, Item 1 Business.



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**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

We are involved from time to time in various legal proceedings and claims arising in the ordinary course of business. For information related to legal proceedings, please see the discussion under the captions Legal Contingencies, Customer Dispute, and Contractual Disputes in Note 10 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report, which information is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

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Our common units are listed on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) under the symbol NGL. Our common units began trading on the NYSE on May 12, 2011. Prior to May 12, 2011, our common units were not listed on any exchange or traded in any public market. At May 25, 2015, there were approximately 300 common unitholders of record which does not include unitholders for whom common units may be held in street name.

The following table summarizes, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices per common unit, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions tape, and the amount of cash distributions paid per common unit.

|                  | High | Price Range | Low | Cash Distribution |
|------------------|------|-------------|-----|-------------------|
| 2015 Fiscal Year |      |             |     |                   |
| Fourth Quarter   | \$   | 31.70       | \$  | 24.88 \$ 0.6175   |
| Third Quarter    |      | 40.58       |     | 22.57 0.6088      |
| Second Quarter   |      | 44.86       |     | 39.13 0.5888      |
| First Quarter    |      | 46.25       |     | 37.08 0.5513      |
| 2014 Fiscal Year |      |             |     |                   |
| Fourth Quarter   | \$   | 38.14       | \$  | 33.33 \$ 0.5313   |
| Third Quarter    |      | 35.10       |     | 30.10 0.5113      |
| Second Quarter   |      | 33.90       |     | 27.75 0.4938      |
| First Quarter    |      | 30.69       |     | 26.08 0.4775      |

**Cash Distribution Policy****Available Cash**

Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement) to unitholders as of the record date. Available cash for any quarter generally consists of all cash on hand at the end of that quarter, less the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner, to (i) provide for the proper conduct of our business, (ii) comply with applicable law, any of our debt instruments or other agreements, and (iii) provide funds for distributions to our unitholders and to our general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters. TLP's partnership agreement also requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, it distribute all of its available cash (as defined in its partnership agreement) to its unitholders as of the record date.

***Minimum Quarterly Distribution***

Our partnership agreement provided that, during the subordination period, the common units were entitled to distributions of available cash each quarter in an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution, which was \$0.3375 per common unit, plus any arrearages in the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units from prior quarters, before any distributions of available cash were permitted on the subordinated units. Arrearages did not apply to and therefore were not paid on the subordinated units. The effect of the subordinated units was to increase the likelihood that, during the subordination period, available cash was sufficient to fully fund cash distributions on the common units in an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution. The subordination period ended in August 2014, at which time all outstanding subordinated units were converted into common units on a one-for-one basis.

***General Partner Interest***

Our general partner is entitled to 0.1% of all quarterly distributions that we make prior to our liquidation. Our general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 0.1% general partner interest. Our general partner's interest in our distributions may be reduced if we issue additional limited partner units in the future (other than the issuance of common units upon conversion of outstanding subordinated units or the issuance of common units upon a reset of the IDRs) and our general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 0.1% general partner interest.

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***Incentive Distribution Rights***

Our general partner also currently holds IDRs which represent a variable interest in our distributions. IDRs entitle our general partner to receive increasing percentages, up to a maximum of 48.1%, of the cash we distribute from operating surplus (as defined in our partnership agreement) in excess of \$0.388125 per unit per quarter. The maximum distribution of 48.1% includes distributions paid to our general partner on its 0.1% general partner interest and assumes that our general partner maintains its general partner interest at 0.1%. The maximum distribution of 48.1% does not include any distributions that our general partner may receive on common units that it owns.

***Restrictions on the Payment of Distributions***

As described in Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report, our Credit Agreement contains covenants limiting our ability to pay distributions if we are in default under the Credit Agreement and to pay distributions that are in excess of available cash, as defined in the Credit Agreement.

***Sales of Unregistered Securities***

During the year ended March 31, 2015, we completed three acquisitions in which we issued unregistered common units as partial consideration. All of these units were issued in reliance upon the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ( Securities Act ), as the units were issued to the owners of businesses acquired in privately negotiated transactions not involving any public offering or solicitation. During January 2015, we issued 132,100 common units to the sellers of a retail propane business. During February 2015, we issued 7,396,973 common units to the sellers of a natural gas liquids storage business. During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2015, we issued 1,322,032 common units to the sellers of three water treatment and disposal facilities.

In July 2014, we issued \$400.0 million of 5.125% Senior Notes Due 2019 in a private placement exempt from registration under the Securities Act pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act. We received net proceeds of \$393.5 million, after the initial purchasers discount of \$6.0 million and offering costs of \$0.5 million.

***Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans***

In connection with the completion of our IPO, our general partner adopted the NGL Energy Partners LP Long-Term Incentive Plan. Please see Part III, Item 12 Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Unitholder Matters Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plan which is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.

**Item 6. Selected Financial Data**

We were formed on September 8, 2010, but had no operations through September 30, 2010. In October 2010, we acquired the wholesale propane and terminaling business of NGL Supply, which refers to NGL Supply, Inc. for periods prior to our formation and refers to NGL Supply, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of NGL Energy Operating LLC, for periods after our formation, and the retail propane business of Hicksgas, which refers to the combined assets and operations of Hicksgas Gifford, Inc. ( "Gifford" ), and Hicksgas, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of NGL Energy Operating LLC ( "Hicks LLC" ). We do not have our own historical financial statements for periods prior to our formation. The following table shows selected historical financial and operating data for NGL Energy Partners LP and NGL Supply (the deemed acquirer for accounting purposes in our formation) for the periods and as of the dates indicated. The financial statements of NGL Supply became our historical financial statements for all periods prior to October 1, 2010. The following table should be read in conjunction with Part I, Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the financial statements and related notes included in this Annual Report.

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The selected consolidated historical financial data (excluding volume information) at March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 and for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2015 are derived from our audited historical consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report. The selected consolidated historical financial data (excluding volume information) at March 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the six months ended March 31, 2011 are derived from our financial records. The selected consolidated historical financial data (excluding volume information) at September 30, 2010 and for the six months then ended are derived from the financial records of NGL Supply.

|  | NGL Energy Partners LP |                      |              |              | Six Months Ended | NGL Supply, Inc. |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | 2015                   | Year Ended March 31, | 2013         | 2012         | March 31,        | Six Months Ended |
|  |                        | 2014                 |              |              | 2011             | September 30,    |
|  |                        |                      |              |              |                  | 2010             |
| (in thousands, except per unit and per share data)                                   |                        |                      |              |              |                  |                  |
| <b>Income Statement Data (1)</b>   |                        |                      |              |              |                  |                  |
| Total revenues   | \$ 16,802,057          | \$ 9,699,274         | \$ 4,417,767 | \$ 1,310,473 | \$ 622,232       | \$ 316,943       |
| Total cost of sales  | 15,958,207             | 9,132,699            | 4,039,110    | 1,217,023    | 583,032          | 310,908          |
| Operating income (loss)  | 87,111                 | 106,565              | 87,307       | 15,030       | 14,837           | (3,795)          |
| Interest expense   | 110,123                | 58,854               | 32,994       | 7,620        | 2,482            | 372              |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt   |                        |                      | 5,769        |              |                  |                  |
| Net income (loss) attributable to parent equity                                      | 16,661                 | 47,655               | 47,940       | 7,876        | 12,679           | (2,515)          |
| Basic and diluted income (loss) per common unit                                      | (0.29)                 | 0.51                 | 0.96         | 0.32         | 1.16             |                  |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share  |                        |                      |              |              |                  | (128.46)         |
| <b>Cash Flows Data (1)</b>   |                        |                      |              |              |                  |                  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities                                  | \$ 262,394             | \$ 85,236            | \$ 132,634   | \$ 90,329    | \$ 34,009        | \$ (30,749)      |
| Cash distributions paid per common unit (subsequent to IPO)                          | 2.37                   | 2.01                 | 1.69         | 0.85         |                  |                  |
| Cash distributions paid per common unit (prior to IPO)                               |                        |                      |              | 0.35         |                  |                  |
| Cash distributions paid per common share   |                        |                      |              |              |                  | 357.09           |
| Capital expenditures:  |                        |                      |              |              |                  |                  |
| Purchases of long-lived assets   | 203,760                | 165,148              | 72,475       | 7,544        | 1,440            | 280              |
| Purchases of pipeline capacity allocations   | 24,218                 |                      |              |              |                  |                  |
| Purchase of equity interest in Grand Mesa Pipeline                                   | 310,000                |                      |              |              |                  |                  |
| Acquisitions of businesses, including acquired working capital, net of cash acquired | 960,922                | 1,268,810            | 490,805      | 297,401      | 17,400           | 123              |
| <b>Balance Sheet Data - Period End (1)(2)</b>  |                        |                      |              |              |                  |                  |
| Total assets   | \$ 6,547,501           | \$ 4,147,631         | \$ 2,291,618 | \$ 749,519   | \$ 163,833       | \$ 148,596       |
| Total long-term obligations, exclusive of current maturities                         | 2,761,385              | 1,640,894            | 742,641      | 199,389      | 65,936           | 18,940           |
| Total equity   | 2,673,120              | 1,531,853            | 889,418      | 405,329      | 47,353           | 36,811           |
| <b>Volume Information (1)</b>  |                        |                      |              |              |                  |                  |
| Retail propane and distillates sold (gallons)  | 204,141                | 197,326              | 173,232      | 79,886       | 34,932           | 3,747            |
|  | 1,285,707              | 1,190,106            | 912,625      | 659,921      | 372,504          | 226,330          |

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Wholesale propane sold  
(gallons) (3)

|  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Wholesale other products sold<br>(gallons) | 825,514 | 786,671 | 505,529 | 134,999 | 49,465 | 46,092 |
| Crude oil sold (barrels)                   | 83,864  | 46,107  | 24,373  |         |        |        |
| Water delivered (barrels)                  | 139,569 | 62,774  | 25,009  |         |        |        |
| Refined products sold<br>(barrels)         | 68,043  | 9,833   |         |         |        |        |

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- (1) The acquisitions of businesses affect the comparability of this information.
- (2) Certain balance sheet data at March 31, 2014 was adjusted to reflect the final acquisition accounting for certain business combinations (see Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report).
- (3) Includes intercompany volumes sold to our retail propane segment.

**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

**Overview**

We are a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership") formed in September 2010. NGL Energy Holdings LLC serves as our general partner. On May 17, 2011, we completed our initial public offering ("IPO"). Subsequent to our IPO, we significantly expanded our operations through numerous acquisitions, as described under Part I, Item 1 "Business Acquisitions." At March 31, 2015, our operations include:

- Our crude oil logistics segment, the assets of which include owned and leased crude oil storage terminals, owned and leased pipeline injection stations, a fleet of owned trucks and trailers, a fleet of owned and leased railcars, a fleet of owned and leased barges and towboats, and a 50% interest in a crude oil pipeline. Our crude oil logistics segment purchases crude oil from producers and transports it for resale at owned and leased pipeline injection stations, storage terminals, barge loading facilities, rail facilities, refineries, and other trade hubs.
- Our water solutions segment, the assets of which include water treatment and disposal facilities. Our water solutions segment generates revenues from the treatment and disposal of wastewater generated from crude oil and natural gas production, from the sale of recycled water and recovered hydrocarbons, and from the disposal of solids such as tank bottoms and drilling fluids.
- Our liquids segment, which supplies natural gas liquids to retailers, wholesalers, refiners, and petrochemical plants throughout the United States and in Canada, and which provides natural gas liquids terminaling services through its 21 owned terminals throughout the United States and railcar transportation services through its fleet of leased railcars. Our liquids segment purchases propane, butane, and other products from refiners, processing plants, producers, and other parties, and sells the products to retailers, refiners, petrochemical plants, and other participants in the wholesale markets.
- Our retail propane segment, which sells propane, distillates, and equipment and supplies to end users consisting of residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial customers and to certain resellers in 25 states and the District of Columbia.



- Our refined products and renewables segment, which conducts gasoline, diesel, ethanol, and biodiesel marketing operations. We also own the 2.0% general partner interest and a 19.6% limited partner interest in TransMontaigne Partners L.P. ( TLP ), which conducts refined products terminaling operations. TLP also owns a 42.5% interest in Battleground Oil Specialty Terminal Company LLC ( BOSTCO ) and a 50% interest in Frontera Brownsville LLC, which are entities that own refined products storage facilities.

### ***Crude Oil Logistics***

Our crude oil logistics segment purchases crude oil from producers and transports it for resale at owned and leased pipeline injection stations, storage terminals, barge loading facilities, rail facilities, refineries, and other trade hubs. We attempt to reduce our exposure to price fluctuations by using back-to-back contracts whenever possible. In addition, we enter into forward contracts, financial swaps, and commodity spread trades as economic hedges of our physical forward sales and purchase contracts with our customers and suppliers.

Most of our contracts to purchase or sell crude oil are at floating prices that are indexed to published rates in active markets such as Cushing, Oklahoma. We seek to manage price risk by entering into purchase and sale contracts of similar volumes based on similar indexes and by hedging exposure due to fluctuations in actual volumes and scheduled volumes. We utilize our transportation assets to move crude oil from the wellhead to the highest value market. Spreads between crude oil prices in different markets can fluctuate, which may expand or limit our opportunity to generate margins by transporting crude oil to different markets. We also seek to maximize margins by blending crude oil of varying properties.

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The range of low and high spot crude oil prices per barrel of NYMEX West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil at Cushing, Oklahoma and the prices at period end were as follows:

| Year Ended March 31, | Spot Price Per Barrel |           |               |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|
|                      | Low                   | High      | At Period End |
| 2015                 | \$ 43.46              | \$ 107.26 | \$ 47.60      |
| 2014                 | 86.68                 | 110.53    | 101.58        |
| 2013                 | 77.69                 | 106.16    | 97.23         |

We believe volatility in commodity prices will continue, and our ability to adjust to and manage this volatility may impact our financial results.

### ***Water Solutions***

Our water solutions segment generates revenues from the treatment and disposal of wastewater generated from crude oil and natural gas production, from the sale of recycled water and recovered hydrocarbons, and from the disposal of solids such as tank bottoms and drilling fluids. Our water processing facilities are strategically located near areas of high crude oil and natural gas production. A significant factor affecting the profitability of our water solutions segment is the extent of exploration and production in the areas near our facilities, which is based upon producers' expectations about the profitability of drilling new wells. The primary customers of our facility in Wyoming have committed to deliver a specified minimum volume of water to our facility under long-term contracts. The primary customers of our facilities in the Colorado have committed to deliver to our facilities all wastewater produced at wells in a designated area. One customer in Texas has committed to deliver at least 50,000 barrels of wastewater per day to our facilities. Most of the customers at our other facilities are not under volume commitments.

### ***Liquids***

Our liquids segment purchases propane, butane, and other products from refiners, processing plants, producers, and other parties, and sells the products to retailers, refiners, petrochemical plants, and other participants in the wholesale markets. Our liquids segment owns 21 terminals, operates a fleet of leased railcars, and leases underground storage capacity. We attempt to reduce our exposure to the impact of price fluctuations by using back-to-back contracts and pre-sale agreements that allow us to lock in a margin on a percentage of our winter volumes. We also attempt to reduce our exposure to the impact of price fluctuations by entering into swap agreements whereby we agree to pay a floating rate and receive a fixed rate on a specified notional amount of product. We enter into these agreements as economic hedges against the potential decline in the value of a portion of our inventory.

Our wholesale business is a cost-plus business that can be affected both by price fluctuations and volume variations. We establish our selling price based on a pass-through of our product supply, transportation, handling, storage, and capital costs plus an acceptable margin. The margins we realize in our wholesale business are substantially less on a per gallon basis than in our retail propane business.

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Weather conditions and gasoline blending can have a significant impact on the demand for propane and butane, and sales volumes and prices are typically higher during the colder months of the year. Consequently, our revenues, operating profits, and operating cash flows are typically lower in the first and second quarters of each fiscal year.

The range of low and high spot propane prices per gallon at Conway, Kansas, and Mt. Belvieu, Texas, two of our main pricing hubs, and the prices at period end were as follows:

| Year Ended March 31, | Conway, Kansas        |         |               | Mt. Belvieu, Texas    |         |               |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------|
|                      | Spot Price Per Gallon |         |               | Spot Price Per Gallon |         |               |
|                      | Low                   | High    | At Period End | Low                   | High    | At Period End |
| 2015                 | \$ 0.38               | \$ 1.13 | \$ 0.45       | \$ 0.45               | \$ 1.13 | \$ 0.51       |
| 2014                 | 0.77                  | 4.33    | 1.03          | 0.81                  | 1.73    | 1.06          |
| 2013                 | 0.50                  | 0.96    | 0.90          | 0.71                  | 1.22    | 0.96          |

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The range of low and high spot butane prices per gallon at Mt. Belvieu, Texas and the prices at period end were as follows:

| Year Ended March 31, | Spot Price Per Gallon |         |               |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------|--|
|                      | Low                   | High    | At Period End |  |
| 2015                 | \$ 0.60               | \$ 1.30 | \$ 0.63       |  |
| 2014                 | 1.08                  | 1.64    | 1.26          |  |
| 2013                 | 1.14                  | 1.93    | 1.45          |  |

We believe volatility in commodity prices will continue, and our ability to adjust to and manage this volatility may impact our financial results.

***Retail Propane***

Our retail propane segment is a cost-plus business that sells propane, distillates, and equipment and supplies to end users consisting of residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial customers. Our retail propane segment purchases the majority of its propane from our liquids segment. Our retail propane segment generates margins based on the difference between the wholesale cost of product and the selling price of the product in the retail markets. These margins fluctuate over time due to supply and demand conditions. Weather conditions can have a significant impact on our sales volumes and prices, as a large portion of our sales are to residential customers who purchase propane and distillates for home heating purposes.

A significant factor affecting the profitability of our retail propane segment is our ability to maintain our product margin. Product margin is the differential between our sales prices and our total product costs, including transportation and storage. Historically, we have been successful in passing on price increases to our customers. We monitor propane prices daily and adjust our retail prices to maintain expected margins by passing on the wholesale costs to our customers. Volatility in commodity prices may continue, and our ability to adjust to and manage this volatility may impact our financial results.

The retail propane business is both weather-sensitive and subject to seasonal volume variations due to propane's primary use as a heating source in residential and commercial buildings and for agricultural purposes. Consequently, our revenues, operating profits, and operating cash flows are typically lower in the first and second quarters of each fiscal year.

***Refined Products and Renewables***

Our refined products and renewables segment conducts gasoline, diesel, ethanol, and biodiesel marketing operations. Of the sales volumes of our refined products and renewables segment during the year ended March 31, 2015, approximately 93% were refined products and approximately 7% were renewables.

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We purchase refined petroleum products primarily in the Gulf Coast, East Coast, and Midwest regions of the United States and schedule them for delivery primarily on the Colonial, Plantation, and Magellan pipelines. We sell our products to commercial and industrial end users, independent retailers, distributors, marketers, government entities, and other wholesalers of refined petroleum products. We sell our products at TLP's terminals and at terminals owned by third parties.

The range of low and high spot gasoline prices per gallon using NYMEX gasoline prompt-month futures and the prices at period end were as follows:

| Year Ended March 31, | Spot Price Per Gallon |         |               |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------|--|
|                      | Low                   | High    | At Period End |  |
| 2015                 | \$ 1.27               | \$ 3.13 | \$ 1.78       |  |
| 2014 (1)             | 2.60                  | 3.02    | 2.91          |  |

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(1) Prices are for the four months ended March 31, 2014 as we acquired Gavilon, LLC ( Gavilon Energy ) on December 2, 2013.

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The range of low and high spot diesel prices per gallon using NYMEX ULSD prompt-month futures and the prices at period end were as follows:

| Year Ended March 31, | Spot Price Per Gallon |         |               |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------|--|
|                      | Low                   | High    | At Period End |  |
| 2015                 | \$ 1.62               | \$ 3.05 | \$ 1.72       |  |
| 2014 (1)             | 2.90                  | 3.28    | 2.93          |  |

(1) Prices are for the four months ended March 31, 2014 as we acquired Gavilon Energy on December 2, 2013.

**Recent Developments***Grand Mesa Pipeline, LLC*

In September 2014, we entered into a joint venture with RimRock Midstream, LLC ( "RimRock" ) whereby each party owned a 50% interest in Grand Mesa Pipeline, LLC ( "Grand Mesa" ). Grand Mesa is constructing a crude oil pipeline originating in Weld County, Colorado and terminating at our Cushing, Oklahoma terminal. In October 2014, Grand Mesa completed a successful open season in which it received the requisite support, in the form of ship-or-pay volume commitments from multiple shippers, to begin construction of a 20-inch pipeline system. In November 2014, we acquired RimRock's 50% ownership interest in Grand Mesa for \$310.0 million in cash. We anticipate that the pipeline will commence service in the second half of calendar year 2016. Rimrock Midstream, LLC's Platte River gathering system, which is currently under development, is expected to deliver volumes from multiple shippers to Grand Mesa's northern origin near Lucerne, Colorado.

**Acquisitions**

Acquisitions of businesses have had a significant impact on the comparability of our results of operations during the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013. These transactions are described under Part I, Item 1 "Business" Acquisitions.

**Consolidated Results of Operations**

The following table summarizes our consolidated statements of operations for the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013:

|  |      |                              |      |
|--|------|------------------------------|------|
|  | 2015 | Year Ended March 31,<br>2014 | 2013 |
|--|------|------------------------------|------|

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|   | (in thousands) |              |              |
|---|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total revenues  | \$ 16,802,057  | \$ 9,699,274 | \$ 4,417,767 |
| Total cost of sales                                       | 15,958,207     | 9,132,699    | 4,039,110    |
| Operating expenses  | 372,176        | 259,799      | 169,612      |
| Loss on disposal or impairment of assets, net             | 41,184         | 3,597        | 187          |
| General and administrative expense                        | 149,430        | 75,860       | 52,698       |
| Depreciation and amortization                             | 193,949        | 120,754      | 68,853       |
| Operating income  | 87,111         | 106,565      | 87,307       |
| Earnings of unconsolidated entities                       | 12,103         | 1,898        |              |
| Interest expense  | (110,123)      | (58,854)     | (32,994)     |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt                      |                |              | (5,769)      |
| Other income, net   | 37,171         | 86           | 1,521        |
| Income before income taxes                                | 26,262         | 49,695       | 50,065       |
| Income tax (provision) benefit                            | 3,622          | (937)        | (1,875)      |
| Net income  | 29,884         | 48,758       | 48,190       |
| Less: Net income allocated to general partner             | (45,679)       | (14,148)     | (2,917)      |
| Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (13,223)       | (1,103)      | (250)        |
| Net income (loss) allocated to limited partners           | \$ (29,018)    | \$ 33,507    | \$ 45,023    |

See the detailed discussion of revenues, cost of sales, operating expenses, loss on disposal or impairment of assets, net, general and administrative expense, depreciation and amortization expense and operating income by segment below. The acquisitions described under Part I, Item 1 Business

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Acquisitions have had a significant impact on the comparability of our results of operations during the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

### ***Non-GAAP Financial Measures***

The following table reconciles net income attributable to parent equity to our EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA (each as hereinafter defined), which are non-GAAP financial measures:

|   | 2015       | Year Ended March 31,<br>2014<br>(in thousands) | 2013       |
|---|------------|--|------------|
| Net income attributable to parent equity      | \$ 16,661  | \$ 47,655                                      | \$ 47,940  |
| Income tax provision (benefit)                | (3,676)    | 937  | 1,875      |
| Interest expense                              | 106,594    | 58,871   | 32,994     |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt          |            |  | 5,769      |
| Depreciation and amortization                 | 191,998    | 127,821  | 73,739     |
| EBITDA  | 311,577    | 235,284  | 162,317    |
| Net unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives  | 7,559      | (1,327)  | 5,275      |
| Lower of cost or market adjustments           | 16,806     |  |            |
| Loss on disposal or impairment of assets, net | 41,274     | 3,597  | 187        |
| Equity-based compensation expense (1)         | 42,890     | 17,804   | 10,138     |
| Adjusted EBITDA                               | \$ 420,106 | \$ 255,358                                     | \$ 177,917 |

(1) During January 2015, we reached an agreement with certain employees whereby certain bonus commitments otherwise payable in cash subsequent to our fiscal year end would instead be paid using our common units. The amounts above include \$10.1 million of compensation expense during the year ended March 31, 2015 associated with these bonuses. As a result, the amount in this table for the year ended March 31, 2015 is greater than the amount of equity-based compensation reported in Note 11 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K ( Annual Report ).

We define EBITDA as net income attributable to parent equity plus interest expense, loss on early extinguishment of debt, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization expense. We define Adjusted EBITDA as EBITDA excluding net unrealized gains or losses on derivatives, lower of cost or market adjustments, gains or losses on the disposal or impairment of assets, and equity-based compensation expense. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered alternatives to net income, income before income taxes, cash flows from operating activities, or any other measure of financial performance calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ( GAAP ) as those items are used to measure operating performance, liquidity or the ability to service debt obligations. We believe that EBITDA provides additional information to investors for evaluating our ability to make quarterly distributions to our unitholders and is presented solely as a supplemental measure. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA provides additional information to investors for evaluating our financial performance without regard to our financing methods, capital structure and historical cost basis. Further, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, as we define them, may not be comparable to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA or similarly titled measures used by other entities.

Other than for our refined products and renewables segment, for purposes of our Adjusted EBITDA calculation, we make a distinction between unrealized gains and losses on derivatives and realized gains and losses on derivatives. During the period when a derivative contract is open, we record changes in the fair value of the derivative as an unrealized gain or loss. When a derivative contract matures or is settled, we reverse the



previously recorded unrealized gain or loss and record a realized gain or loss. We do not draw such a distinction between realized and unrealized gains and losses on the derivatives of our refined products and renewables segment. The primary hedging strategy of this segment is to hedge against the risk of declines in the value of inventory over the course of the contract cycle, and most of the hedges are six months to one year in duration at inception.

A portion of the revenues of our water solutions business is generated from the sale of crude oil that we recover in the process of treating the wastewater. We have historically entered into derivative contracts to protect against the risk of declines in the value of the crude oil we expect to recover in future months. During the year ended March 31, 2015, we settled certain derivative contracts that related to crude oil we expect to recover in the months from April 2015 through September 2015 and realized a gain of

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\$17.9 million. Of this gain, \$9.4 million and \$8.5 million were attributable to derivatives with scheduled settlement dates during the quarters ending June 30, 2015 and September 30, 2015, respectively.

During the year ended March 31, 2015, we recorded \$7.4 million of expense related to legal and advisory costs associated with acquisitions and \$15.8 million of compensation expense associated with acquisitions (including certain bonuses that the previous owners of Gavilon Energy granted to employees, contingent upon the successful completion of the sale of the business, and compensation expense related to termination benefits for certain TransMontaigne Inc. ( TransMontaigne ) employees).

The following tables reconcile depreciation and amortization amounts per the EBITDA table above to depreciation and amortization amounts reported in our consolidated statements of operations and consolidated statements of cash flows:

|   | 2015       | Year Ended March 31,<br>2014<br>(in thousands) | 2013      |
|---|------------|--|-----------|
| <b>Reconciliation to consolidated statements of operations:</b>         |            |  |           |
| Depreciation and amortization per EBITDA table                          | \$ 191,998 | \$ 127,821                                     | \$ 73,739 |
| Intangible asset amortization recorded to cost of sales                 | (7,767)    | (6,172)  | (5,285)   |
| Depreciation and amortization of unconsolidated entities                | (18,979)   | (1,638)  |           |
| Depreciation and amortization attributable to noncontrolling interests  | 28,697     | 743  | 399       |
| Depreciation and amortization per consolidated statements of operations | \$ 193,949 | \$ 120,754                                     | \$ 68,853 |
| <b>Reconciliation to consolidated statements of cash flows:</b>         |            |  |           |
| Depreciation and amortization per EBITDA table                          | \$ 191,998 | \$ 127,821                                     | \$ 73,739 |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs recorded to interest expense        | 8,759      | 5,727  | 3,375     |
| Depreciation and amortization of unconsolidated entities                | (18,979)   | (1,638)  |           |
| Depreciation and amortization attributable to noncontrolling interests  | 28,697     | 743  | 399       |
| Depreciation and amortization per consolidated statements of cash flows | \$ 210,475 | \$ 132,653                                     | \$ 77,513 |

The following table summarizes expansion and maintenance capital expenditures for each of the periods indicated. This information has been prepared on the accrual basis, and excludes property, plant and equipment acquired in acquisitions.

| Year Ended March 31, | Expansion  | Capital Expenditures<br>Maintenance<br>(in thousands) | Total      |
|----------------------|------------|---|------------|
| 2015                 | \$ 169,207 | \$ 40,746   | \$ 209,953 |
| 2014                 | 132,948    | 32,200  | 165,148    |
| 2013                 | 58,675     | 13,800  | 72,475     |

### Segment Operating Results

*Items Impacting the Comparability of Our Financial Results*

Our current and future results of operations may not be comparable to our historical results of operations for the periods presented, due to business combinations. We expanded our crude oil logistics business through a number of acquisitions, including our acquisitions of Crescent Terminals, LLC, and Cierra Marine, LP and its affiliated companies (collectively, Crescent ) in July 2013, and Gavilon Energy in December 2013. We expanded our water solutions business through numerous acquisitions of water disposal and transportation businesses, including High Roller Wells Big Lake SWD No. 1, Ltd. ( Big Lake ) in July 2013, Oilfield Water Lines LP (collectively, OWL ) in August 2013, Coastal Plains Disposal #1, LLC ( Coastal ) in September 2013, and facilities acquired pursuant to development agreements. Our refined products and renewables businesses began with our December 2013 acquisition of Gavilon Energy and expanded with our July 2014 acquisition of TransMontaigne. The results of operations of our liquids and retail propane businesses are impacted by seasonality, due primarily to the increase in volumes sold during the peak heating season from October through March. In addition, product price fluctuations can have a significant impact on our sales volumes and revenues.

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The following table summarizes the volume of product sold and water delivered during the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. Volumes shown in the following table include intersegment sales.

| Segment                         | Year Ended March 31, |                        | Change |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------|
|                                 | 2015                 | 2014<br>(in thousands) |        |
| Crude oil logistics             |                      |                        |        |
| Crude oil sold (barrels)        | 83,864               | 46,107                 | 37,757 |
| Water solutions                 |                      |                        |        |
| Water delivered (barrels)       | 139,569              | 62,774                 | 76,795 |
| Liquids                         |                      |                        |        |
| Propane sold (gallons)          | 1,285,707            | 1,190,106              | 95,601 |
| Other products sold (gallons)   | 825,514              | 786,671                | 38,843 |
| Retail propane                  |                      |                        |        |
| Propane sold (gallons)          | 169,279              | 162,361                | 6,918  |
| Distillates sold (gallons)      | 34,862               | 34,965                 | (103)  |
| Refined products and renewables |                      |                        |        |
| Refined products sold (barrels) | 68,043               | 9,833                  | 58,210 |

**Revenues and Cost of Sales by Segment**

Our revenues and cost of sales during the year ended March 31, 2015 by segment are as follows:

|                                 | Revenues |            | Cost of Sales<br>(In thousands) |            | Product Margin |         |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------|
| Crude oil logistics             | \$       | 6,665,220  | \$                              | 6,590,313  | \$             | 74,907  |
| Water solutions                 |          | 200,042    |                                 | (30,506)   |                | 230,548 |
| Liquids                         |          | 2,405,841  |                                 | 2,273,630  |                | 132,211 |
| Retail propane                  |          | 489,197    |                                 | 278,538    |                | 210,659 |
| Refined products and renewables |          | 7,232,772  |                                 | 7,036,541  |                | 196,231 |
| Corporate and other             |          | 1,916      |                                 | 2,583      |                | (667)   |
| Eliminations                    |          | (192,931)  |                                 | (192,892)  |                | (39)    |
| Total                           | \$       | 16,802,057 | \$                              | 15,958,207 | \$             | 843,850 |

**Operating Income (Loss) by Segment**

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Our operating income (loss) by segment is as follows:

| Segment                         | 2015        | Year Ended March 31,<br>2014<br>(in thousands) | Change      |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|
| Crude oil logistics             | \$ (35,832) | \$ 678   | \$ (36,510) |
| Water solutions                 | 45,031      | 10,317   | 34,714      |
| Liquids                         | 45,072      | 71,888   | (26,816)    |
| Retail propane                  | 64,075      | 61,285   | 2,790       |
| Refined products and renewables | 54,567      | 6,514  | 48,053      |
| Corporate and other             | (85,802)    | (44,117)                                       | (41,685)    |
| Operating income                | \$ 87,111   | \$ 106,565                                     | \$ (19,454) |

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The following table summarizes the operating results of our crude oil logistics segment for the periods indicated:

|  | Year Ended March 31, |              |              |
|--|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | 2015                 | 2014         | Change       |
|  | (in thousands)       |              |              |
| <b>Revenues:</b>                                     |                      |              |              |
| Crude oil sales                                      | \$ 6,609,685         | \$ 4,559,923 | \$ 2,049,762 |
| Crude oil transportation and other                   | 55,535               | 36,469       | 19,066       |
| Total revenues (1)                                   | 6,665,220            | 4,596,392    | 2,068,828    |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                                     |                      |              |              |
| Cost of sales  | 6,590,313            | 4,515,244    | 2,075,069    |
| Operating expenses                                   | 52,790               | 54,043       | (1,253)      |
| Loss (gain) on disposal or impairment of assets, net | 3,759                | (171)        | 3,930        |
| General and administrative expenses                  | 15,564               | 4,487        | 11,077       |
| Depreciation and amortization expense                | 38,626               | 22,111       | 16,515       |
| Total expenses                                       | 6,701,052            | 4,595,714    | 2,105,338    |
| Segment operating income (loss) (2)                  | \$ (35,832)          | \$ 678       | \$ (36,510)  |

(1) Revenues include \$29.8 million and \$37.8 million of intersegment sales during the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, that are eliminated in our consolidated statements of operations.

(2) In October 2014, we announced plans to build a crude oil rail transloading facility, backed by executed producer commitments. Subsequent to executing these commitments, the producers requested to be released from the commitments. We agreed to release the producers from their commitments in return for which the producers paid us specified amounts. Upon execution of these agreements in March 2015, we recorded a gain of \$31.6 million to other income in our consolidated statement of operations, net of certain project abandonment costs. Since this gain was reported in other income, it is not reflected in the table above.

**Revenues.** Our crude oil logistics segment generated \$6.6 billion of revenue from crude oil sales during the year ended March 31, 2015, selling 83.9 million barrels at an average price of \$78.81 per barrel. During the year ended March 31, 2014, our crude oil logistics segment generated \$4.6 billion of revenue from crude oil sales, selling 46.1 million barrels at an average price of \$98.90 per barrel. The decrease in revenue per barrel was due primarily to the sharp decline in crude oil prices during the year ended March 31, 2015. The most significant driver of the increase in our sales volumes was the acquisition of Gavilon Energy in December 2013.

Crude oil transportation and other revenues were \$55.5 million during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$36.5 million of crude oil transportation and other revenues during the year ended March 31, 2014. This increase was due primarily to the Crescent acquisition in July 2013 and the Gavilon Energy acquisition in December 2013.

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*Cost of Sales.* Our cost of crude oil sold was \$6.6 billion during the year ended March 31, 2015, as we sold 83.9 million barrels at an average cost of \$78.58 per barrel. Our cost of sales during the year ended March 31, 2015 was increased by \$7.4 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives and was reduced by \$37.4 million of net realized gains on derivatives. During the year ended March 31, 2014, our cost of crude oil sold was \$4.5 billion, as we sold 46.1 million barrels at an average cost of \$97.93 per barrel. Our cost of sales during the year ended March 31, 2014 was increased by \$2.2 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives and by \$5.1 million of net realized losses on derivatives.

Product margins were lower during the year ended March 31, 2015 than during the year ended March 31, 2014, due primarily to the sharp decline in crude oil prices during the year ended March 31, 2015. This had an adverse impact on margins, due to the

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difference in timing of when we purchase product and when we deliver it to the point of sale. In addition, we were unable to utilize certain leased storage during most of the year ended March 31, 2015, as markets were backwardated for most of the year.

**Operating Expenses.** Our crude oil logistics segment incurred \$52.8 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$54.0 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014. This decrease was due primarily to lower incentive compensation expense, as \$7.3 million of compensation otherwise payable in cash will instead be paid in common units, and as a result the related expense was recorded within corporate and other, rather than within the crude oil logistics segment, lower railcar lease expense as we purchased railcars beginning in January 2014 to utilize in our operations, and lower relocation expenses, partially offset by an increase due to the Gavilon Energy acquisition in December 2013.

**Loss (Gain) on Disposal or Impairment of Assets, Net.** Our crude oil logistics segment incurred \$3.8 million of losses on disposal or impairment of assets during the year ended March 31, 2015 and recorded a gain of \$0.2 million on the disposal of assets during the year ended March 31, 2014. During the year ended March 31, 2015, we recorded a write-off of project costs of \$3.5 million related to a crude oil terminal project that has been discontinued.

**General and Administrative Expenses.** Our crude oil logistics segment incurred \$15.6 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$4.5 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014. This increase was due to the acquisitions of Gavilon Energy in December 2013 and TransMontaigne in July 2014. General and administrative expenses during the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 were increased by \$5.6 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, of compensation expense related to bonuses that the previous owners of Gavilon Energy granted to employees, contingent upon successful completion of the sale of the business. These bonuses were paid in December 2014. General and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015 were also increased by \$1.3 million of compensation expense related to termination benefits for certain TransMontaigne employees.

**Depreciation and Amortization Expense.** Our crude oil logistics segment incurred \$38.6 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$22.1 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2014. This increase was due primarily to acquisitions and capital expansions.

## Water Solutions

The following table summarizes the operating results of our water solutions segment for the periods indicated:

|                        | Year Ended March 31, |           |           |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                        | 2015                 | 2014      | Change    |
|                        | (in thousands)       |           |           |
| Revenues:              |                      |           |           |
| Service fees           | \$ 105,682           | \$ 58,161 | \$ 47,521 |
| Recovered hydrocarbons | 81,762               | 67,627    | 14,135    |
| Water transportation   | 10,760               | 17,312    | (6,552)   |
| Other revenues         | 1,838                |           | 1,838     |



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|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total revenues                                | 200,042   | 143,100   | 56,942    |
| Expenses:                                     |           |           |           |
| Cost of sales - derivative (gain) loss (1)    | (36,763)  | 1,969     | (38,732)  |
| Cost of sales - other                         | 6,257     | 9,769     | (3,512)   |
| Operating expenses                            | 101,313   | 59,184    | 42,129    |
| Loss on disposal or impairment of assets, net | 7,504     | 2,994     | 4,510     |
| General and administrative expenses           | 3,082     | 3,762     | (680)     |
| Depreciation and amortization expense         | 73,618    | 55,105    | 18,513    |
| Total expenses                                | 155,011   | 132,783   | 22,228    |
| Segment operating income                      | \$ 45,031 | \$ 10,317 | \$ 34,714 |

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(1) Includes realized and unrealized (gains) losses.

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The following tables summarize activity separated among the following categories:

- Facilities we owned prior to March 31, 2013;
- Facilities we developed subsequent to March 31, 2013; and
- Facilities we acquired subsequent to March 31, 2013.

*Service Fee Revenues.* The following table summarizes our service fee revenue (in thousands, except per barrel amounts):

|                               | Year Ended March 31, 2015 |                         |                                 | Year Ended March 31, 2014 |                         |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                               | Service Fees              | Water Barrels Processed | Fees Per Water Barrel Processed | Service Fees              | Water Barrels Processed | Fees Per Water Barrel Processed |
| Existing facilities           | \$ 65,541                 | 63,465                  | \$ 1.03                         | \$ 51,908                 | 46,628                  | \$ 1.11                         |
| Recently developed facilities | 1,667                     | 3,193                   | 0.52                            |                           |                         |                                 |
| Recently acquired facilities  | 38,474                    | 72,911                  | 0.53                            | 6,253                     | 16,146                  | 0.39                            |
| Total                         | \$ 105,682                | 139,569                 |                                 | \$ 58,161                 | 62,774                  |                                 |

The volumes of our existing facilities were higher during the year ended March 31, 2015 than during the year ended March 31, 2014, due primarily to increased demand from customers.

The average revenue per barrel varies across the areas in which we operate due to market conditions in these areas. Per barrel revenues are highest at our facility in Wyoming due to the nature of the services required. The majority of the recently acquired facilities are in Texas, where market rates for disposal are lower.

*Recovered Hydrocarbon Revenues.* The following table summarizes recovered hydrocarbon revenue (in thousands, except per barrel amounts):

|                     | Year Ended March 31, 2015     |                         |                                    | Year Ended March 31, 2014     |                         |                                    |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                     | Recovered Hydrocarbon Revenue | Water Barrels Processed | Revenue Per Water Barrel Processed | Recovered Hydrocarbon Revenue | Water Barrels Processed | Revenue Per Water Barrel Processed |
| Existing facilities | \$ 36,361                     | 63,465                  | \$ 0.57                            | \$ 40,393                     | 46,628                  | \$ 0.87                            |
|                     | 1,637                         | 3,193                   | 0.51                               |                               |                         |                                    |

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Recently developed  
facilities

|                              |    |        |         |      |        |        |      |
|------------------------------|----|--------|---------|------|--------|--------|------|
| Recently acquired facilities |    | 43,764 | 72,911  | 0.60 | 27,234 | 16,146 | 1.69 |
| Total                        | \$ | 81,762 | 139,569 | \$   | 67,627 | 62,774 |      |

The decrease in revenue per barrel associated with recovered hydrocarbons was due primarily to the sharp decline in crude oil prices during the year ended March 31, 2015.

Our water solutions segment generated \$10.8 million of water transportation revenue during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$17.3 million of water transportation revenue during the year ended March 31, 2014. The decrease resulted from the sale of our water transportation business during September 2014.

*Cost of Sales.* We entered into derivatives in our water solutions segment to protect against the risk of a decline in the market price of the hydrocarbons we expected to recover when processing the wastewater. Our cost of sales was reduced by \$2.8 million of net unrealized gains on derivatives and \$34.0 million of net realized gains on derivatives during the year ended March 31, 2015. Our cost of sales was increased by \$0.6 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives and \$1.4 million of net realized losses on derivatives during the year ended March 31, 2014. In December 2014, we settled derivative contracts that had scheduled settlement dates from April 2015 through September 2015, in order to lock in the gains on those derivatives.

Our other cost of sales was \$6.3 million during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$9.8 million during the year ended March 31, 2014. These costs related primarily to our water transportation business, which we sold during September 2014.

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*Operating Expenses.* The following table summarizes our operating expenses (in thousands):

|                               | Year Ended March 31, |           |    |        |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----|--------|
|                               | 2015                 | 2014      |    | Change |
| Existing facilities           | \$ 46,324            | \$ 36,381 | \$ | 9,943  |
| Recently developed facilities | 1,032                |           |    | 1,032  |
| Recently acquired facilities  | 53,957               | 22,803    |    | 31,154 |
| Total                         | \$ 101,313           | \$ 59,184 | \$ | 42,129 |

The increase in operating expenses for existing facilities is due primarily to increased costs associated with the construction and operation of new water disposal wells at existing facilities.

*Loss on Disposal or Impairment of Assets, Net.* Our water solutions segment incurred \$7.5 million of losses on disposal or impairment of assets during the year ended March 31, 2015 and \$3.0 million of losses on disposal or impairment of assets during the year ended March 31, 2014. During the year ended March 31, 2015, we sold our water transportation business and recorded a loss of \$4.0 million. Also, during the year ended March 31, 2015, we recorded a loss on abandonment of \$3.1 million related to the property, plant and equipment of water disposal facilities that we have retired. During the year ended March 31, 2014, we recorded losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment of \$2.0 million as a result of property damage from lightning strikes at two of our facilities.

*General and Administrative Expenses.* Our water solutions segment incurred \$3.1 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$3.8 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014.

*Depreciation and Amortization Expense.* Our water solutions segment incurred \$73.6 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$55.1 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2014. Of this increase, \$15.0 million related to acquisitions, which included \$1.3 million of amortization expense related to trade name intangible assets. The remaining increase was due primarily to \$1.8 million of amortization expense related to trade name intangible assets. During the fourth quarter of the year ended March 31, 2014, we ceased using certain trade names and began amortizing them as finite-lived defensive assets.

## Liquids

The following table summarizes the operating results of our liquids segment for the periods indicated:

|                     | Year Ended March 31, |                |    |           |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|----|-----------|
|                     | 2015                 | 2014           |    | Change    |
|                     |                      | (in thousands) |    |           |
| Revenues:           |                      |                |    |           |
| Propane sales       | \$ 1,263,113         | \$ 1,632,948   | \$ | (369,835) |
| Other product sales | 1,111,434            | 1,231,965      |    | (120,531) |

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|   |           |           |             |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Other revenues                                | 31,294    | 31,062    | 232         |
| Total revenues (1)                            | 2,405,841 | 2,895,975 | (490,134)   |
| Expenses:                                     |           |           |             |
| Cost of sales - propane                       | 1,204,499 | 1,559,266 | (354,767)   |
| Cost of sales - other products                | 1,053,630 | 1,179,944 | (126,314)   |
| Cost of sales - other                         | 15,501    | 24,439    | (8,938)     |
| Operating expenses                            | 35,580    | 37,672    | (2,092)     |
| Loss on disposal or impairment of assets, net | 29,775    | 5,305     | 24,470      |
| General and administrative expenses           | 8,271     | 6,443     | 1,828       |
| Depreciation and amortization expense         | 13,513    | 11,018    | 2,495       |
| Total expenses                                | 2,360,769 | 2,824,087 | (463,318)   |
| Segment operating income                      | \$ 45,072 | \$ 71,888 | \$ (26,816) |

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(1) Revenues include \$162.0 million and \$245.6 million of intersegment sales during the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, that are eliminated in our consolidated statements of operations.

*Revenues.* Our liquids segment generated \$1.3 billion of wholesale propane sales revenue during the year ended March 31, 2015, selling 1.3 billion gallons at an average price of \$0.98 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2014, our liquids segment generated \$1.6 billion of wholesale propane sales revenue, selling 1.2 billion gallons at an average price of \$1.37 per gallon. The increase in the volume sold from the year ended March 31, 2014 to the year ended March 31, 2015 was due primarily to the inclusion of the natural gas liquids operations acquired from Gavilon Energy for a full fiscal year (compared to only four months of the prior fiscal year) and to the expansion of an agreement under which we market the majority of the production from a fractionation facility.

Our liquids segment generated \$1.1 billion of other wholesale products sales revenue during the year ended March 31, 2015, selling 825.5 million gallons at an average price of \$1.35 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2014, our liquids segment generated \$1.2 billion of other wholesale products sales revenue, selling 786.7 million gallons at an average price of \$1.57 per gallon.

Our liquids segment generated \$31.3 million of other revenues during the year ended March 31, 2015. This revenue includes storage sublease income, terminal gain/loss and income generated from the operation of a terminal for a customer.

*Cost of Sales.* Our cost of wholesale propane sales was \$1.2 billion during the year ended March 31, 2015, as we sold 1.3 billion gallons at an average cost of \$0.94 per gallon. Our cost of wholesale propane sales during the year ended March 31, 2015 was increased by \$4.6 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives. During the year ended March 31, 2014, our cost of wholesale propane sales was \$1.6 billion, as we sold 1.2 billion gallons at an average cost of \$1.31 per gallon. Our cost of wholesale propane sales during the year ended March 31, 2014 was increased by \$1.6 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives. Our product margins for propane sales are summarized below (in thousands, except per gallon amounts):

|                           | Year Ended March 31, |              |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                           | 2015                 | 2014         |
| Propane revenues          | \$ 1,263,113         | \$ 1,632,948 |
| Propane cost of sales     | (1,204,499)          | (1,559,266)  |
| Propane product margin    | \$ 58,614            | \$ 73,682    |
| Propane sold (gallons)    | 1,285,707            | 1,190,106    |
| Product margin per gallon | \$ 0.05              | \$ 0.06      |

Product margins per gallon of propane sold were lower during the year ended March 31, 2015 than during the prior year. Although we sold a higher volume of propane during the year ended March 31, 2015 than during the prior year, product margins were narrower. During the winter season of the year ended March 31, 2014, the price of propane increased as a result of high demand due to cold weather conditions. During the winter season of the year ended March 31, 2015, propane prices decreased, due primarily to a decline in the price of crude oil. Our product margins are typically higher during periods of rising prices, due to the delay between when we purchase product and when we sell it. We utilize forward contracts and financial derivatives to hedge a portion, but not all, of the price risk associated with holding inventory. In addition, cost of sales during the year ended March 31, 2015 were increased by \$4.6 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives, compared to \$1.6 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives during the year ended March 31, 2014.



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Our cost of sales of other products was \$1.1 billion during the year ended March 31, 2015, as we sold 825.5 million gallons at an average cost of \$1.28 per gallon. Our cost of sales of other products during the year ended March 31, 2015 was reduced by \$1.7 million of net unrealized gains on derivatives. During the year ended March 31, 2014, our cost of sales of other products was \$1.2 billion, as we sold 786.7 million gallons at an average cost of \$1.50 per gallon. Our cost of sales of other products during the year ended March 31, 2014 was reduced by \$5.8 million of net unrealized gains on derivatives. Our per-gallon product margins during the year ended March 31, 2015 were similar to those during the year ended March 31, 2014, as summarized below (in thousands, except per gallon amounts):

|                               | Year Ended March 31, |              |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                               | 2015                 | 2014         |
| Other products revenues       | \$ 1,111,434         | \$ 1,231,965 |
| Other products cost of sales  | (1,053,630)          | (1,179,944)  |
| Other products product margin | \$ 57,804            | \$ 52,021    |
| Other products sold (gallons) | 825,514              | 786,671      |
| Product margin per gallon     | \$ 0.07              | \$ 0.07      |

*Operating Expenses.* Our liquids segment incurred \$35.6 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$37.7 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014. This decrease was due primarily to lower compensation expense, as \$5.0 million of compensation otherwise payable in cash was instead paid in common units, and as a result the related expense was recorded within corporate and other, rather than within the liquids segment.

*Loss on Disposal or Impairment of Assets, Net.* Our liquids segment incurred \$29.8 million of losses on disposal or impairment of assets during the year ended March 31, 2015, and \$5.3 million of losses on disposal or impairment of assets during the year ended March 31, 2014. During the year ended March 31, 2015, we recorded a loss of \$29.9 million on the sale of a natural gas liquids terminal. During the year ended March 31, 2014, we recorded an impairment of \$5.3 million to the value of the property, plant and equipment of another natural gas liquids terminal.

*General and Administrative Expenses.* Our liquids segment incurred \$8.3 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$6.4 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014. This increase was due primarily to expanded operations.

*Depreciation and Amortization Expense.* Our liquids segment incurred \$13.5 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$11.0 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2014.



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The following table summarizes the operating results of our retail propane segment for the periods indicated:

|                                       | Year Ended March 31, |            |             |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|
|                                       | 2015                 | 2014       | Change      |
|                                       | (in thousands)       |            |             |
| Revenues:                             |                      |            |             |
| Propane sales                         | \$ 347,575           | \$ 388,225 | \$ (40,650) |
| Distillate sales                      | 106,037              | 127,672    | (21,635)    |
| Other revenues                        | 35,585               | 35,918     | (333)       |
| Total revenues                        | 489,197              | 551,815    | (62,618)    |
| Expenses:                             |                      |            |             |
| Cost of sales - propane               | 181,655              | 233,110    | (51,455)    |
| Cost of sales - distillates           | 85,329               | 109,058    | (23,729)    |
| Cost of sales - other                 | 11,554               | 11,531     | 23          |
| Operating expenses                    | 102,405              | 96,936     | 5,469       |
| General and administrative expenses   | 12,352               | 11,017     | 1,335       |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 31,827               | 28,878     | 2,949       |
| Total expenses                        | 425,122              | 490,530    | (65,408)    |
| Segment operating income              | \$ 64,075            | \$ 61,285  | \$ 2,790    |

**Revenues.** Our retail propane segment generated revenue of \$347.6 million from propane sales during the year ended March 31, 2015, selling 169.3 million gallons at an average price of \$2.05 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2014, our retail propane segment generated \$388.2 million of revenue from propane sales, selling 162.4 million gallons at an average price of \$2.39 per gallon. The increase in volume sold was due in part to the growth of our business through acquisitions, partially offset by lower demand due to the fact that weather conditions were warmer in some markets in the winter of the year ended March 31, 2015 than during the winter of the prior year.

Our retail propane segment generated revenue of \$106.0 million from distillate sales during the year ended March 31, 2015, selling 34.9 million gallons at an average price of \$3.04 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2014, our retail propane segment generated \$127.7 million of revenue from distillate sales, selling 35.0 million gallons at an average price of \$3.65 per gallon.

**Cost of Sales.** Our cost of retail propane sales was \$181.7 million during the year ended March 31, 2015, as we sold 169.3 million gallons at an average cost of \$1.07 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2014, our cost of retail propane sales was \$233.1 million, as we sold 162.4 million gallons at an average cost of \$1.44 per gallon.

Our cost of distillate sales was \$85.3 million during the year ended March 31, 2015, as we sold 34.9 million gallons at an average cost of \$2.45 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2014, our cost of distillate sales was \$109.1 million, as we sold 35.0 million gallons at an average cost of \$3.12 per gallon.

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*Operating Expenses.* Our retail propane segment incurred \$102.4 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$96.9 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014. The increase was due primarily to increased compensation expense resulting from the growth of the business.

*General and Administrative Expenses.* Our retail propane segment incurred \$12.4 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$11.0 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014.

*Depreciation and Amortization Expense.* Our retail propane segment incurred \$31.8 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$28.9 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2014.

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The following table summarizes the operating results of our refined products and renewables segment for the periods indicated. Our refined products and renewables segment began with our December 2013 acquisition of Gavilon Energy and expanded with our July 2014 acquisition of TransMontaigne.

|                                       | Year Ended March 31, |              |              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       | 2015                 | 2014         | Change       |
|                                       | (in thousands)       |              |              |
| Revenues:                             |                      |              |              |
| Refined products sales (1)            | \$ 6,684,045         | \$ 1,180,895 | \$ 5,503,150 |
| Renewables sales                      | 473,885              | 176,781      | 297,104      |
| Service fees                          | 74,842               |              | 74,842       |
| Total revenues                        | 7,232,772            | 1,357,676    | 5,875,096    |
| Expenses:                             |                      |              |              |
| Cost of sales - refined products      | 6,574,545            | 1,172,754    | 5,401,791    |
| Cost of sales - renewables            | 461,996              | 171,422      | 290,574      |
| Operating expenses                    | 82,583               | 6,205        | 76,378       |
| General and administrative expenses   | 26,133               | 156          | 25,977       |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 32,948               | 625          | 32,323       |
| Total expenses                        | 7,178,205            | 1,351,162    | 5,827,043    |
| Segment operating income              | \$ 54,567            | \$ 6,514     | \$ 48,053    |

(1) Revenues include \$1.1 million of intersegment sales during the year ended March 31, 2015 that are eliminated in our consolidated statement of operations.

**Revenues.** Our refined products sales revenue was \$6.7 billion during the year ended March 31, 2015, selling 68.0 million barrels at an average price of \$98.23 per barrel. Our refined products sales revenue was \$1.2 billion during the year ended March 31, 2014, selling 9.8 million barrels at an average price of \$120.10 per barrel.

Our renewables sales revenue was \$473.9 million during the year ended March 31, 2015, selling 5.3 million barrels at an average price of \$89.11 per barrel. Our renewables sales revenue was \$176.8 million during the year ended March 31, 2014.

Our refined products and renewables segment generated \$74.8 million of service fee revenue during the year ended March 31, 2015, which was due primarily to TLP's refined products terminaling operations.

**Cost of Sales.** Our cost of refined products sales was \$6.6 billion during the year ended March 31, 2015, as we sold 68.0 million barrels at an average cost of \$96.62 per barrel. Our cost of refined products sales was \$1.2 billion during the year ended March 31, 2014, as we sold 9.8 million barrels at an average cost of \$119.27 per barrel. Our refined product margins are summarized below (in thousands, except per barrel and per gallon amounts):

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|                                 | Year Ended March 31, |              |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                                 | 2015                 | 2014         |
| Revenues                        | \$ 6,684,045         | \$ 1,180,895 |
| Cost of sales                   | (6,574,545)          | (1,172,754)  |
| Product margin                  | \$ 109,500           | \$ 8,141     |
| Refined products sold (barrels) | 68,043               | 9,833        |
| Product margin per barrel       | \$ 1.61              | \$ 0.83      |
| Product margin per gallon       | \$ 0.04              | \$ 0.02      |

Our cost of renewables sales was \$462.0 million during the year ended March 31, 2015, as we sold 5.3 million barrels at an average cost of \$86.87 per barrel. Our cost of renewables sales was \$171.4 million during the year ended March 31, 2014. Our renewables product margins for the year ended March 31, 2015 are summarized below (in thousands, except per barrel and per gallon amounts):

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Revenues                  | \$ 473,885 |
| Cost of sales             | (461,996)  |
| Product margin            | \$ 11,889  |
| Renewables sold (barrels) | 5,318      |
| Product margin per barrel | \$ 2.24    |
| Product margin per gallon | \$ 0.05    |

During December 2014, a federal law was passed that enabled us to claim certain biodiesel tax credits for transactions during calendar year 2014. During the year ended March 31, 2015, our cost of sales was reduced by \$8.7 million related to these tax credits.

*Operating Expenses.* Our refined products and renewables segment incurred \$82.6 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$6.2 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014. Of the operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, \$48.2 million was attributable to TLP.

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*General and Administrative Expenses.* Our refined products and renewables segment incurred \$26.1 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$0.2 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014. General and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015 were increased by \$0.5 million of compensation expense related to bonuses that the previous owners of Gavilon Energy granted to employees, contingent upon successful completion of the sale of the business. These bonuses were paid in December 2014. General and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015 were also increased by \$8.0 million of compensation expense related to termination benefits for certain TransMontaigne employees. Of the general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015, \$15.0 million was attributable to TLP.

*Depreciation and Amortization Expense.* Our refined products and renewables segment incurred \$32.9 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$0.6 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2014. This increase was due primarily to depreciation on TLP's terminal assets and amortization of customer relationship intangible assets acquired in the business combination with TransMontaigne. Of the depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2015, \$28.7 million was attributable to TLP.

**Corporate and Other**

The operating loss within corporate and other includes the following components:

|                                   | Year Ended March 31, |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                   | 2015                 | 2014        | Change      |
|                                   | (in thousands)       |             |             |
| Compressor leasing business (1)   | \$ 133               | \$ 2,336    | \$ (2,203)  |
| Natural gas business (2)          | (262)                | 1,363       | (1,625)     |
| Equity-based compensation expense | (32,767)             | (17,804)    | (14,963)    |
| Acquisition expenses              | (7,382)              | (6,908)     | (474)       |
| Other corporate expenses          | (45,524)             | (23,104)    | (22,420)    |
| Total                             | \$ (85,802)          | \$ (44,117) | \$ (41,685) |

(1) Operating income of our compressor leasing business during the year ended March 31, 2014 includes a \$4.4 million gain from the sale of the business in February 2014.

(2) We acquired the natural gas business in our December 2013 acquisition of Gavilon Energy. We subsequently wound down the natural gas business and, as of March 31, 2014, this business has no revenue-generating activity.

The increase in equity-based compensation expense during the year ended March 31, 2015 was due primarily to \$10.6 million of expense associated with restricted units granted in July 2014 to certain employees as a bonus that vested in September 2014, \$5.0 million of compensation expense otherwise payable in cash to employees of our liquids segment that was instead paid in common units, and an increase in the number of unvested restricted units outstanding resulting from the growth of the business. The impact of these factors was partially offset by the fact that the market value of our common units was lower at March 31, 2015 than at March 31, 2014.

Acquisition expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015 related primarily to the acquisitions of TransMontaigne and Sawtooth NGL Caverns, LLC ( Sawtooth ). Acquisition expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014 related primarily to the acquisition of Gavilon Energy.

The increase in other corporate expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015 was due primarily to an increase in compensation expense, due to the addition of new corporate employees to provide general and administrative services in support of the growth of our business. In addition, during January 2015, we reached an agreement with certain employees whereby certain bonus commitments otherwise payable in cash subsequent to our fiscal year end would instead be paid using our common units. Other corporate expenses during the year ended March 31, 2015 include \$10.0 million of this bonus expense, which, if paid in cash, would have been reflected in expenses of the crude oil logistics, liquids, and refined products and renewables segments.

Operating loss during the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 was increased by \$0.4 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, of compensation expense related to bonuses that the previous owners of Gavilon Energy granted to employees, contingent upon successful completion of the sale of the business. These bonuses were paid in December 2014. This amount is reported within other corporate expenses in the table above.

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**Year Ended March 31, 2014**  
**Compared to Year Ended March 31, 2013**

**Volumes**

The following table summarizes the volume of product sold and water delivered for the years ended March 31, 2014 and 2013. Volumes shown in the following table include intersegment sales.

| Segment                         | Year Ended March 31, |                        | Change  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|
|                                 | 2014                 | 2013<br>(in thousands) |         |
| Crude oil logistics             |                      |                        |         |
| Crude oil sold (barrels)        | 46,107               | 24,373                 | 21,734  |
| Water solutions                 |                      |                        |         |
| Water delivered (barrels)       | 62,774               | 25,009                 | 37,765  |
| Liquids                         |                      |                        |         |
| Propane sold (gallons)          | 1,190,106            | 912,625                | 277,481 |
| Other products sold (gallons)   | 786,671              | 505,529                | 281,142 |
| Retail propane                  |                      |                        |         |
| Propane sold (gallons)          | 162,361              | 144,379                | 17,982  |
| Distillates sold (gallons)      | 34,965               | 28,853                 | 6,112   |
| Refined products and renewables |                      |                        |         |
| Refined products sold (barrels) | 9,833                |                        | 9,833   |

**Operating Income (Loss) by Segment**

Our operating income (loss) by segment is as follows:

| Segment                         | Year Ended March 31, |                        | Change      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|
|                                 | 2014                 | 2013<br>(in thousands) |             |
| Crude oil logistics             | \$ 678               | \$ 34,236              | \$ (33,558) |
| Water solutions                 | 10,317               | 8,576                  | 1,741       |
| Liquids                         | 71,888               | 30,336                 | 41,552      |
| Retail propane                  | 61,285               | 46,869                 | 14,416      |
| Refined products and renewables | 6,514                |                        | 6,514       |
| Corporate and other             | (44,117)             | (32,710)               | (11,407)    |
| Operating income                | \$ 106,565           | \$ 87,307              | \$ 19,258   |





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The following table summarizes the operating results of our crude oil logistics segment for the periods indicated:

|                                       | Year Ended March 31, |              |              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       | 2014                 | 2013         | Change       |
|                                       | (in thousands)       |              |              |
| Revenues:                             |                      |              |              |
| Crude oil sales                       | \$ 4,559,923         | \$ 2,322,706 | \$ 2,237,217 |
| Crude oil transportation and other    | 36,469               | 16,442       | 20,027       |
| Total revenues (1)                    | 4,596,392            | 2,339,148    | 2,257,244    |
| Expenses:                             |                      |              |              |
| Cost of sales                         | 4,515,244            | 2,267,507    | 2,247,737    |
| Operating expenses                    | 53,872               | 25,484       | 28,388       |
| General and administrative expenses   | 4,487                | 2,745        | 1,742        |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 22,111               | 9,176        | 12,935       |
| Total expenses                        | 4,595,714            | 2,304,912    | 2,290,802    |
| Segment operating income              | \$ 678               | \$ 34,236    | \$ (33,558)  |

(1) Revenues include \$37.8 million and \$22.9 million of intersegment sales during the years ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, that are eliminated in our consolidated statements of operations.

**Revenues.** Our crude oil logistics segment generated \$4.6 billion of revenue from crude oil sales during the year ended March 31, 2014, selling 46.1 million barrels at an average price of \$98.90 per barrel. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our crude oil logistics segment generated \$2.3 billion of revenue from crude oil sales, selling 24.4 million barrels at an average price of \$95.30 per barrel. The increase in volume during the year ended March 31, 2014 compared to the year ended March 31, 2013 was due in part to the fact that we did not own a crude oil logistics business for the full 12 months ended March 31, 2013, as we acquired this business in our June 19, 2012 merger with High Sierra Energy, LP and High Sierra Energy GP, LLC (collectively, "High Sierra"). The increase in volume was also due to acquisitions of crude oil logistics businesses, including Gavilon Energy, Pecos Gathering & Marketing, L.L.C. and certain of its affiliated companies (collectively, "Pecos"), and Third Coast Towing, LLC ("Third Coast"), among others. Of this increase, \$1.0 billion was attributable to Gavilon Energy.

Crude oil transportation and other revenues were \$36.5 million during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$16.4 million of crude oil transportation and other revenues during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due primarily to the fact that we did not own a crude oil logistics business until our June 19, 2012 merger with High Sierra, and was also due in part to acquisitions of crude oil logistics businesses, including Gavilon Energy, Pecos, and Third Coast.

**Cost of Sales.** Our cost of crude oil sold was \$4.5 billion during the year ended March 31, 2014, as we sold 46.1 million barrels at an average cost of \$97.93 per barrel. Our cost of sales during the year ended March 31, 2014 was increased by \$2.2 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our cost of crude oil was \$2.3 billion, as we sold 24.4 million barrels at an average cost of \$93.03 per barrel.

*Operating Expenses.* Our crude oil logistics segment incurred \$53.9 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$25.5 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due primarily to the fact that we did not own a crude oil logistics business until our June 19, 2012 merger with High Sierra, and was also due in part to the expansion of operations resulting from acquisitions, including Gavilon Energy, Pecos, and Third Coast. Of this increase, \$10.1 million was attributable to Gavilon Energy.

*General and Administrative Expenses.* Our crude oil logistics segment incurred \$4.5 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$2.7 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due primarily to the fact that we did not own a crude oil logistics business until our June 19, 2012 merger with High Sierra, and was also due in part to the expansion of operations resulting from acquisitions. Of this increase, \$1.0 million was attributable to our acquisition of Gavilon Energy.

*Depreciation and Amortization Expense.* Our crude oil logistics segment incurred \$22.1 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$9.2 million of depreciation and amortization expense

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during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due primarily to the fact that we did not own a crude oil logistics business until our June 19, 2012 merger with High Sierra, and was also due in part to the expansion of operations resulting from acquisitions. Of this increase, \$2.8 million was attributable to our acquisition of Gavilon Energy.

**Operating Income.** Our crude oil logistics segment generated \$0.7 million of operating income during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$34.2 million of operating income during the year ended March 31, 2013. Acquisitions of businesses contributed to operating income during the year ended March 31, 2014, although this benefit was offset by several factors. These factors included a narrowing of price differences between markets, which reduced our opportunities to generate increased margins by transporting product from lower-price to higher-price markets, and increased competition in the South Texas region from newly constructed pipelines. Operating income during the year ended March 31, 2014 was reduced by \$3.0 million of compensation expense related to bonuses that the previous owners of Gavilon Energy granted to employees, contingent upon successful completion of the sale of the business. These bonuses were paid in December 2014, contingent upon the continued service of the employees. We also recorded \$0.5 million of employee severance expense during the year ended March 31, 2014 as a result of personnel changes subsequent to the Gavilon Energy acquisition.

## Water Solutions

The following table summarizes the operating results of our water solutions segment for the periods indicated:

|                                       | Year Ended March 31, |         | Change           |        |       |        |    |         |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------|--------|-------|--------|----|---------|
|                                       | 2014                 | 2013    | Acquisitions (1) |        | Other |        |    |         |
|                                       | (in thousands)       |         |                  |        |       |        |    |         |
| Revenues:                             |                      |         |                  |        |       |        |    |         |
| Water treatment and disposal          | \$                   | 125,788 | \$               | 54,334 | \$    | 64,119 | \$ | 7,335   |
| Water transportation                  |                      | 17,312  |                  | 7,893  |       | 14,231 |    | (4,812) |
| Total revenues                        |                      | 143,100 |                  | 62,227 |       | 78,350 |    | 2,523   |
| Expenses:                             |                      |         |                  |        |       |        |    |         |
| Cost of sales                         |                      | 11,738  |                  | 5,611  |       | 9,325  |    | (3,198) |
| Operating expenses                    |                      | 62,178  |                  | 25,452 |       | 35,377 |    | 1,349   |
| General and administrative expenses   |                      | 3,762   |                  | 1,665  |       | 1,239  |    | 858     |
| Depreciation and amortization expense |                      | 55,105  |                  | 20,923 |       | 26,955 |    | 7,227   |
| Total expenses                        |                      | 132,783 |                  | 53,651 |       | 72,896 |    | 6,236   |
| Segment operating income              | \$                   | 10,317  | \$               | 8,576  | \$    | 5,454  | \$ | (3,713) |

(1) Represents the change in revenues and expenses attributable to acquisitions subsequent to the merger with High Sierra. The cost of sales amount shown in this column does not include derivative gains and losses, as these cannot be attributed to specific facilities.

**Revenues.** Our water solutions segment generated \$125.8 million of treatment and disposal revenue during the year ended March 31, 2014, taking delivery of 62.8 million barrels of wastewater at an average revenue of \$2.00 per barrel. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our water solutions segment generated \$54.3 million of treatment and disposal revenue, taking delivery of 25.0 million barrels of wastewater at an average revenue of \$2.17 per barrel. The increase in revenues was due primarily to the fact that we did not own a water solutions business until our June 19, 2012 merger with High Sierra and was due also to acquisitions during the year ended March 31, 2013, including Indigo, and acquisitions during the year ended March 31, 2014, including OWL, Big Lake and Coastal. The decrease in revenue per barrel was due primarily

to the fact that the expansion of our water solutions business subsequent to our merger with High Sierra has been primarily in Texas, where the market rates for water disposal services are typically lower than in Wyoming or Colorado.

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In our June 2012 merger with High Sierra, we acquired a water transportation business in Oklahoma. In our August 2013 acquisition of OWL, we acquired a water transportation business in Texas. Our water solutions segment generated \$17.3 million of transportation revenues during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$7.9 million of transportation revenues during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due primarily to the acquisition of OWL. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in water transportation revenues generated by the water solutions business acquired in the merger with High Sierra, which resulted primarily from a slowdown in production activities by a customer. During the three months ended December 31, 2013, we wound down our water transportation operations in Oklahoma, transferring certain of the assets to our business in Texas and selling the remaining assets.

*Cost of Sales.* The cost of sales for our water solutions segment was \$11.7 million during the year ended March 31, 2014. Our cost of sales during the year ended March 31, 2014 was increased by \$0.6 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives. Because a portion of our processing revenue is generated from the sale of recovered hydrocarbons, we enter into derivatives to protect against the risk of a decline in the market price of a portion of the hydrocarbons we expect to recover. During the year ended March 31, 2013, the cost of sales for our water solutions segment was \$5.6 million. Our cost of sales during the year ended March 31, 2013 was increased by \$1.0 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives. The increase in our cost of sales was due primarily to the expansion of our operations through acquisitions of water solutions businesses.

*Operating Expenses.* Our water solutions segment incurred \$62.2 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$25.5 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due primarily to the fact that we did not own a water solutions business until our June 19, 2012 merger with High Sierra, and was also due primarily to subsequent acquisitions of businesses. We incurred losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment of \$2.0 million during the year ended March 31, 2014 as a result of property damage from lightning strikes at two of our facilities.

*General and Administrative Expenses.* Our water solutions segment incurred \$3.8 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$1.7 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due in part to the fact that we did not own a water solutions business until our June 19, 2012 merger with High Sierra, and was also due to subsequent acquisitions of businesses.

*Depreciation and Amortization Expense.* Our water solutions segment incurred \$55.1 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$20.9 million of depreciation and amortization expense

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during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due in part to the fact that we did not own a water solutions business until our June 19, 2012 merger with High Sierra, and was also due to subsequent acquisitions of businesses. The increase is also due in part to \$2.1 million of amortization expense related to trade name intangible assets. During the year ended March 31, 2014, we ceased using certain trade names and began amortizing them as finite-lived defensive assets.

*Operating Income.* Our water solutions segment generated \$10.3 million of operating income during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to operating income of \$8.6 million during the year ended March 31, 2013. Exclusive of acquisitions during the year ended March 31, 2014, our operating income decreased by \$3.7 million. Increases in revenues were offset by increases in operating expenses, including a \$7.2 million increase in depreciation and amortization expense. The businesses acquired during the year ended March 31, 2014 generated operating income of \$5.5 million, which included \$27.0 million of depreciation and amortization expense, which consisted primarily of amortization expense on acquired customer relationship intangible assets.

*Liquids*

The following table summarizes the operating results of our liquids segment for the periods indicated:

|                                       | Year Ended March 31, |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
|                                       | 2014                 | 2013       | Change     |
|                                       | (in thousands)       |            |            |
| Revenues:                             |                      |            |            |
| Propane sales                         | \$ 1,632,948         | \$ 841,448 | \$ 791,500 |
| Other product sales                   | 1,231,965            | 858,276    | 373,689    |
| Other revenues                        | 31,062               | 33,954     | (2,892)    |
| Total revenues (1)                    | 2,895,975            | 1,733,678  | 1,162,297  |
| Expenses:                             |                      |            |            |
| Cost of sales - propane               | 1,559,266            | 801,694    | 757,572    |
| Cost of sales - other products        | 1,179,944            | 836,747    | 343,197    |
| Cost of sales - other                 | 24,439               | 20,950     | 3,489      |
| Operating expenses                    | 42,977               | 27,605     | 15,372     |
| General and administrative expenses   | 6,443                | 5,261      | 1,182      |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 11,018               | 11,085     | (67)       |
| Total expenses                        | 2,824,087            | 1,703,342  | 1,120,745  |
| Segment operating income              | \$ 71,888            | \$ 30,336  | \$ 41,552  |

(1) Revenues include \$245.6 million and \$128.9 million of intersegment sales during the years ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, that are eliminated in our consolidated statements of operations.

*Revenues.* Our liquids segment generated \$1.6 billion of wholesale propane sales revenue during the year ended March 31, 2014, selling 1.2 billion gallons at an average price of \$1.37 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our liquids segment generated \$841.4 million of wholesale propane sales revenue, selling 912.6 million gallons at an average price of \$0.92 per gallon. Approximately 221.2 million gallons of the increase in volumes was due to the fact that we only owned the natural gas liquids business of High Sierra for a part of the year ended March 31, 2013. The remaining increase in volume was due to several factors, including higher market demand, due in part to colder weather

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conditions, and the expansion of our customer base. In addition, during the year ended March 31, 2013, we upgraded two terminals that we acquired in February 2012, which enabled us to expand our wholesale operations from these terminals.

Our liquids segment generated \$1.2 billion of other wholesale products sales revenue during the year ended March 31, 2014, selling 786.7 million gallons at an average price of \$1.57 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our liquids segment generated \$858.3 million of other wholesale products sales revenue, selling 505.5 million gallons at an average price of \$1.70 per gallon. Approximately 454.1 million gallons of the increase in volumes was due to the fact that we only owned the natural gas liquids business of High Sierra for a part of the year ended March 31, 2013. The remaining increase in volume was due to several factors, including higher market demand for butane to be used in gasoline blending operations, the expansion of our customer base, and an increased focus on the opportunity to more fully utilize our terminals to market butane.

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*Cost of Sales.* Our cost of wholesale propane sales was \$1.6 billion during the year ended March 31, 2014, as we sold 1.2 billion gallons at an average cost of \$1.31 per gallon. Our cost of wholesale propane sales during the year ended March 31, 2014 was increased by \$1.6 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our cost of wholesale propane sales was \$801.7 million, as we sold 912.6 million gallons at an average cost of \$0.88 per gallon. Our cost of wholesale propane sales during the year ended March 31, 2013 was reduced by \$3.2 million of net unrealized gains on derivatives.

Declining wholesale propane prices during the first quarter of the prior fiscal year had an adverse effect on cost of sales during the year ended March 31, 2013. Our wholesale segment utilizes a weighted-average inventory costing method to calculate cost of sales. Propane prices decreased steadily during April and May 2012, as a result of which the replacement cost of propane was at times lower than the weighted-average cost, which had an adverse effect on margins. One of our business strategies is to purchase and store inventory during the warmer months for sale during the winter months. We seek to lock in a margin on inventory held in storage through back-to-back purchases and sales, fixed-price forward sale commitments, and financial derivatives. We also have contracts whereby we have committed to purchase ratable volumes each month at index prices. We seek to manage the price risk associated with these contracts primarily by selling the inventory immediately after it is received. When we sell product, we record the cost of the sale at the average cost of all inventory at that location, which may include inventory stored for sale in the future. During periods of rising prices, this can result in greater margins on these sales. During periods of declining prices, such as we experienced during the three months ended June 30, 2012, this can result in negative margins on these sales, which we recovered when delivering future volumes.

Our cost of sales of other products was \$1.2 billion during the year ended March 31, 2014, as we sold 786.7 million gallons at an average cost of \$1.50 per gallon. Our cost of sales of other products during the year ended March 31, 2014 was reduced by \$5.8 million of net unrealized gains on derivatives. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our cost of sales of other products was \$836.7 million, as we sold 505.5 million gallons at an average cost of \$1.66 per gallon. Our cost of sales of other products during the year ended March 31, 2013 was increased by \$7.5 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives.

*Operating Expenses.* Our liquids segment incurred \$43.0 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$27.6 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due primarily to expanded operations. In addition, during the year ended March 31, 2014, we recorded an impairment of \$5.3 million related to the property, plant and equipment of one of our terminals.

*General and Administrative Expenses.* Our liquids segment incurred \$6.4 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$5.3 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due primarily to expanded operations.

*Depreciation and Amortization Expense.* Our liquids segment incurred \$11.0 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$11.1 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2013.

*Operating Income.* Our liquids segment generated \$71.9 million of operating income during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$30.3 million of operating income during the year ended March 31, 2013. The increase in operating income was due primarily to the expansion of our operations and to colder weather conditions. As a result of the cold weather conditions, the demand for natural gas liquids increased



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considerably during the recent winter, which had a favorable impact on our sales volumes. The demand also resulted in increases to the market prices for natural gas liquids, which had a favorable impact on product margins, as we purchased inventory when prices, and therefore our average cost of inventory, were lower than when we sold the inventory. These increases were partially offset by increased operating expenses as a result of expanding our operations. During the year ended March 31, 2014, operating income was increased by \$4.2 million of net unrealized gains on derivatives. During the year ended March 31, 2013, operating income was reduced by \$4.3 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives.

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The following table summarizes the operating results of our retail propane segment for the periods indicated:

|                                       | Year Ended March 31, |            |           |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|
|                                       | 2014                 | 2013       | Change    |
|                                       | (in thousands)       |            |           |
| Revenues:                             |                      |            |           |
| Propane sales                         | \$ 388,225           | \$ 288,410 | \$ 99,815 |
| Distillate sales                      | 127,672              | 106,192    | 21,480    |
| Other revenues                        | 35,918               | 35,856     | 62        |
| Total revenues                        | 551,815              | 430,458    | 121,357   |
| Expenses:                             |                      |            |           |
| Cost of sales - propane               | 233,110              | 155,118    | 77,992    |
| Cost of sales - distillates           | 109,058              | 90,772     | 18,286    |
| Cost of sales - other                 | 11,531               | 12,688     | (1,157)   |
| Operating expenses                    | 96,936               | 88,651     | 8,285     |
| General and administrative expenses   | 11,017               | 10,864     | 153       |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 28,878               | 25,496     | 3,382     |
| Total expenses                        | 490,530              | 383,589    | 106,941   |
| Segment operating income              | \$ 61,285            | \$ 46,869  | \$ 14,416 |

**Revenues.** Our retail propane segment generated revenue of \$388.2 million from propane sales during the year ended March 31, 2014, selling 162.4 million gallons at an average price of \$2.39 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our retail propane segment generated \$288.4 million of revenue from propane sales, selling 144.4 million gallons at an average price of \$2.00 per gallon. The increase in volumes and average sales prices during the year ended March 31, 2014 compared to the year ended March 31, 2013 was due primarily to market demand being higher as a result of colder weather conditions. Revenues also benefitted from the continued integration of previously acquired businesses.

Our retail propane segment generated revenue of \$127.7 million from distillate sales during the year ended March 31, 2014, selling 35.0 million gallons at an average price of \$3.65 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our retail propane segment generated \$106.2 million of revenue from distillate sales, selling 28.9 million gallons at an average price of \$3.68 per gallon. The increase in volumes was due primarily to colder weather conditions and to the acquisitions of smaller retailers.

**Cost of Sales.** Our cost of retail propane sales was \$233.1 million during the year ended March 31, 2014, as we sold 162.4 million gallons at an average cost of \$1.44 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our cost of retail propane sales was \$155.1 million, as we sold 144.4 million gallons at an average cost of \$1.07 per gallon.

Our cost of distillate sales was \$109.1 million during the year ended March 31, 2014, as we sold 35.0 million gallons at an average cost of \$3.12 per gallon. During the year ended March 31, 2013, our cost of distillate sales was \$90.8 million, as we sold 28.9 million gallons at an average cost of \$3.15 per gallon.

*Operating Expenses.* Our retail propane segment incurred \$96.9 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$88.7 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due in part to the inclusion of Downeast Energy Corp. in our results of operations for the full 12 months ended March 31, 2014, as compared to only 11 of the months in the 12-month period ended March 31, 2013.

*General and Administrative Expenses.* Our retail propane segment incurred \$11.0 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$10.9 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due primarily to acquisitions of smaller retailers.

*Depreciation and Amortization Expense.* Our retail propane segment incurred \$28.9 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$25.5 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2013. This increase was due primarily to capital expenditures and acquisitions.

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*Operating Income.* Our retail propane segment generated \$61.3 million of operating income during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$46.9 million of operating income during the year ended March 31, 2013. The increase in operating income was due primarily to increased market demand due to colder weather conditions, partially offset by increased operating expenses.

***Refined Products and Renewables***

The following table summarizes the operating results of our refined products and renewables segment for the year ended March 31, 2014 (in thousands). Our refined products and renewables segment began with our December 2013 acquisition of Gavilon Energy.

|                                       |    |           |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                      |    |           |
| Refined products sales                | \$ | 1,180,895 |
| Renewables sales                      |    | 176,781   |
| Total revenues                        |    | 1,357,676 |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                      |    |           |
| Cost of sales - refined products      |    | 1,172,754 |
| Cost of sales - renewables            |    | 171,422   |
| Operating expenses                    |    | 6,205     |
| General and administrative expenses   |    | 156       |
| Depreciation and amortization expense |    | 625       |
| Total expenses                        |    | 1,351,162 |
| Segment operating income              | \$ | 6,514     |

*Revenues.* Our refined products sales revenue was \$1.2 billion during the year ended March 31, 2014, selling 9.8 million barrels at an average price of \$120.10 per barrel. Our renewables sales revenue was \$176.8 million during the year ended March 31, 2014.

*Cost of Sales.* Our cost of refined products sales was \$1.2 billion during the year ended March 31, 2014, as we sold 9.8 million barrels at an average cost of \$119.27 per barrel. Our cost of renewables sales was \$171.4 million during the year ended March 31, 2014.

*Operating Expenses.* Our refined products and renewables segment incurred \$6.2 million of operating expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014.

*General and Administrative Expenses.* Our refined products and renewables segment incurred \$0.2 million of general and administrative expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014.

*Depreciation and Amortization Expense.* Our refined products and renewables segment incurred \$0.6 million of depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended March 31, 2014.

*Operating Income.* Our refined products and renewables segment generated \$6.5 million of operating income during the year ended March 31, 2014.

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The operating loss within corporate and other includes the following components:

|                                   | <b>Year Ended March 31,</b> |                       |               |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--|
|                                   | <b>2014</b>                 | <b>2013</b>           | <b>Change</b> |  |
|                                   |                             | <b>(in thousands)</b> |               |  |
| Compressor leasing business (1)   | \$ 2,336                    | \$ (1)                | \$ 2,337      |  |
| Natural gas business (2)          | 1,363                       |                       | 1,363         |  |
| Equity-based compensation expense | (17,804)                    | (10,138)              | (7,666)       |  |
| Acquisition expenses              | (6,908)                     | (5,602)               | (1,306)       |  |
| Other corporate expenses          | (23,104)                    | (16,969)              | (6,135)       |  |
| Total                             | \$ (44,117)                 | \$ (32,710)           | \$ (11,407)   |  |

(1) Operating income of our compressor leasing business during the year ended March 31, 2014 includes a \$4.4 million gain from the sale of the business in February 2014.

(2) We acquired the natural gas business in our December 2013 acquisition of Gavilon Energy. We subsequently wound down the natural gas business and, as of March 31, 2014, this business has no revenue-generating activity.

The increase in equity-based compensation during the year ended March 31, 2014 was due in part to the timing of award grants and is also due in part to an increase in the market value of our common units. The first restricted units were granted during fiscal year 2013, and therefore were not in existence for the full fiscal year. The life-to-date expense for unvested units is adjusted based on the market value of the common units on the reporting date, and the value of the common units was higher at March 31, 2014 than at March 31, 2013.

The increase in other corporate expenses during the year ended March 31, 2014 was due primarily to increases in compensation expense, due to the addition of new corporate employees to provide general and administrative services in support of the growth of our business.

Operating income during the year ended March 31, 2014 was reduced by \$2.0 million of compensation expense related to bonuses that the previous owners of Gavilon Energy granted to employees, contingent upon successful completion of the sale of the business. These bonuses were paid in December 2014, contingent upon the continued service of the employees. We also recorded \$2.2 million of employee severance expense during the year ended March 31, 2014 as a result of personnel changes subsequent to the Gavilon Energy acquisition, \$1.3 million of which is reported under natural gas business in the table above and the remainder of which is reported under other corporate expenses in the table above.

**Other Income, Net**

In October 2014, we announced plans to build a crude oil rail transloading facility, backed by executed producer commitments. Subsequent to executing these commitments, the producers requested to be released from the commitments. We agreed to release the producers from their commitments in return for which the producers paid us a specified amount in March 2015 and committed to pay us specified additional amounts over a period of five years. In addition, one of the producers committed to pay us a specified fee on each barrel of crude oil it produces in a specified basin over a period of seven years. Upon execution of these agreements in March 2015, we recorded a gain of \$31.6 million to other income in our consolidated statement of operations, net of certain project abandonment costs.

During the year ended March 31, 2015, we settled two separate contractual disputes and recorded \$5.5 million of proceeds to other income in our consolidated statement of operations. Also during the year ended March 31, 2015, we offered to settle another contractual dispute, and recorded \$1.2 million to other expense as an estimate of the probable loss.

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### Interest Expense

The largest components of interest expense during the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 have been interest on our Revolving Credit Facility, the 2019 Notes, the 2021 Notes, the 2022 Notes, and the TLP Credit Facility (each as hereinafter defined). See Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report for additional information on our long-term debt. The change in interest expense during the periods presented was due primarily to fluctuations in the average outstanding debt balance and the applicable interest rates, as summarized below:

| Year Ended March 31, | Revolving Credit Facilities                         |                             | 2019 Notes  |                  | 2021 Notes  |                  | 2022 Notes  |                  | TLP Credit Facility                                 |                  |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|
|                      | Average<br>Balance<br>Outstanding<br>(in thousands) | Average<br>Interest<br>Rate | Average<br>Balance<br>Outstanding<br>(in thousands) | Interest<br>Rate | Average<br>Balance<br>Outstanding<br>(in thousands) | Interest<br>Rate | Average<br>Balance<br>Outstanding<br>(in thousands) | Interest<br>Rate | Average<br>Balance<br>Outstanding<br>(in thousands) | Interest<br>Rate |
| 2015                 | \$ 1,172,429  | 2.35%                       | \$ 400,000  | 5.13%            | \$ 450,000  | 6.88%            | \$ 250,000  | 6.65%            | \$ 250,346  | 2.10%            |
| 2014                 | 588,375   | 3.04%                       |   |                  | 205,890   | 6.88%            | 250,000   | 6.65%            |   |                  |
| 2013                 | 405,114   | 3.56%                       |   |                  |   |                  | 195,890   | 6.65%            |   |                  |

Interest expense also includes amortization of debt issuance costs, letter of credit fees, interest on equipment financing notes, and accretion of interest on noninterest bearing debt obligations assumed in business combinations.

On June 19, 2012, we made a principal payment of \$306.8 million to retire a then-existing revolving credit facility. Upon retirement of this facility, we wrote off the portion of the debt issuance cost intangible asset that had not yet been amortized. This expense is reported as Loss on early extinguishment of debt in our consolidated statement of operations for the year ended March 31, 2013.

The increased level of debt outstanding from fiscal years 2013 to 2015 was due primarily to borrowings to finance acquisitions and capital expenditures.

### Income Tax Provision (Benefit)

We qualify as a partnership for income tax purposes. As such, we generally do not pay United States federal income tax. Rather, each owner reports his or her share of our income or loss on his or her individual tax return.

We have certain taxable corporate subsidiaries in the United States and in Canada, and our operations in Texas are subject to a state franchise tax that is calculated based on revenues net of cost of sales. We utilize the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply in the years in which these temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Changes in tax rates are recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.



Income tax benefit was \$3.6 million during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$0.9 million of income tax expense during the year ended March 31, 2014. The income tax benefit was due primarily to a benefit of \$6.3 million related to the July 2014 acquisition of TransMontaigne, as TransMontaigne and certain of its subsidiaries were subject to United States federal and state income taxes. On December 31, 2014, we converted these subsidiaries from taxable corporations to non-taxable limited liability companies.

***Noncontrolling Interests***

We have certain consolidated subsidiaries in which outside parties own interests. The noncontrolling interest shown in our consolidated financial statements represents the other owners' interest in these entities.

Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests was \$13.2 million during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$1.1 million during the year ended March 31, 2014. The increase was due primarily to the July 2014 acquisition of TransMontaigne, in which we acquired a 19.7% limited partner interest in TLP.

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**Seasonality**

Seasonality impacts our liquids and retail propane segments. A large portion of our retail propane business is in the residential market where propane is used primarily for home heating purposes. Consequently, for these two segments, revenues, operating profits and operating cash flows are generated mostly in the third and fourth quarters of each fiscal year. See Liquidity, Sources of Capital and Capital Resource Activities Cash Flows.

**Liquidity, Sources of Capital and Capital Resource Activities**

Our principal sources of liquidity and capital are the cash flows from our operations and borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility. Our cash flows from operations are discussed below.

Our borrowing needs vary during the year due to the seasonal nature of our liquids business. Our greatest working capital borrowing needs generally occur during the period of June through December, when we are building our natural gas liquids inventories in anticipation of the heating season. Our working capital borrowing needs generally decline during the period of January through March, when the cash flows from our retail propane and liquids segments are the greatest.

Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement) to unitholders as of the record date. Available cash for any quarter generally consists of all cash on hand at the end of that quarter, less the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner, to (i) provide for the proper conduct of our business, (ii) comply with applicable law, any of our debt instruments or other agreements, and (iii) provide funds for distributions to our unitholders and to our general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters. TLP's partnership agreement also requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter it distribute all of its available cash (as defined in its partnership agreement) to its unitholders as of the record date.

We believe that our anticipated cash flows from operations and the borrowing capacity under our Revolving Credit Facility are sufficient to meet our liquidity needs. If our plans or assumptions change or are inaccurate, or if we make acquisitions, we may need to raise additional capital. Our ability to raise additional capital, if necessary, depends on various factors and conditions, including market conditions. We cannot give any assurances that we can raise additional capital to meet these needs (see Part I, Item 1A Risk Factors ). Commitments or expenditures, if any, we may make toward any acquisition projects are at our discretion.

We continue to pursue a strategy of growth through acquisitions. We expect to consider financing future acquisitions through a variety of sources, including the use of available capacity on our Revolving Credit Facility, the issuance of common units to sellers of businesses we acquire, private placements of common units or debt securities, and public offerings of common units or debt securities. Our ability to raise additional capital through the issuance of debt or equity securities will have a significant impact on our ability to continue to pursue our growth strategy.

***Long-Term Debt***

***Credit Agreement***

We have entered into a credit agreement (as amended, the *Credit Agreement* ) with a syndicate of banks. The Credit Agreement includes a revolving credit facility to fund working capital needs (the *Working Capital Facility* ) and a revolving credit facility to fund acquisitions and expansion projects (the *Expansion Capital Facility*, and together with the Working Capital Facility, the *Revolving Credit Facility* ). At March 31, 2015, our Revolving Credit Facility had a total capacity of \$2.296 billion.

The Expansion Capital Facility had a total capacity of \$858.0 million for cash borrowings at March 31, 2015. At that date, we had outstanding borrowings of \$702.5 million on the Expansion Capital Facility. The Working Capital Facility had a total capacity of \$1.438 billion for cash borrowings and letters of credit at March 31, 2015. At that date, we had outstanding borrowings of \$688.0 million and outstanding letters of credit of \$108.6 million on the Working Capital Facility. The capacity available under the Working Capital Facility may be limited by a borrowing base, as defined in the Credit Agreement, which is calculated based on the value of certain working capital items at any point in time.

The commitments under the Credit Agreement expire on November 5, 2018. We have the right to prepay outstanding borrowings under the Credit Agreement without incurring any penalties, and prepayments of principal may be required if we enter into certain transactions to sell assets or obtain new borrowings.

All borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest, at our option, at (i) an alternate base rate plus a margin of 0.50% to 1.50% per annum or (ii) an adjusted LIBOR rate plus a margin of 1.50% to 2.50% per annum. The applicable margin is determined

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based on our consolidated leverage ratio, as defined in the Credit Agreement. At March 31, 2015, all borrowings under the Credit Agreement were LIBOR borrowings with an interest rate at March 31, 2015 of 2.18%, calculated as the LIBOR rate of 0.18% plus a margin of 2.0%. At March 31, 2015, the interest rate in effect on letters of credit was 2.25%. Commitment fees are charged at a rate ranging from 0.38% to 0.50% on any unused capacity.

The Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of our assets. The Credit Agreement specifies that our leverage ratio, as defined in the Credit Agreement, cannot exceed 4.25 to 1 at any quarter end. The leverage coverage ratio in our Credit Agreement excludes TLP's debt. At March 31, 2015, our leverage ratio was approximately 3.2 to 1. The Credit Agreement also specifies that our interest coverage ratio, as defined in the Credit Agreement, cannot be less than 2.75 to 1 at any quarter end. At March 31, 2015, our interest coverage ratio was approximately 5.9 to 1.

The Credit Agreement contains various customary representations, warranties, and additional covenants, including, without limitation, limitations on fundamental changes and limitations on indebtedness and liens. Our obligations under the Credit Agreement may be accelerated following certain events of default (subject to applicable cure periods), including, without limitation, (i) the failure to pay principal or interest when due, (ii) a breach by the Partnership or its subsidiaries of any material representation or warranty or any covenant made in the Credit Agreement, or (iii) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency.

At March 31, 2015, we were in compliance with the covenants under the Credit Agreement.

**2019 Notes**

On July 9, 2014, we issued \$400.0 million of 5.125% Senior Notes Due 2019 (the "2019 Notes") in a private placement exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act. We received net proceeds of \$393.5 million, after the initial purchasers' discount of \$6.0 million and offering costs of \$0.5 million. We used the net proceeds to reduce the outstanding balance on our Revolving Credit Facility.

The 2019 Notes mature on July 15, 2019. Interest is payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year. We have the right to redeem the 2019 Notes prior to the maturity date, although we would be required to pay a premium price for early redemption.

The Partnership and NGL Energy Finance Corp. are co-issuers of the 2019 Notes, and the obligations under the 2019 Notes are guaranteed by certain of our existing and future restricted subsidiaries that incur or guarantee indebtedness under certain of our other indebtedness, including the Revolving Credit Facility. The indenture governing the 2019 Notes contains various customary covenants, including, without limitation, limitations on fundamental changes and limitations on indebtedness and liens. Our obligations under the indenture may be accelerated following certain events of default (subject to applicable cure periods), including, without limitation, (i) the failure to pay principal or interest when due, (ii) experiencing an event of default on certain other debt agreements, or (iii) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency.

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At March 31, 2015, we were in compliance with the covenants under the indenture governing the 2019 Notes.

We also entered into a registration rights agreement whereby, in February 2015, we exchanged the 2019 Notes for a new issue of notes registered under the Securities Act that has substantially identical terms to the 2019 Notes.

### *2021 Notes*

On October 16, 2013, we issued \$450.0 million of 6.875% Senior Notes Due 2021 (the "2021 Notes") in a private placement exempt from registration under the Securities Act pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act. We received net proceeds of \$438.4 million, after the initial purchasers' discount of \$10.1 million and offering costs of \$1.5 million. We used the net proceeds to reduce the outstanding balance on our Revolving Credit Facility.

The 2021 Notes mature on October 15, 2021. Interest is payable on April 15 and October 15 of each year. We have the right to redeem the 2021 Notes prior to the maturity date, although we would be required to pay a premium for early redemption.

The Partnership and NGL Energy Finance Corp. are co-issuers of the 2021 Notes, and the obligations under the 2021 Notes are guaranteed by certain of our existing and future restricted subsidiaries that incur or guarantee indebtedness under certain of our other indebtedness, including the Revolving Credit Facility. The indenture governing the 2021 Notes contains various customary covenants, including, without limitation, limitations on fundamental changes and limitations on indebtedness and liens. Our obligations under the indenture may be accelerated following certain events of default (subject to applicable cure periods), including, without limitation, (i) the failure to pay principal or interest when due, (ii) experiencing an event of default on certain other debt agreements, or (iii) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency.

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At March 31, 2015, we were in compliance with the covenants under the indenture governing the 2021 Notes.

We also entered into a registration rights agreement whereby, in February 2015, we exchanged the 2021 Notes for a new issue of notes registered under the Securities Act that has substantially identical terms to the 2021 Notes.

**2022 Notes**

On June 19, 2012, we entered into a Note Purchase Agreement (as amended, the *Note Purchase Agreement*) whereby we issued \$250.0 million of Senior Notes in a private placement (the *2022 Notes*). The 2022 Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 6.65%, which is payable quarterly. The 2022 Notes are required to be repaid in semi-annual installments of \$25.0 million beginning on December 19, 2017 and ending on the maturity date of June 19, 2022. We have the option to prepay outstanding principal, although we would incur a prepayment penalty. The 2022 Notes are secured by substantially all of our assets and rank equal in priority with borrowings under the Credit Agreement.

The Note Purchase Agreement contains various customary representations, warranties, and additional covenants that, among other things, limit our ability to (subject to certain exceptions): (i) incur additional debt, (ii) pay dividends and make other restricted payments, (iii) create or permit certain liens, (iv) create or permit restrictions on the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other distributions to us, (v) enter into transactions with affiliates, (vi) enter into sale and leaseback transactions and (vii) consolidate or merge or sell all or substantially all or any portion of our assets. In addition, the Note Purchase Agreement contains similar leverage ratio and interest coverage ratio requirements to those of our Credit Agreement, which is described above.

The Note Purchase Agreement provides for customary events of default that include, among other things (subject in certain cases to customary grace and cure periods): (i) nonpayment of principal or interest, (ii) breach of certain covenants contained in the Note Purchase Agreement or the 2022 Notes, (iii) failure to pay certain other indebtedness or the acceleration of certain other indebtedness prior to maturity if the total amount of such indebtedness unpaid or accelerated exceeds \$10.0 million, (iv) the rendering of a judgment for the payment of money in excess of \$10.0 million, (v) the failure of the Note Purchase Agreement, the 2022 Notes, or the guarantees by the subsidiary guarantors to be in full force and effect in all material respects and (vi) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency. Generally, if an event of default occurs (subject to certain exceptions), the trustee or the holders of at least 51% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding 2022 Notes of any series may declare all of the 2022 Notes of such series to be due and payable immediately.

At March 31, 2015, we were in compliance with the covenants under the Note Purchase Agreement.

***TLP Credit Facility***

TLP is party to a credit agreement with a syndicate of banks that provides for a revolving credit facility (the *TLP Credit Facility*). The TLP Credit Facility provides for a maximum borrowing line of credit equal to the lesser of (i) \$400 million and (ii) 4.75 times Consolidated EBITDA (as defined: \$368.7 million at March 31, 2015). The terms of the TLP Credit Facility include covenants that restrict TLP's ability to make cash distributions, acquisitions and investments, including investments in joint ventures. TLP may make distributions of cash to the extent of TLP's

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available cash as defined in TLP's partnership agreement. TLP may make acquisitions and investments that meet the definition of permitted acquisitions ; other investments which may not exceed 5% of consolidated net tangible assets ; and additional future permitted JV investments up to \$125 million, which may include additional investments in BOSTCO. The principal balance of loans and any accrued and unpaid interest are due and payable in full on the maturity date of July 31, 2018.

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The following table summarizes our basis in the assets and liabilities of TLP at March 31, 2015, inclusive of the impact of our acquisition accounting for the business combination with TransMontaigne (in thousands):

|   |    |           |
|---|----|-----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | \$ | 918       |
| Accounts receivable - trade               |    | 9,069     |
| Accounts receivable - affiliates          |    | 583       |
| Inventories                               |    | 1,361     |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |    | 1,410     |
| Property, plant and equipment, net        |    | 475,506   |
| Goodwill                                  |    | 28,074    |
| Intangible assets, net                    |    | 72,295    |
| Investments in unconsolidated entities    |    | 255,073   |
| Other noncurrent assets                   |    | 2,458     |
| Accounts payable - trade                  |    | (6,565)   |
| Accounts payable - affiliates             |    | (76)      |
| Net intercompany payable                  |    | (1,965)   |
| Accrued expenses and other payables       |    | (8,715)   |
| Advance payments received from customers  |    | (146)     |
| Long-term debt                            |    | (250,000) |
| Other noncurrent liabilities              |    | (3,541)   |
| Net assets                                | \$ | 575,739   |

TLP may elect to have loans under the TLP Credit Facility bear interest either (i) at a rate of LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 2% to 3% depending on the total leverage ratio then in effect, or (ii) at the base rate plus a margin ranging from 1% to 2% depending on the total leverage ratio then in effect. TLP also pays a commitment fee on the unused amount of commitments, ranging from 0.375% to 0.5% per annum, depending on the total leverage ratio then in effect. For the period from July 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, the weighted-average interest rate on borrowings under the TLP Credit Facility was approximately 2.10%. TLP's obligations under the TLP Credit Facility are secured by a first priority security interest in favor of the lenders in the majority of TLP's assets, including TLP's investments in unconsolidated affiliates. At March 31, 2015, TLP had outstanding borrowings under the TLP Credit Facility of \$250 million and no outstanding letters of credit.

The TLP Credit Facility also contains customary representations and warranties (including those relating to organization and authorization, compliance with laws, absence of defaults, material agreements and litigation) and customary events of default (including those relating to monetary defaults, covenant defaults, cross defaults and bankruptcy events). The primary financial covenants contained in the TLP Credit Facility are (i) a total leverage ratio test (not to exceed 4.75 times), (ii) a senior secured leverage ratio test (not to exceed 3.75 times) in the event TLP issues senior unsecured notes, and (iii) a minimum interest coverage ratio test (not less than 3.0 times). These financial covenants are based on a defined financial performance measure within the TLP Credit Facility known as Consolidated EBITDA.

TLP's Credit Facility is non-recourse to NGL.



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The following table summarizes our revolving credit facility borrowings:

|  | <b>Average Balance<br/>Outstanding</b> | <b>Lowest<br/>Balance<br/>(in thousands)</b> | <b>Highest<br/>Balance</b> |
|--|--|--|----------------------------|
| <b><u>Year Ended March 31, 2015:</u></b>                                     |  |  |                            |
| Expansion capital borrowings   | \$ 435,752                             | \$ 114,000                                   | \$ 830,000                 |
| Working capital borrowings   | 736,677                                | 339,500                                      | 1,046,000                  |
| TLP credit facility borrowings<br>(from July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015) | 250,346                                | 228,000                                      | 259,700                    |
| <b><u>Year Ended March 31, 2014:</u></b>                                     |  |  |                            |
| Expansion capital borrowings   | \$ 392,822                             | \$   | \$ 546,000                 |
| Working capital borrowings   | 195,553                                |  | 448,500                    |

***Acquisitions***

Subsequent to our IPO, we significantly expanded our operations through numerous acquisitions, as described under Part I, Item 1 Business Acquisitions.

***Cash Flows***

The following table summarizes the sources (uses) of our cash flows:

| <b>Cash Flows Provided by (Used in):</b>                                 | <b>2015</b> | <b>Year Ended March 31,<br/>2014<br/>(in thousands)</b> | <b>2013</b> |
|--|-------------|---|-------------|
| Operating activities, before changes in operating assets and liabilities | \$ 99,290   | \$ 243,303  | \$ 146,395  |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities                              | 163,104     | (158,067)   | (13,761)    |
| Operating activities   | \$ 262,394  | \$ 85,236   | \$ 132,634  |
| Investing activities   | (1,366,221) | (1,455,373)   | (546,621)   |
| Financing activities   | 1,134,690   | 1,369,016   | 417,716     |

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*Operating Activities.* The growth in our operating cash flows from fiscal years 2013 through 2015 was driven primarily by increased operating activity resulting from acquisitions. Changes in working capital due to changes in the timing of cash receipts and payments can have a significant impact on cash flows from operations. During fiscal years 2013 through 2015, our cash outflows from investing activities included the purchase of working capital in business combinations, a portion of which has benefitted (or will benefit) cash flows from operations as the working capital is recovered.

The seasonality of our natural gas liquids businesses has a significant effect on our cash flows from operating activities. The changes in our operating assets and liabilities caused by the seasonality of our retail and wholesale natural gas liquids businesses also have a significant impact on our cash flows from operating activities. Increases in natural gas liquids prices typically reduce our operating cash flows due to higher cash requirements to fund increases in inventories, and decreases in natural gas liquids prices typically increase our operating cash flows due to lower cash requirements to fund increases in inventories.

In general, our operating cash flows are at their lowest levels during our first and second fiscal quarters, or the six months ending September 30, when we experience operating losses or lower operating income as a result of lower volumes of natural gas liquids sales and when we are building our inventory levels for the upcoming heating season. Our operating cash flows are generally greatest during our third and fourth fiscal quarters, or the six months ending March 31, when our operating income levels are highest

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and customers pay for natural gas liquids consumed during the heating season months. We borrow under our revolving credit facility to supplement our operating cash flows as necessary during our first and second fiscal quarters.

*Investing Activities.* Net cash used in investing activities was \$1.4 billion during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$1.5 billion in net cash used in investing activities during the year ended March 31, 2014. The decrease in net cash used in investing activities was due primarily to:

- a \$307.9 million decrease in cash paid for acquisitions during the year ended March 31, 2015; and
- a \$235.1 million increase in the proceeds from derivatives.

These decreases in net cash used in investing activities were partially offset by:

- a \$310.0 million increase due to the purchase of the remaining equity interest in Grand Mesa during the year ended March 31, 2015;
- a \$61.9 million increase related to a loan receivable associated with our financing of the construction of a natural gas liquids facility to be utilized by a third party;
- a \$38.6 million increase in capital expenditures during the year ended March 31, 2015, of which \$30.1 million represented expansion capital and \$8.5 million represented maintenance capital (of this maintenance capital, \$7.9 million related to TLP);
- a \$24.2 million increase for the purchase of certain refined product pipeline capacity allocations from other shippers during the year ended March 31, 2015; and
- a \$22.0 million increase in contributions to unconsolidated entities during the year ended March 31, 2015 due primarily to our investment in BOSTCO which we acquired as part of our July 2014 acquisition of TransMontaigne.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$1.5 billion during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$546.6 million in net cash used in investing activities during the year ended March 31, 2013. The increase in net cash used in investing activities was due primarily to:

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- a \$778.0 million increase in cash paid for acquisitions during the year ended March 31, 2014 due primarily to our December 2013 acquisition of Gavilon Energy;
- a \$92.7 million increase in capital expenditures during the year ended March 31, 2014, of which \$74.3 million represented expansion capital and \$18.4 million represented maintenance capital; and
- a \$47.5 million increase in investing cash outflows from commodity derivatives during the year ended March 31, 2014.

*Financing Activities.* Net cash provided by financing activities was \$1.1 billion during the year ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$1.4 billion in net cash provided by financing activities during the year ended March 31, 2014. The decrease in net cash provided by financing activities was due primarily to:

- a \$123.8 million increase in distributions paid to our partners and noncontrolling interest owners during the year ended March 31, 2015;
- a \$109.0 million decrease in the proceeds received from the sale of our common units during the year ended March 31, 2015 as more of our common units were issued during the year ended March 31, 2014 to fund acquisitions; and
- a \$50.0 million decrease in the proceeds received from debt issuances during the years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

These decreases in net cash provided by financing activities were partially offset by a \$40.0 million increase in borrowings on our revolving credit facilities (net of repayments) to fund our operating or investing requirements during the year ended March 31,

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2015. To the extent our cash flows from operating activities are not sufficient to finance our required distributions to our partners and noncontrolling interest owners, we may be required to increase borrowings under our Working Capital Facility.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$1.4 billion during the year ended March 31, 2014, compared to \$417.7 million in net cash provided by financing activities during the year ended March 31, 2013. The increase in net cash provided by financing activities was due primarily to:

- a \$650.8 million increase in the proceeds received from the sale of our common units during the year ended March 31, 2014 to fund acquisitions;
- a \$200.0 million increase in the proceeds received from debt issuances during the years ended March 31, 2014 and 2013; and
- a \$181.0 million increase in borrowings on our revolving credit facilities (net of repayments) to fund our operating or investing requirements during the year ended March 31, 2014.

These increases in net cash provided by financing activities were partially offset by a \$74.3 million increase in distributions paid to our partners and noncontrolling interest owners during the year ended March 31, 2014.

The following table summarizes the distributions declared subsequent to our IPO:

| Date Declared    | Record Date      | Date Paid         | Amount Per Unit | Amount Paid To Limited Partners (in thousands) | Amount Paid To General Partner (in thousands) |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| July 25, 2011    | August 3, 2011   | August 12, 2011   | \$ 0.1669       | \$ 2,467                                       | \$ 3  |
| October 21, 2011 | October 31, 2011 | November 14, 2011 | 0.3375          | 4,990  | 5   |
| January 24, 2012 | February 3, 2012 | February 14, 2012 | 0.3500          | 7,735  | 10  |
| April 19, 2012   | April 30, 2012   | May 15, 2012      | 0.3625          | 9,165  | 10  |
| July 24, 2012    | August 3, 2012   | August 14, 2012   | 0.4125          | 13,574   | 134   |
| October 17, 2012 | October 29, 2012 | November 14, 2012 | 0.4500          | 22,846   | 707   |
| January 24, 2013 | February 4, 2013 | February 14, 2013 | 0.4625          | 24,245   | 927   |
| April 25, 2013   | May 6, 2013      | May 15, 2013      | 0.4775          | 25,605   | 1,189   |
| July 25, 2013    | August 5, 2013   | August 14, 2013   | 0.4938          | 31,725   | 1,739   |
| October 23, 2013 | November 4, 2013 | November 14, 2013 | 0.5113          | 35,908   | 2,491   |
| January 24, 2014 | February 4, 2014 | February 14, 2014 | 0.5313          | 42,150   | 4,283   |
| April 24, 2014   | May 5, 2014      | May 15, 2014      | 0.5513          | 43,737   | 5,754   |
| July 24, 2014    | August 4, 2014   | August 14, 2014   | 0.5888          | 52,036   | 9,481   |
| October 24, 2014 | November 4, 2014 | November 14, 2014 | 0.6088          | 53,902   | 11,141  |
| January 26, 2015 | February 6, 2015 | February 13, 2015 | 0.6175          | 54,684   | 11,860  |
| April 24, 2015   | May 5, 2015      | May 15, 2015      | 0.6250          | 59,651   | 13,446  |

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The following table summarizes the distributions declared by TLP subsequent to our acquisition of general and limited partner interests in TLP (exclusive of the distribution declared in July 2014, the proceeds of which we remitted to the former owners of TransMontaigne, pursuant to agreements entered into at the time of the business combination):

| <b>Date Declared</b> | <b>Record Date</b> | <b>Date Paid</b> | <b>Amount<br/>Per Unit</b> | <b>Amount Paid<br/>To NGL<br/>(in thousands)</b> | <b>Amount Paid To<br/>Other Partners<br/>(in thousands)</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| October 13, 2014     | October 31, 2014   | November 7, 2014 | \$ 0.6650                  | \$ 4,010   | \$ 8,614  |
| January 8, 2015      | January 30, 2015   | February 6, 2015 | 0.6650                     | 4,010  | 8,614   |
| April 13, 2015       | April 30, 2015     | May 7, 2015      | 0.6650                     | 4,007  | 8,617   |

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The following table summarizes our contractual obligations at March 31, 2015 for our fiscal years ending thereafter:

|  | Total        | 2016         | Years Ending March 31,<br>(in thousands) |            |              |            | 2020 | Thereafter |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|------------|--------------|------------|------|------------|
|  |              |              | 2017                                     | 2018       | 2019         |            |      |            |
| Principal payments on long-term debt                                     |              |              |  |            |              |            |      |            |
| Expansion capital borrowings   | \$ 702,500   | \$           | \$                                       | \$         | \$ 702,500   | \$         | \$   |            |
| Working capital borrowings   | 688,000      |              |  |            | 688,000      |            |      |            |
| 2019 Notes   | 400,000      |              |  |            |              | 400,000    |      |            |
| 2021 Notes   | 450,000      |              |  |            |              |            |      | 450,000    |
| 2022 Notes   | 250,000      |              |  | 25,000     | 50,000       | 50,000     |      | 125,000    |
| TLP Credit Facility  | 250,000      |              |  |            | 250,000      |            |      |            |
| Other long-term debt   | 9,271        | 4,473        | 2,567                                    | 1,626      | 362          | 105        |      | 138        |
| Interest payments on long-term debt                                      |              |              |  |            |              |            |      |            |
| Revolving Credit Facility (1)  | 128,678      | 35,744       | 35,744                                   | 35,744     | 21,446       |            |      |            |
| 2019 Notes   | 92,250       | 20,500       | 20,500                                   | 20,500     | 20,500       | 10,250     |      |            |
| 2021 Notes (2)   | 217,013      | 31,388       | 30,938                                   | 30,938     | 30,938       | 30,938     |      | 61,873     |
| 2022 Notes   | 83,125       | 16,625       | 16,625                                   | 16,209     | 13,300       | 9,975      |      | 10,391     |
| TLP Credit Facility  | 22,256       | 6,675        | 6,675                                    | 6,675      | 2,231        |            |      |            |
| Other long-term debt   | 438          | 203          | 123                                      | 76         | 18           | 9          |      | 9          |
| Letters of credit  | 108,584      |              |  |            | 108,584      |            |      |            |
| Future minimum lease payments under other noncancelable operating leases | 541,845      | 119,817      | 102,394                                  | 87,302     | 63,205       | 53,423     |      | 115,704    |
| Future minimum throughput payments under noncancelable agreements (3)    | 511,708      | 122,052      | 81,935                                   | 82,016     | 81,222       | 53,511     |      | 90,972     |
| Construction commitments (4)   | 666,497      | 426,384      | 240,113                                  |            |              |            |      |            |
| Fixed-price commodity purchase commitments                               | 35,476       | 35,476       |  |            |              |            |      |            |
| Index-price commodity purchase commitments (5)                           | 728,262      | 728,262      |  |            |              |            |      |            |
| Total contractual obligations  | \$ 5,885,903 | \$ 1,547,599 | \$ 537,614                               | \$ 306,086 | \$ 2,032,306 | \$ 608,211 | \$   | 854,087    |
| Purchase commitments (thousands):  |              |              |  |            |              |            |      |            |
| Natural gas liquids fixed-price (gallons) (6)                            | 57,792       | 57,792       |  |            |              |            |      |            |
| Natural gas liquids index-price (gallons) (6)                            | 659,603      | 659,603      |  |            |              |            |      |            |
| Crude oil index-price (barrels) (6)                                      | 8,450        | 8,450        |  |            |              |            |      |            |

(1) The estimated interest payments on our Revolving Credit Facility are based on principal and letters of credit outstanding at March 31, 2015. See Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report for additional information on our Credit Agreement.

(2) Interest payments for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016 include \$0.5 million of liquidated damages resulting from a delay in completing an exchange offer.

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(3) At March 31, 2015, we had agreements with crude oil and refined products pipeline operators obligating us to minimum throughput payments in exchange for pipeline capacity commitments.

(4) At March 31, 2015, we had the following construction commitments:

- As described in Recent Developments, Grand Mesa completed a successful open season in which it received the requisite support, in the form of ship-or-pay volume commitments from multiple shippers, to begin construction of a 20-inch pipeline system. The estimated construction cost of Grand Mesa is \$655.0 million and we anticipate that the pipeline will commence service in the second half of calendar year 2016.
- In February 2015, we acquired Sawtooth NGL Caverns, LLC, which owns a natural gas liquids salt dome storage facility in Utah with rail and truck access to western U.S. markets. As part of this acquisition, we also entered into a construction agreement to expand the storage capacity of the facility by constructing two additional salt dome storage facilities. The estimated construction cost of this expansion is \$41.2 million and we anticipate this project will be completed by the end of calendar year 2015.
- In March 2015, we entered into an agreement with a third party to construct a solids processing facility and solids disposal facility in Weld County, Colorado. Our estimated construction cost for this project is \$9.0 million. We anticipate that these facilities will be completed in the second half of calendar year 2016.



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(5) At March 31, 2015, we had the following purchase commitments (in thousands):

|                                 |    |         |
|---------------------------------|----|---------|
| Natural gas liquids index-price | \$ | 352,563 |
| Crude oil index-price           |    | 375,699 |

Index prices are based on a forward price curve at March 31, 2015. A theoretical change of \$0.10 per gallon in the underlying commodity price at March 31, 2015 would result in a change of \$66.0 million in the value of our index-price natural gas liquids purchase commitments. A theoretical change of \$1.00 per barrel in the underlying commodity price at March 31, 2015 would result in a change of \$8.5 million in the value of our index-price crude oil purchase commitments.

(6) At March 31, 2015, we had the following sales contract volumes (in thousands):

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Natural gas liquids fixed-price (gallons) | 104,153 |
| Natural gas liquids index-price (gallons) | 223,234 |
| Crude oil fixed-price (barrels)           | 1,580   |
| Crude oil index-price (barrels)           | 6,684   |

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not have any off balance sheet arrangements other than the operating leases described in Note 10 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report.

**Environmental Legislation**

Please see Part I, Item 1 Business Government Regulation Greenhouse Gas Regulation for a discussion of proposed environmental legislation and regulations that, if enacted, could result in increased compliance and operating costs. However, at this time we cannot predict the structure or outcome of any future legislation or regulations or the eventual cost we could incur in compliance.

**Trends**

Crude oil prices can fluctuate widely based on changes in supply and demand conditions. The opportunity to generate revenues in our crude oil logistics business is heavily influenced by the volume of crude oil being produced. Crude oil prices declined sharply during the nine months ended March 31, 2015 (the spot price for NYMEX West Texas Intermediate crude oil at Cushing, Oklahoma declined from \$105.34 per barrel at July 1, 2014 to \$47.60 per barrel at March 31, 2015). While crude oil production in the United States has been strong in recent years, the sharp

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decline in crude oil prices has reduced the incentive for producers to expand production. If crude oil prices remain low, resultant declines in crude oil production may adversely impact volumes in our crude oil logistics business.

As of March 31, 2015, crude oil markets were in contango (a condition in which the forward crude price is greater than the spot price). During most of the last two years, crude oil markets were backwardated (a condition in which the forward crude oil price is lower than the spot price). Our crude oil logistics business benefits when the market is in contango, as increasing prices result in inventory holding gains during the time between when we purchase inventory and when we sell it. In addition, we are able to better utilize our storage assets when crude oil markets are in contango.

Our opportunity to generate revenues in our water solutions business is based on the level of production of natural gas and crude oil in the areas where our facilities are located. As described above, crude oil prices declined sharply during the year ended March 31, 2015. At current market prices, producers may reduce drilling activity, which could have an adverse impact on the volumes of our water solutions business.

A portion of the revenues of our water solutions business are generated from the sale of crude oil that we recover in the process of treating the wastewater. Because of this, lower crude prices result in lower per barrel revenues for our water solutions business.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) No. 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. ASU No. 2015-03 requires that debt issuance costs be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. The ASU is effective for the Partnership for both annual and interim periods beginning April 1, 2016 and requires retrospective application for all prior periods presented. Early adoption of this ASU is permitted for financial statements that have not been previously issued. We plan to adopt this ASU effective March 31, 2016, at which time we will begin presenting debt issuance costs as a reduction to long-term debt, rather than as an intangible asset.

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In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. ASU No. 2014-09 will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in GAAP. The core principle of this ASU is that an entity should recognize revenue for the transfer of goods or services equal to the amount that it expects to be entitled to receive for those goods or services. The ASU is effective for the Partnership beginning April 1, 2017, and allows for both full retrospective and modified retrospective (with cumulative effect) methods of adoption. We are in the process of determining the method of adoption and assessing the impact of this ASU on our consolidated financial statements.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in compliance with GAAP requires the selection and application of appropriate accounting principles to the relevant facts and circumstances of the Partnership's operations and the use of estimates made by management. We have identified the following accounting policies that are most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations. The application of these accounting policies, which requires subjective or complex judgments regarding estimates and projected outcomes of future events, and changes in these accounting policies, could have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

***Revenue Recognition***

We record revenues from product sales at the time title to the product transfers to the purchaser, which typically occurs upon receipt of the product by the purchaser. We record terminaling, transportation, storage and service revenues at the time the service is performed, and we record tank and other rentals over the term of the lease. Pursuant to terminaling services agreements with certain of our throughput customers, we are entitled to the volume of product gained resulting from differences in the measurement of product volumes received and distributed at our terminaling facilities. Such measurement differentials occur as the result of the inherent variances in measurement devices and methodology. We recognize as revenue the net proceeds from the sale of the product gained. Revenues for our water solutions segment are recognized upon receipt of the wastewater at our treatment and disposal facilities.

We report taxes collected from customers and remitted to taxing authorities, such as sales and use taxes, on a net basis. Amounts billed to customers for shipping and handling costs are included in revenues in our consolidated statements of operations.

We enter into certain contracts whereby we agree to purchase product from a counterparty and sell the same volume of product to the same counterparty at a different location or time. When such agreements are entered into concurrently and are entered into in contemplation of each other, we record the revenues for these transactions net of cost of sales.

***Impairment of Long-Lived Assets***

Goodwill is subject to at least an annual assessment for impairment. We perform our annual assessment of impairment during the fourth quarter of our fiscal year, and more frequently if circumstances warrant. For purposes of goodwill impairment testing, assets are grouped into reporting units. A reporting unit is either an operating segment or a component of an operating segment, depending on how similar the components of the operating segment are to each other in terms of operational and economic characteristics. We concluded that each of our operating segments

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represented one reporting unit. Our operating segments, and the reportable segments within which they are included, are listed below:

| Operating Segment               | Reportable Segment              |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Crude Oil Logistics             | Crude Oil Logistics             |
| Water Solutions                 | Water Solutions                 |
| Liquids Tulsa-based Operations  | Liquids                         |
| Liquids Denver-based Operations | Liquids                         |
| Retail East                     | Retail Propane                  |
| Retail West                     | Retail Propane                  |
| Refined Products and Renewables | Refined Products and Renewables |

Our first step in performing the annual goodwill impairment analysis is to perform a qualitative assessment of each reporting unit to assess whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of each reporting unit is greater than the book value of the reporting unit. For the crude oil logistics, liquids, retail, and refined products and renewables segments, our qualitative assessments indicated that it was more likely than not that the fair values for each of these reporting units exceeded their book values, and therefore no further impairment testing was required. In preparing this analysis, we considered market conditions in our liquids, retail, and refined products and renewables businesses, which have remained stable, our historic operating results, and our long-term expectations for

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these reporting units. We also considered that although a sharp decline in crude oil prices during the second half of calendar year 2014 had an adverse impact on our crude oil logistics segment gross margin and operating results, by January 1, 2015 crude oil forward prices were in contango (a condition in which forward prices are higher than spot prices), which we expect will benefit the profitability of the crude oil logistics reporting unit, as it enables us to realize increased revenues and margin from our crude oil terminal storage assets. We also considered margins and operating results related to our Grand Mesa crude oil pipeline, which has ship-or-pay volume commitments from multiple shippers and is currently under construction and expected to commence service in the second half of calendar year 2016.

Because a significant component of our water solutions revenue and operating results is determined by the price at which we are able to sell crude oil condensate that is recovered from the disposal water and solids delivered to our disposal sites, and crude oil prices declined significantly during the second half of calendar year 2014, we performed a quantitative goodwill impairment assessment for our water solutions reporting unit.

We performed our goodwill impairment test and estimated the fair value of our water solutions reporting unit based on the income approach, also known as the discounted cash flow method which utilizes the present value of cash flows to estimate the fair value. The future cash flows of our water solutions reporting unit were projected based upon estimates as of the test date of future revenues, operating expenses and cash outflows necessary to support these cash flows, including working capital and maintenance capital expenditures. We also considered expectations regarding expected disposal volumes, which have continued in spite of the lower crude oil price environment as oilfield producers have focused on their most productive properties and have continued to deliver disposal volumes to our facilities, and the crude oil pricing environment as reflected in crude oil forward prices as of the test date. In performing the discounted cash flow analysis, we utilized our internal fiscal year 2016 cash flow projections prepared as part of our annual budgeting process. Consistent with observed disposal volume trends, the budgeted disposal volumes were based on an expectation that existing crude oil and natural gas production by our customers will continue, with limited disposal volume growth from development of new producing wells by our customers. For fiscal years 2016 to 2020, we projected the selling price of recovered crude oil based on crude oil forward prices as of our test date, January 1, 2015. For other operating income and expenses for years beyond fiscal year 2016, we assumed a 2% long-term growth rate in operating income, which is lower than our long-term expectations and our actual historic growth rate, and reflects our expectation for long-term growth in oilfield production and long-term inflation. The discount rates used in our discounted cash flow method were based upon on a weighted average cost of capital of industry peers as determined by third party valuation consultants in connection with recent business combinations, adjusted for specific reporting unit risks, which included the level of customer contractual commitments, the level of tangible investment and technological expertise, and the related uncertainty of achieving our budgeted cash flows. A terminal value was applied to the final year of projected cash flows projecting our expectations for stable long-term growth. We then calculated the present value of the discounted discrete and terminal value cash flows to arrive at an estimate of fair value under the income approach. The discounted cash flow results indicated that the estimated fair value of our water solutions reporting unit was greater than its book value at January 1, 2015.

We supplemented this analysis with a market value analysis, in which we compared the book value of the long-lived assets at January 1, 2015 to the fiscal year 2016 forecasted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization expense, which we believe is consistent with calculations often considered by market participants when negotiating the price to be paid for the acquisition of similar businesses. We believe the resulting multiple is reasonably less than the amount that a market participant would be expected to pay, including the following considerations:

- The size of the asset portfolio and its geographic diversity;
- The technological capabilities of the Wyoming processing facility, which we believe could be replicated at other locations if future state or federal laws and regulations require more water to be recycled or discharged;

- Forward crude prices in fiscal years 2017 to 2020 are higher than forward prices in fiscal year 2016; and
- Our solids disposal business, which began in fiscal year 2015 and which earns higher margins and which we expect will enhance the long-term cash flows of our water solutions business.

Finally, we compared our combined estimates of fair value for all of our segments to our total market capitalization as of January 1, 2015, without considering a control premium. Based upon the analyses performed, we concluded that our water segment did not fail step one of the goodwill impairment test, and the estimated fair value for each our reporting units exceeded its respective carrying value and that the goodwill assigned to each reporting unit was not impaired.

We evaluate property, plant and equipment and amortizable intangible assets for potential impairment when events and circumstances warrant such a review. A long-lived asset group is considered impaired when the anticipated undiscounted future cash flows from the use and eventual disposition of the asset group is less than its carrying value.

We evaluate equity method investments for impairment when we believe the current fair value may be less than the carrying amount. We record impairments of equity method investments if we believe the decline in value is other than temporary.

#### ***Asset Retirement Obligations***

We are required to recognize the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. In order to determine the fair value of such a liability, we must make certain estimates and assumptions including, among other things, projected cash flows, the estimated timing of retirement, a credit-adjusted risk-free interest rate, and an assessment of market conditions, which could significantly impact the estimated fair value of the asset retirement obligation. These

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estimates and assumptions are very subjective and can vary over time. We have recorded a liability of \$3.9 million at March 31, 2015. This liability is related to facilities for which we have contractual and regulatory obligations to perform remediation and, in some instances, dismantlement and removal activities when the assets are retired.

In addition to the obligations described above, we may be obligated to remove facilities or perform other remediation upon retirement of certain other assets. We do not believe the present value of these asset retirement obligations, under current laws and regulations, after taking into consideration the estimated lives of our facilities, is material to our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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

Depreciation expense represents the systematic write-off of the cost of our property, plant and equipment, net of residual or salvage value (if any), to the results of operations for the quarterly and annual periods during which the assets are used. We depreciate the majority of our property, plant and equipment using the straight-line method, which results in us recording depreciation expense evenly over the estimated life of the individual asset. The estimate of depreciation expense requires us to make assumptions regarding the useful economic lives and residual values of our assets. At the time we acquire and place our property, plant and equipment in service, we develop assumptions about the useful economic lives and residual values of such assets that we believe to be reasonable; however, circumstances may develop that could require us to change these assumptions in future periods, which would change our depreciation expense prospectively. Examples of such circumstances include changes in laws and regulations that limit the estimated economic life of an asset, changes in technology that render an asset obsolete, or changes in expected salvage values.

***Amortization of Intangible Assets***

Amortization expense represents the systematic write-off of the cost of our amortizable intangible assets to the results of operations for the quarterly and annual periods during which the assets are used. We amortize the majority of these intangible assets using the straight-line method, which results in us recording amortization expense evenly over the estimated life of the individual asset. The estimate of amortization expense requires us to make assumptions regarding the useful economic lives of our assets. At the time we acquire intangible assets, we develop assumptions about the useful economic lives of such assets that we believe to be reasonable; however, circumstances may develop that could require us to change these assumptions in future periods, which would change our amortization expense prospectively. Examples of such circumstances include changes in customer attrition rates and changes in laws and regulations that could limit the estimated economic life of an asset.

***Tank Bottoms***

Storage tanks require a certain minimum amount of product to remain in the tank as long as the tank is in service. This product is known as tank bottoms. We report tank bottoms we own in storage facilities we own at historical cost within property, plant and equipment on our consolidated balance sheets. The following table summarizes the tank bottoms reported in our consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2015 (in thousands):

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| Product              | Volume |    | Book Value |
|----------------------|--------|----|------------|
| Gasoline (barrels)   | 219    | \$ | 25,710     |
| Crude oil (barrels)  | 184    |    | 16,835     |
| Diesel (barrels)     | 124    |    | 15,153     |
| Renewables (barrels) | 41     |    | 4,220      |
| Other                | 504    |    | 738        |
| Total                |        | \$ | 62,656     |

### *Linefill*

We have entered into long-term commitments to ship specified minimum volumes of crude oil on certain third-party owned pipelines. These agreements require that we maintain a certain minimum amount of crude oil in the pipeline to serve as linefill over the duration of the agreement. We report such linefill at historical cost within other noncurrent assets on our consolidated balance sheets. At March 31, 2015, linefill consisted of 487,104 barrels of crude oil with a book value of \$35.1 million.

### *Business Combinations*

We have made in the past, and expect to make in the future, acquisitions of other businesses. We record business combinations using the acquisition method, in which the assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at their acquisition date



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fair values. Fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are based upon available information and may involve us engaging an independent third party to perform an appraisal. Estimating fair values can be complex and subject to significant business judgment. We must also identify and include in the allocation all acquired tangible and intangible assets that meet certain criteria, including assets that were not previously recorded by the acquired entity. The estimates most commonly involve property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, including those with indefinite lives. The estimates also include the fair value of contracts including commodity purchase and sale agreements, storage and transportation contracts, and employee compensation commitments. The excess of the purchase price over the net fair value of acquired assets and assumed liabilities is recorded as goodwill, which is not amortized but is reviewed annually for impairment. Pursuant to GAAP, an entity is allowed a reasonable period of time (not to exceed one year) to obtain the information necessary to identify and measure the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination. The impact of subsequent changes to the identification of assets and liabilities may require retrospective adjustments to our previously reported consolidated financial position and results of operations.

***Inventories***

Our inventories consist primarily of crude oil, natural gas liquids, refined products, ethanol, and biodiesel. The market values of these commodities change on a daily basis as supply and demand conditions change. We value our inventories at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined using either the weighted-average cost or the first in, first out (FIFO) methods, including the cost of transportation and storage. Market is determined based on estimated replacement cost using prices at the end of the reporting period. At the end of each fiscal year, we also perform a lower of cost or market analysis; if the cost basis of the inventories would not be recoverable based on market prices at the end of the year, we reduce the book value of the inventories to the recoverable amount. In performing this analysis, we consider fixed-price forward sale commitments and the opportunity to transfer propane inventory from our wholesale liquids business to our retail propane business to sell the inventory in retail markets. When performing this analysis during interim periods within a fiscal year, accounting standards do not require us to record a lower of cost or market write-down if we expect the market values to recover by our fiscal year end of March 31. We are unable to control changes in the market value of these commodities and are unable to determine whether write-downs will be required in future periods. In addition, write-downs at interim periods could be required if we cannot conclude that market values will recover sufficiently by our fiscal year end.

***Equity-Based Compensation***

Our general partner has granted certain restricted units to employees and directors under a long-term incentive plan. These units vest in tranches, subject to the continued service of the recipients.

We record the expense for the first tranche of each award on a straight-line basis over the period beginning with the grant date of the awards and ending with the vesting date of the tranche. We record the expense for succeeding tranches over the period beginning with the vesting date of the previous tranche and ending with the vesting date of the tranche.

At each balance sheet date, we adjust the cumulative expense recorded using the estimated fair value of the awards at the balance sheet date. We calculate the fair value of the awards using the closing price of our common units on the New York Stock Exchange on the balance sheet date, adjusted to reflect the fact that the holders of the unvested units are not entitled to distributions during the vesting period. We estimate the impact of the lack of distribution rights during the vesting period using the value of the most recent distribution and assumptions that a market participant might make about future distribution growth.

We report unvested units as liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets. When units vest and are issued, we record an increase to equity.

**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

**Interest Rate Risk**

A significant portion of our long-term debt is variable-rate debt. Changes in interest rates impact the interest payments of our variable-rate debt but generally do not impact the fair value of the liability. Conversely, changes in interest rates impact the fair value of the fixed-rate debt but do not impact its cash flows.

Our Revolving Credit Facility is variable-rate debt with interest rates that are generally indexed to bank prime or LIBOR interest rates. At March 31, 2015, we had \$1.4 billion of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility at a rate of 2.18%. A change in interest rates of 0.125% would result in an increase or decrease of our annual interest expense of \$1.7 million, based on borrowings outstanding at March 31, 2015.

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The TLP Credit Facility is variable-rate debt with interest rates that are generally indexed to bank prime or LIBOR interest rates. At March 31, 2015, TLP had \$250.0 million of outstanding borrowings under the TLP Credit Facility at a rate of 2.67%. A change in interest rates of 0.125% would result in an increase or decrease in TLP's annual interest expense of \$0.3 million, based on borrowings outstanding at March 31, 2015.

**Commodity Price and Credit Risk**

Our operations are subject to certain business risks, including commodity price risk and credit risk. Commodity price risk is the risk that the market value of crude oil, natural gas liquids, and refined products will change, either favorably or unfavorably, in response to changing market conditions. Credit risk is the risk of loss from nonperformance by suppliers, customers or financial counterparties to a contract.

Procedures and limits for managing commodity price risks and credit risks are specified in our market risk policy and credit risk policy, respectively. Open commodity positions and market price changes are monitored daily and are reported to senior management and to marketing operations personnel. Credit risk is monitored daily and exposure is minimized through customer deposits, restrictions on product liftings, letters of credit and entering into netting agreements that allow for offsetting counterparty receivable and payable balances for certain transactions, as deemed appropriate. The principal counterparties associated with our operations at March 31, 2015 were retailers, resellers, energy marketers, producers, refiners, and dealers.

The natural gas liquids and crude oil industries are margin-based and cost-plus businesses in which gross profits depend on the differential of sales prices over supply costs. As a result, our profitability may be impacted by changes in wholesale prices of natural gas liquids and crude oil. When there are sudden and sharp increases in the wholesale cost of natural gas liquids and crude oil, we may not be able to pass on these increases to our customers through retail or wholesale prices. Natural gas liquids and crude oil are commodities and the price we pay for them can fluctuate significantly in response to supply or other market conditions. We have no control over supply or market conditions. In addition, the timing of cost increases can significantly affect our realized margins. Sudden and extended wholesale price increases could reduce our gross margins and could, if continued over an extended period of time, reduce demand by encouraging end users to conserve or convert to alternative energy sources.

We engage in various types of forward contracts and financial derivative transactions to reduce the effect of price volatility on our product costs, to protect the value of our inventory positions, and to help ensure the availability of product during periods of short supply. We attempt to balance our contractual portfolio by purchasing volumes when we have a matching purchase commitment from our wholesale and retail customers. We may experience net unbalanced positions from time to time. In addition to our ongoing policy to maintain a balanced position, for accounting purposes we are required, on an ongoing basis, to track and report the market value of our derivative portfolio.

Although we use financial derivative instruments to reduce the market price risk associated with forecasted transactions, we do not account for financial derivative transactions as hedges. We record the changes in fair value of these financial derivative transactions within cost of sales. The following table summarizes the hypothetical impact on the March 31, 2015 fair value of our commodity derivatives of an increase of 10% in the value of the underlying commodity (in thousands):

**Increase  
(Decrease)**

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|  | <b>To Fair Value</b> |
|--|----------------------|
| Crude oil (crude oil logistics segment)                    | \$ (4,992)           |
| Crude oil (water solutions segment)                        | (1,813)              |
| Propane (liquids segment)                                  | 484                  |
| Other products (liquids segment)                           | 65                   |
| Refined products (refined products and renewables segment) | (22,831)             |
| Renewables (refined products and renewables segment)       | (936)                |

### **Fair Value**

We use observable market values for determining the fair value of our derivative instruments. In cases where actively quoted prices are not available, other external sources are used which incorporate information about commodity prices in actively quoted markets, quoted prices in less active markets and other market fundamental analysis.

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**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

Our consolidated financial statements beginning on page F-1 of this Annual Report, together with the report of Grant Thornton LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, are incorporated by reference into this Item 8.

**Item 9. Changes In and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13(a)-15(e) and 15(d)-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our filings and submissions under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of our general partner, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

We completed an evaluation under the supervision and with participation of our management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of our general partner, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures at March 31, 2015. Based on this evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of our general partner have concluded that as of March 31, 2015, such disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide the reasonable assurance described above.

**Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

Other than changes that have resulted or may result from our acquisitions during the year ended March 31, 2015, as discussed below, there have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13(a)-15(f) of the Exchange Act) during the three months ended March 31, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

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We acquired TransMontaigne LLC ( TransMontaigne ) (formerly TransMontaigne Inc.) and certain related operations in July 2014, as described in Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K ( Annual Report ). At this time, we continue to evaluate the business and internal controls and processes associated with TransMontaigne and are making various changes to its operating and organizational structure based on our business plan. We are in the process of implementing our internal control structure over this acquired business. We expect that our evaluation and integration efforts related to those operations will continue into future fiscal quarters.

### Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The management of our Delaware limited partnership (the Partnership ) and subsidiaries is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13(a)-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of our general partner, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in the 2013 *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, or the COSO framework.

As permitted by SEC rules, we have excluded the refined products marketing operations of TransMontaigne and certain related operations from our evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting for the year ended March 31, 2015 due to their size and complexity and the limited time available to complete the evaluation. The operations excluded from our evaluation represent 9% of our total assets at March 31, 2015, and 23% of our total revenues for the year ended March 31, 2015. We have not excluded TransMontaigne Partners L.P. ( TLP ) from our evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting for the year ended March 31, 2015, as TLP is a publicly traded limited partnership that is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting.

Based on our evaluation under the COSO framework, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective at March 31, 2015.

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Our internal control over financial reporting at March 31, 2015 has been audited by Grant Thornton LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which appears in Part IV, Item 15 Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules in this Annual Report.

**Item 9B. Other Information**

None.

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**PART III**

**Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

**Board of Directors of our General Partner**

NGL Energy Holdings LLC, our general partner, manages our operations and activities on our behalf through its directors and executive officers. Unitholders are not entitled to elect the directors of our general partner or directly or indirectly participate in our management or operations. The NGL Energy GP Investor Group appoints all members to the board of directors of our general partner.

The board of directors of our general partner currently has ten members. The board of directors of our general partner has determined that Mr. Kneale, Mr. Cropper, and Mr. Collingsworth satisfy the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) and SEC independence requirements. The NYSE does not require a listed publicly traded limited partnership like us to have a majority of independent directors on the board of directors of our general partner. In addition, we are not required to have a nominating and corporate governance committee.

In evaluating director candidates, the NGL Energy GP Investor Group assesses whether a candidate possesses the integrity, judgment, knowledge, experience, skill and expertise that are likely to enhance the ability of the board of directors of our general partner to manage and direct our affairs and business, including, when applicable, to enhance the ability of committees of the board to fulfill their duties. Our general partner has no minimum qualifications for director candidates. In general, however, the NGL Energy GP Investor Group reviews and evaluates both incumbent and potential new directors in an effort to achieve diversity of skills and experience among the directors of our general partner and in light of the following criteria:

- experience in business, government, education, technology or public interests;
- high-level managerial experience in large organizations;
- breadth of knowledge regarding our business and industry;
- specific skills, experience or expertise related to an area of importance to us, such as energy production, consumption, distribution or transportation, government, policy, finance or law;



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- moral character and integrity;
- commitment to our unitholders' interests;
- ability to provide insights and practical wisdom based on experience and expertise;
- ability to read and understand financial statements; and
- ability to devote the time necessary to carry out the duties of a director, including attendance at meetings and consultation on partnership matters.

Although our general partner does not have a formal policy in regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees, qualified candidates for nomination to the board are considered without regard to race, color, religion, gender, ancestry or national origin.

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### Directors and Executive Officers

Directors of our general partner are appointed by the NGL Energy GP Investor Group and hold office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified or until the earlier of their death, resignation, removal or disqualification. Executive officers are appointed by, and serve at the discretion of, the board of directors of our general partner. The following table shows information regarding the current directors of our general partner and our executive officers.

| Name                   | Age | Position with NGL Energy Holdings LLC                               |
|------------------------|-----|---|
| H. Michael Krimbill    | 61  | Chief Executive Officer and Director                                |
| Atanas H. Atanasov     | 42  | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer                               |
| James J. Burke         | 59  | President and Director  |
| Shawn W. Coady         | 53  | President and Chief Operating Officer, Retail Division and Director |
| Vincent J. Osterman    | 58  | President, Eastern Retail Propane Operations and Director           |
| James M. Collingsworth | 60  | Director  |
| Stephen L. Cropper     | 65  | Director  |
| Bryan K. Guderian      | 55  | Director  |
| James C. Kneale        | 63  | Director  |
| John T. Raymond        | 44  | Director  |
| Patrick Wade           | 45  | Director  |

**H. Michael Krimbill.** Mr. Krimbill has served as our Chief Executive Officer since October 2010 and as a member of the board of directors of our general partner since its formation in September 2010. From February 2007 through September 2010, Mr. Krimbill managed private investments. Mr. Krimbill was the President and Chief Financial Officer of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. from 2004 until his resignation in January 2007. Mr. Krimbill joined Heritage Propane Partners, L.P., the predecessor of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in 1990. Mr. Krimbill was President of Heritage Propane Partners, L.P. from 1999 to 2000 and President and Chief Executive Officer of Heritage Propane Partners, L.P. from 2000 to 2005. Mr. Krimbill also served as a director of Energy Transfer Equity, the general partner of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., from 2000 to January 2007, Williams Partners L.P. from 2007 to September 2012, and Pacific Commerce Bank from January 2011 to March 2015.

Mr. Krimbill brings leadership, oversight and financial experience to the board. Mr. Krimbill provides expertise in managing and operating a publicly traded partnership, including substantial expertise in successfully acquiring and integrating propane and midstream businesses. Mr. Krimbill also brings financial expertise to the board, including through his prior service as a chief financial officer. Mr. Krimbill's experience serving on other public company boards is also a valuable asset to our board of directors.

**Atanas H. Atanasov.** Mr. Atanasov was appointed as our Chief Financial Officer in May 2013. Mr. Atanasov joined our management team in November 2011, and previously served as our Senior Vice President of Finance and Treasurer. Prior to joining NGL, Mr. Atanasov spent nine years at GE Capital, working in lending and leveraged equity. Prior to GE Capital, Mr. Atanasov was with The Williams Companies, Inc. Mr. Atanasov currently serves on the board of directors of TransMontaigne Partners L.P. Mr. Atanasov is a CPA and holds an M.B.A. from the University of Tulsa and a B.S. in Accounting from Oral Roberts University.

**James J. Burke.** Mr. Burke serves as our President and joined the board of directors of our general partner in 2012. Mr. Burke was a co-founder of High Sierra Energy, LP and High Sierra Energy GP, LLC ( "High Sierra" ) and served as Chairman of the High Sierra board and President and Chief Executive Officer of the High Sierra general partner since September 2010. From July 2004 to September 2010, Mr. Burke was the

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Managing Director of High Sierra's general partner. Mr. Burke, along with three other entrepreneurs, co-founded Petro Source Partners, LP, where he ran six business units throughout the United States and Canada for the company over a 17-year span. Prior to that, Mr. Burke served as Manager of Crude Oil Acquisitions at Asamera Oil (United States) Inc. from 1981 to 1984. Mr. Burke began his career as a Crude Oil Representative at Permian Corporation, where he worked from 1978 to 1981. Mr. Burke also serves as the Managing Director of Impact Energy Services, LLC. Mr. Burke received his B.S. from University of Colorado in 1978.

**Shawn W. Coady.** Dr. Coady has served as our President and Chief Operating Officer, Retail Division, since April 2012 and previously served as our Co-President and Chief Operating Officer, Retail Division from October 2010 through April 2012. Dr. Coady has also served as a member of the board of directors of our general partner since its formation in September 2010. Dr. Coady served as an officer of Hicks Oils & Hicksgas, Incorporated ( HOH ), from March 1989 to September 2010 when HOH contributed its propane and propane related assets to Hicks LLC, and the membership interests in Hicks LLC were contributed to us as part of our formation transactions. Dr. Coady was an executive officer of Bachtold Brothers, Incorporated, a family owned company, when it

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filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection in October 2005. Dr. Coady was also the President of Gifford from March 1989 until the membership interests in Gifford were contributed to us as part of our formation transactions. Dr. Coady has served as a director and as a member of the executive committee of the Illinois Propane Gas Association from 2004 to March 2015. Dr. Coady has also served as the Illinois state director of the National Propane Gas Association from 2004 to March 2015. Dr. Coady has a B.A. in Chemistry from Emory University and an O.D. from the University of Houston. Dr. Coady is the brother of Mr. Coady.

Dr. Coady brings valuable management and operational experience to the board. Dr. Coady has over 25 years of experience in the retail propane industry, and provides expertise in both acquisition and organic growth strategies. Dr. Coady also provides insight into developments and trends in the propane industry through his leadership roles in national and state propane gas associations.

**Vincent J. Osterman.** Mr. Osterman has served as the President of Osterman Associated Companies, which contributed the assets of its propane operations to us on October 3, 2011, since August 1987. Mr. Osterman has served as President of our Eastern Retail Propane Operations and as a member of the board of directors of our general partner since October 2011. Mr. Osterman also serves as a director of Energi Holdings, Inc. and on the Board of Advisors of the Gaudette Insurance Agency.

With his long tenure as President of the Osterman Associated Companies, Mr. Osterman brings valuable executive and operational experience in the retail propane businesses to the board. Mr. Osterman also provides insight into developments and trends in the propane industry through his leadership roles in industry associations.

**James M. Collingsworth.** Mr. Collingsworth has served on our board of directors since January 2015. Mr. Collingsworth previously served as a Senior Vice President of the general partner of Enterprise Products Partners L.P. from November 2001 through September 2012. Prior to that, Mr. Collingsworth served as a board member of Texaco Canada Petroleum Inc. from July 1998 to October 2001 and was employed by Texaco from 1991 to 2001 in various management positions, including Senior Vice President of NGL Assets and Business Services from July 1998 to October 2001. Prior to joining Texaco, Mr. Collingsworth was director of feedstocks for Rexene Petrochemical Company from 1988 to 1991 and served in the MAPCO, Inc. organization from 1973 to 1988 in various capacities, including customer service and business development manager of the Mid-America and Seminole pipelines. Mr. Collingsworth currently serves on the board of directors of Martin Midstream Partners L.P. Mr. Collingsworth brings a wealth of in-depth industry experience to the Partnership. Mr. Collingsworth has worked in all facets of the midstream and petrochemical industry for more than 40 years.

**Stephen L. Cropper.** Mr. Cropper joined the board of directors of our general partner in June 2011. Mr. Cropper held various positions during his 25-year career at The Williams Companies, Inc., including serving as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Williams Energy Services, a Williams operating unit involved in various energy-related businesses, until his retirement in 1998. Mr. Cropper served as a director of Energy Transfer Partners L.P. from 2000 through 2005. Since Mr. Cropper's retirement from The Williams Companies, Inc. in 1998, he has been a consultant and private investor and also served as a director of Sunoco Logistics Partners, L.P., NRG Energy, Inc., Berry Petroleum Company, and Rental Car Finance Corp., a subsidiary of Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group. Mr. Cropper currently serves on the board of directors of QuikTrip Corporation and Wawa Inc.

Mr. Cropper brings substantial experience in the energy business and in the marketing of energy products to the board. With his significant management and governance experience, Mr. Cropper provides important skills in identifying, assessing and addressing various business issues. As a director for other public companies, Mr. Cropper also provides cross board experience.

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**Bryan K. Guderian.** Mr. Guderian joined the board of directors of our general partner in May 2012. Mr. Guderian has served as Senior Vice President of Business Development of WPX Energy, Inc. ( WPX ) since October 2014. Mr. Guderian served as Senior Vice President of Operations of WPX from August 2011 to October 2014. Mr. Guderian previously served as Vice President of the Exploration & Production unit of The Williams Companies, Inc. from 1998 until August 2011, where he had responsibility for overseeing international operations. Mr. Guderian has served as a director of Apco Oil & Gas International Inc., since 2002 and as a director of Petrolera Entre Lomas S.A. since 2003.

Mr. Guderian brings considerable upstream experience to the board including executive, operational and financial expertise from 30 years of petroleum industry involvement, the majority of which has been focused in exploration and production.

**James C. Kneale.** Mr. Kneale joined the board of directors of our general partner in May 2011. Mr. Kneale served as President and Chief Operating Officer of ONEOK, Inc., from January 2007, and ONEOK Partners, L.P., from May 2008, until his retirement in January 2010. After joining ONEOK in 1981, Mr. Kneale served in various other roles, including Chief Financial Officer from 1999 through 2006. Mr. Kneale also served as a director of ONEOK Partners, L.P. from 2006 until his retirement in January 2010. Mr. Kneale is a former CPA and has a B.B.A. in Accounting in 1973 from West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas.

Mr. Kneale brings extensive executive, financial and operational experience to the board. With nearly 30 years of experience in the natural liquids gas industry in numerous positions, Mr. Kneale provides valuable insight into our business and industry.

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**John T. Raymond.** Mr. Raymond joined the board of directors of our general partner in August 2013. Mr. Raymond is the Founder and Majority Owner of The Energy & Minerals Group ( EMG ) of which he has been a Managing Partner and the Chief Executive Officer since its September 2006 inception. Mr. Raymond has held executive leadership positions with various energy companies, including President and Chief Executive Officer of Plains Resources Inc. (the predecessor entity of Vulcan Energy Corporation), President and Chief Operating Officer of Plains Exploration and Production Company and was a Director of Plains All American Pipeline, LP.

Mr. Raymond is also currently a director of American Energy Ohio Holdings, LLC, Ferus Inc., Ferus Natural Gas Fuels Inc., Iron Ore Holdings, Lighthouse Oil & Gas GP, LLC, MarkWest Utica EMG, LLC, Medallion Midstream, LLC, Plains All American GP LLC and Tallgrass MLP GP LLC. Mr. Raymond manages various private investments through personally held Lynx Holdings, LLC. Mr. Raymond received a B.S.M. from the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University with dual concentrations in finance and accounting and currently sits on the Board of the Business School Council.

**Patrick Wade.** Mr. Wade served as a member of the High Sierra board beginning in November 2008 and as a member of the board of directors of our general partner since 2012. Mr. Wade has 20 years of experience in the energy sector. In 2002, Mr. Wade co-founded Tiger Midstream Investments, a natural gas midstream development and investment company that was involved primarily in the United States Rockies. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Wade was a Managing Director at Bear Energy LP, responsible for investments in natural gas midstream infrastructure, as well as contracting for a diverse portfolio of natural gas storage capacity. In 2008, Mr. Wade joined EMG, as a Managing Director in the Houston office. EMG is the management company for a series of specialized private equity funds. EMG focuses on investing across various facets of the global natural resource industry including the upstream and midstream segments of the energy complex. EMG is the managing partner of EMG NGL HC LLC. Mr. Wade's primary focus is making direct investments across the natural resources industry. Mr. Wade served as a director of MarkWest Liberty Midstream & Resources from 2009 through 2011. In addition, Mr. Wade serves on the board of directors of Medallion Midstream, L.L.C., Ferus Inc., and Lodestar Energy Group, LLC. Mr. Wade received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1991 and his M.B.A. from the Jesse H. Jones School of Management at Rice University in 1995.

Mr. Wade brings extensive financial and industry experience to the board. With 20 years of experience in the energy sector, Mr. Wade provides valuable insight into our business.

## **Director Appointment Rights**

The Limited Liability Company Agreement of NGL Energy Holdings LLC grants certain parties the right to designate a specified number of persons to serve on the board of directors. EMG NGL HC LLC has the right to designate two persons to serve on the board of directors, and has designated John Raymond and Patrick Wade. The Coady Group (which consists of certain entities controlled by Shawn W. Coady and Todd M. Coady) and the investors who formed the Partnership ( IEP Parties ) (which consists of certain entities controlled by H. Michael Krimbill, and two other investors, one of whom is an employee of the Partnership) each have the right to designate one person to serve on the board of directors. The Coady Group has designated Shawn W. Coady and the IEP Parties have designated H. Michael Krimbill.

## **Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight**

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The board of directors of our general partner believes that whether the offices of chairman of the board and chief executive officer are combined or separated should be decided by the board, from time to time, in its business judgment after considering relevant circumstances. The board of directors of our general partner currently does not have a chairman.

The board of directors and its committees regularly review material operational, financial, compensation and compliance risks with senior management. In particular, the audit committee is responsible for risk oversight with respect to financial and compliance risks and risks relating to our audit and independent registered public accounting firm. Our compensation committee considers risk in connection with its design and evaluation of compensation programs for our senior management. Each committee regularly reports to the board of directors.

### **Audit Committee**

The board of directors of our general partner has established an audit committee. The audit committee assists the board in its oversight of the integrity of our financial statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and partnership policies and controls. The audit committee has the sole authority to, among other things:

- retain and terminate our independent registered public accounting firm;

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- approve all auditing services and related fees and the terms thereof performed by our independent registered public accounting firm; and
- establish policies and procedures for the pre-approval of all non-audit services and tax services to be rendered by our independent registered public accounting firm.

The audit committee is also responsible for confirming the independence and objectivity of our independent registered public accounting firm. Our independent registered public accounting firm is given unrestricted access to the audit committee and our management, as necessary.

Mr. Collingsworth, Mr. Cropper, and Mr. Kneale currently serve on the audit committee, and Mr. Kneale serves as the chairman. The board of directors of our general partner has determined that Mr. Kneale is an audit committee financial expert as defined under SEC rules and that each member of the audit committee is financially literate. In compliance with the requirements of the NYSE, all of the members of the audit committee are independent directors, as defined in the applicable NYSE rules.

**Compensation Committee**

The board of directors of our general partner has established a compensation committee. The compensation committee's responsibilities include the following, among others:

- establishing the general partner's compensation philosophy and objectives;
- approving the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer;
- making recommendations to the board of directors with respect to the compensation of other officers and directors; and
- reviewing and making recommendations to the board of directors with respect to incentive compensation and equity-based plans.

Mr. Cropper, Mr. Guderian, and Mr. Kneale currently serve on the compensation committee. Mr. Cropper serves as the chairman. The board of directors has determined that Mr. Cropper and Mr. Kneale are independent directors under applicable NYSE and Exchange Act rules. The NYSE does not require a listed publicly traded limited partnership to have a compensation committee consisting entirely of independent directors.



**Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our general partner's board of directors and officers, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities, to file initial reports of beneficial ownership and reports of changes in beneficial ownership of our common units and other equity securities with the SEC. Directors, officers and greater than 10% unitholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish to us copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file with the SEC.

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To our knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to us and written representations by our directors and officers, we believe that all reporting obligations of our general partner's directors and officers and our greater than 10% unitholders under Section 16(a) were satisfied during the year ended March 31, 2015, except as described in the table below.

| Reportable Event   | Name of Filer       | Number of Transactions Reported Late | Average Delay (1) |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sale of units  | David C. Kehoe      | 1                                    | 3 days            |
|  | Vincent J. Osterman | 4                                    | 1 day             |
| Restricted units net settled for income tax withholding        | Atanas H. Atanasov  | 2                                    | 10 days           |
|  | James J. Burke      | 1                                    | 18 days           |
|  | Shawn W. Coady      | 2                                    | 10 days           |
|  | Todd M. Coady       | 2                                    | 10 days           |
|  | Jeffrey A. Herbers  | 2                                    | 10 days           |
|  | David C. Kehoe      | 1                                    | 18 days           |
|  | Vincent J. Osterman | 2                                    | 10 days           |
| Conversion of subordinated units to common units               | Shawn W. Coady      | 1                                    | 2 days            |
|  | Todd M. Coady       | 1                                    | 2 days            |
|  | H. Michael Krimbill | 1                                    | 3 days            |
| Grant of unvested restricted units under compensation programs | Atanas H. Atanasov  | 1                                    | 14 days           |
|  | Shawn W. Coady      | 1                                    | 14 days           |
|  | Todd M. Coady       | 1                                    | 14 days           |
|  | Jeffrey A. Herbers  | 1                                    | 14 days           |
|  | Vincent J. Osterman | 1                                    | 14 days           |

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(1) Represents the average number of business days by which the filing deadlines were missed.

### Corporate Governance

The board of directors of our general partner has adopted a Code of Ethics for the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Financial Officers, or Code of Ethics, that applies to the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, controller and all other senior financial and accounting officers of our general partner. Amendments to or waivers from the Code of Ethics will be disclosed on our website. The board of directors of our general partner has also adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines that outline important policies and practices regarding our governance and a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to the directors, officers and employees of our general partner and the Partnership.

We make available free of charge, within the Governance section of our website at <http://www.nglenergypartners.com/governance>, and in print to any unitholder who so requests, the Code of Ethics, the Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the charters of the audit committee and the compensation committee of the board of directors of our general partner. Requests for print copies may be directed to Investor Relations at [investorinfo@nglep.com](mailto:investorinfo@nglep.com) or to Investor Relations, NGL Energy Partners LP, 6120 South Yale Avenue, Suite 805, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136 or made by telephone at (918) 481-1119. The information contained on, or connected to, our website is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report and should not be considered part of this or any other report that we file with or furnish to the

SEC.

**Meeting of Non-Management Directors and Communications with Directors**

At each quarterly meeting of the audit committee and/or the board of directors of our general partner, our independent directors meet in an executive session without participation by management or non-independent directors. Mr. Kneale presides over these executive sessions.

Unitholders or interested parties may communicate directly with the board of directors of our general partner, any committee of the board, any independent directors, or any one director, by sending written correspondence by mail addressed to the board,

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committee or director to the attention of our Secretary at the following address: Name of the Director(s), c/o Secretary, NGL Energy Partners LP, 6120 South Yale Avenue, Suite 805, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136. Communications are distributed to the board, committee, or director as appropriate, depending on the facts and circumstances outlined in the communication.

**Item 11. Executive Compensation**

**Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The year 2015 in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the summary compensation table refers to our fiscal year ended March 31, 2015.

**Introduction**

The board of directors of our general partner has responsibility and authority for compensation-related decisions for our executive officers. The board of directors has formed a compensation committee to develop our compensation program, to determine the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer, and to make recommendations to the board of directors regarding the compensation of our other executive officers. Our executive officers are also officers of our operating companies and are compensated directly by our operating companies. While we reimburse our general partner and its affiliates for all expenses they incur on our behalf, our executive officers do not receive any additional compensation for the services they provide to our general partner.

Our named executive officers for fiscal year 2015 were:

- H. Michael Krimbill Chief Executive Officer
- Atanas H. Atanasov Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
- James J. Burke President
- Shawn W. Coady President and Chief Operating Officer, Retail Division

- Vincent J. Osterman President, Eastern Retail Propane Operations

### Compensation Philosophy

Our compensation philosophy emphasizes pay-for-performance, focused primarily on the ability to increase sustainable quarterly distributions to our unitholders. Pay-for-performance is based on a combination of our performance and the individual executive officer's contribution to our performance. We believe this pay-for-performance approach generally aligns the interests of our executive officers with the interests of our unitholders, and at the same time enables us to maintain a lower level of cash compensation expense in the event our operating and financial performance do not meet our expectations.

Our executive compensation program is designed to provide a total compensation package that allows us to:

- **Attract and retain** individuals with the background and skills necessary to successfully execute our business strategies;
- **Motivate** those individuals to reach short-term and long-term goals in a way that aligns their interests with the interests of our unitholders; and
- **Reward** success in reaching those goals.

### Recent Achievements

Our compensation structure is designed to reward our officers for achieving above-market returns for our unitholders. Our achievements during the year ended March 31, 2015 included the following:

- Significantly expanded our refined products and renewables segment through the acquisition of TransMontaigne and related operations;

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- Completed a successful open season and began construction of Grand Mesa to transport crude oil from Weld County, Colorado to Cushing, Oklahoma;
- Acquired a strategically-located natural gas liquids salt dome storage facility in Utah; and
- Increased our distribution from \$0.5513 per common unit in May 2014 to \$0.6250 per common unit in May 2015 (an increase of over 13%).

**Compensation Highlights**

- We paid no cash bonuses to our named executive officers during fiscal year 2015.
- The salaries of most of our named executive officers remain below the median of our benchmark peer group. This enables us to grant more performance-based compensation to maintain competitive total compensation packages.
- We introduced a new performance-based restricted unit program for which no payout will be made unless the return on our common units exceeded the median returns for a specified peer group over specified periods of time.

**Factors Enhancing Alignment with Unitholder Interests**

- Majority of officer pay is incentive compensation at risk based on annual financial performance and growth in unitholder value;
- Equity-based incentives are the largest single component of officer compensation;
- Certain of the officers' equity awards are subject to achievement of above-median total unitholder return relative to our performance peer group;

- No excise tax gross-ups; and
- Compensation committee engages an independent compensation adviser.

#### Compensation Setting Process

Our compensation program for our named executive officers supports our philosophy of pay-for-performance.

- **Role of Management:** Our Chief Executive Officer also provides periodic recommendations to the compensation committee and the board of directors regarding the compensation of our other named executive officers.

- **Role of the Compensation Committee's Consultant:** In carrying out its responsibilities for establishing, implementing and monitoring the effectiveness of our executive compensation philosophy, plans and programs, our compensation committee has the authority to engage outside experts to assist in its deliberations. During fiscal year 2015, the compensation committee received compensation advice and data from Pearl Meyer & Partners ( PM&P ). PM&P conducted a competitive review of the principal components of compensation for our executives, including our named executive officers. PM&P also provided input on peer group selection (compensation and performance peers), and short and long-term incentive plan design. The compensation committee reviewed the services provided by PM&P and determined that they are independent in providing executive compensation consulting services. In making this determination, the compensation committee noted that during fiscal year 2015:

- PM&P did not provide any services to the Partnership or management other than compensation consulting services requested by or with the approval of the compensation committee;

- PM&P does not provide, directly or indirectly through affiliates, any non-compensation services such as pension consulting or human resource outsourcing;

- PM&P maintains a conflicts policy, which was provided to the compensation committee with specific policies and procedures designed to ensure independence;

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- Fees paid to PM&P by the Partnership during fiscal year 2015 were less than 1% of PM&P's total revenue;
- None of the PM&P consultants working on Partnership matters had any business or personal relationship with compensation committee members;
- None of the PM&P consultants working on Partnership matters (or any consultants at PM&P) had any business or personal relationship with any executive officer of the Partnership; and
- None of the PM&P consultants working on Partnership matters own Partnership interests.

The compensation committee continues to monitor the independence of its compensation consultant on a periodic basis. The compensation committee considered the recommendations provided by PM&P in the process of designing the fiscal year 2015 compensation program.

### Elements of Executive Compensation

As part of our pay-for-performance approach to executive compensation, the compensation of our executive officers includes a significant component of incentive compensation based on our performance. We use three primary elements of compensation in our executive compensation program:

| Element                           | Primary Purpose  | How Amount Determined   | Attract & Retain | Objective Supported<br>Motivate & Pay for Performance | Unitholder Alignment |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|------------------|---|----------------------|
| Base Salary                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed income to compensate executive officers for their level of responsibility, expertise and experience</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on competition in the marketplace for executive talent and abilities</li> </ul>                          | X                |   |                      |
| Cash Bonus Awards                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rewards achievement of specific annual financial and operational performance goals</li> <li>Recognizes individual contributions to our performance</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the named executive officer's relative contribution to achieving or exceeding annual goals</li> </ul> | X                | X   | X                    |
| Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motivates and rewards the achievement of long-term</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the named executive officer's expected contribution</li> </ul>  | X                | X   | X                    |



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| <p>performance goals, including increasing the market price of our common units and the quarterly distributions to our unitholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a forfeitable long-term incentive to encourage executive retention</li> </ul> | <p>to long-term performance goals</p> |
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### ***Base Salary***

The compensation committee periodically reviews the base salaries of our named executive officers and may recommend adjustments as necessary. We do not make automatic annual adjustments to base salary.

- Mr. Krimbill's initial base salary of \$120,000 was originally determined as part of the negotiations for our formation transactions. In setting the base salaries, the parties considered various factors, including the compensation needed to attract or retain the officers, the historical compensation of the officers, and each officer's expected individual contribution to our performance. At the request of Mr. Krimbill, the parties agreed that he should receive a lower base salary than our other executive officers at the time because, as our Chief Executive Officer, a significant portion of his compensation should be performance-based, to further align his interests with the interests of our unitholders. In February 2012, the base salary of Mr. Krimbill was reduced to \$60,000, based on our operating and financial performance as a result of an unusually warm winter. The base salary of Mr. Krimbill was restored to \$120,000 effective November 12, 2012. Effective July 1, 2014, the Board of Directors increased Mr. Krimbill's salary to \$350,000, in

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consideration of the fact that his salary was low relative to the benchmark peer group (and remains below the 25th percentile of the peer group).

- Mr. Atanasov's base salary of \$195,000 was negotiated prior to his joining our management team in November 2011. The base salary of Mr. Atanasov was increased to \$250,000 in July 2013 and to \$300,000 in July 2014, in consideration of the fact that his salary was low relative to the benchmark peer group.
- Mr. Burke's base salary of \$353,000 became effective on June 19, 2012 when Mr. Burke joined our management team upon completion of our merger with High Sierra. Mr. Burke's base salary was increased to \$375,000 in July 2013 and to \$384,000 in June 2014. Mr. Burke was given a lower salary increase than the other named executive officers, based on the fact this his salary is higher relative to the benchmark peer group than the other named executive officers (his current salary is close to the 50th percentile of the peer group).
- Dr. Coady's base salary of \$300,000 was determined as part of the negotiations for our formation transactions. In February 2012, the base salary of Dr. Coady was reduced to \$200,000 based on our operating and financial performance as a result of an unusually warm winter. The base salary of Dr. Coady was restored to \$300,000 effective November 12, 2012. Dr. Coady's base salary was increased to \$315,000 in July 2014, in consideration of the fact that his salary was low relative to the benchmark peer group.
- Mr. Osterman's initial base salary of \$125,000 was negotiated at the time Mr. Osterman joined our management team upon completion of our acquisition of Osterman Propane. Mr. Osterman's salary was increased to \$200,000 in January 2013 and to \$250,000 in July 2013, in consideration of the fact that his salary was low relative to the benchmark peer group.

### ***Cash Bonus Awards***

No cash bonuses were paid to the named executive officers during fiscal year 2015. None of the named executive officers is subject to a formal cash bonus plan, and any cash bonuses are at the discretion of the Compensation Committee or the Board of Directors, (in the case of Mr. Krimbill) or the Compensation Committee (in the case of the other named executive officers).

### ***Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards***

Certain restricted units granted to the named executive officers vest in tranches, contingent only on the continued service of the recipient through the vesting date (the "Service Awards"). Grants of Service Award units to the named executive officers are summarized below:

| Unvested Units<br>at March 31, 2014 | Units Granted<br>in July 2014 | Units Vested<br>in March 2015 | Units Vested<br>in Fiscal Year 2015 | Total<br>Unvested Units<br>at March 31, 2015 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
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|---------------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|--------|
| Atanas H. Atanasov  | 32,000 | 7,000 | 24,000 | (27,000) | 36,000 |
| James J. Burke      | 40,000 |       | 25,000 | (20,000) | 45,000 |
| Shawn W. Coady      | 10,000 | 7,000 | 45,000 | (17,000) | 45,000 |
| Vincent J. Osterman | 10,000 | 7,000 | 45,000 | (17,000) | 45,000 |

The vesting dates of the unvested Service Award units at March 31, 2015 are summarized below:

|                     | Service Award Units by Vesting Date |              |              | Total<br>Unvested Units<br>at March 31, 2015 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
|                     | July 1, 2015                        | July 1, 2016 | July 1, 2017 |  |
| Atanas H. Atanasov  | 12,000                              | 12,000       | 12,000       | 36,000                                       |
| James J. Burke      | 15,000                              | 15,000       | 15,000       | 45,000                                       |
| Shawn W. Coady      | 15,000                              | 15,000       | 15,000       | 45,000                                       |
| Vincent J. Osterman | 15,000                              | 15,000       | 15,000       | 45,000                                       |

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The Service Award units granted in July 2014 were intended as discretionary bonuses for performance during fiscal year 2014. Of the Service Award units granted in March 2015 to Mr. Atanasov and Mr. Burke, 10,000 of the units were intended as a bonus for performance during fiscal year 2015. No Service Award units were granted to Mr. Krimbill until April 2015, at the request of Mr. Krimbill.

The number of Service Award units to be granted was determined by reference to peer groups. Assuming a value of \$30 value per unit for this purpose, the annual Service Award value falls between the 25th and 50th percentile of the peer group for Mr. Burke, Dr. Coady, and Mr. Osterman, and below the 25th percentile of the peer group for Mr. Atanasov.

***Fiscal Year 2016 Awards***

During April 2015, the board of directors granted certain Service Award units to Mr. Krimbill, which will vest in tranches of 71,191 each on July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2017. The number of award units was calculated based on the median value of equity award units granted to chief executive officers in the benchmark peer group.

During April 2015, the Partnership granted awards that are contingent both on the continued service of the recipients through the vesting date and also on the performance of our common units relative to the performance of other entities in the Alerian MLP Index (the Index) over specified periods of time (the Performance Awards). The maximum number of units that could vest on the Performance Awards granted to each named executive officer is summarized below:

|                     | Maximum Performance Award Units<br>by Vesting Date |              |              | Total   |
|---------------------|--|--------------|--------------|---------|
|                     | July 1, 2015                                       | July 1, 2016 | July 1, 2017 |         |
| H. Michael Krimbill | 142,382  | 142,382      | 142,382      | 427,146 |
| Atanas H. Atanasov  | 24,000   | 24,000       | 24,000       | 72,000  |
| James J. Burke      | 30,000   | 30,000       | 30,000       | 90,000  |
| Shawn W. Coady      | 30,000   | 30,000       | 30,000       | 90,000  |
| Vincent J. Osterman | 30,000   | 30,000       | 30,000       | 90,000  |

The number of Performance Award units that will vest is contingent on the performance of our common units relative to the performance of the other entities in the Index. Performance will be calculated based on the return on our common units (including changes in the market price of the common units and distributions paid during the performance period) relative to the returns on the common units of the other entities in the Index. Performance will be measured over the following periods:

| Vesting Date of Tranche | Performance Period for Tranche     |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| July 1, 2015            | July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015 |
| July 1, 2016            | July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 |
| July 1, 2017            | July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 |

The percentage of the maximum Performance Award units that will vest will depend on the percentage of entities in the Index that NGL outperforms, as summarized in the table below:

| Performance Relative to Index | Percentage of Maximum<br>Performance Award Units to Vest |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Less than 50th percentile     | 0%   |
| 50th - 75th percentile        | 25% - 50%  |
| 75th - 90th percentile        | 50% - 100%   |
| Greater than 90 percentile    | 100%   |

The Performance Award units were determined in consideration of the fact that the base salaries and the service-based equity awards for the named executive officers are in most cases below the median value for officers in their respective peer groups. The compensation committee believes that if the performance of NGL's common units falls below the median performance of the Index, the named executive officers should receive lower compensation than their peers, but that if the performance of NGL's common units exceeds the median of the Index, the compensation of the named executive officers should be increased.

Under the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 718, the grant date for the Performance Award units was in April 2015, as the performance metrics were not finalized and communicated to the recipients until April 2015. As a result, these awards are not listed in the Summary Compensation Table for fiscal year 2015 below.

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***Severance and Change in Control Benefits***

We do not provide any severance or change of control benefits to our named executive officers. The board of directors has the option to accelerate the vesting of the restricted units in the event of a change in control of the Partnership, although it is not under any obligation to do so.

***401(k) Plan***

We have established a defined contribution 401(k) plan to assist our eligible employees in saving for retirement on a tax-deferred basis. The 401(k) plan permits all eligible employees, including our named executive officers, to make voluntary pre-tax contributions to the plan, subject to applicable tax limitations. We make an employer matching contribution equal to 3.5% of the employee's contribution that is not in excess of 6% of the employee's eligible compensation (subject to annual Internal Revenue Service contribution limits). Our matching contributions prior to January 1, 2015 vest over 5 years and, effective January 1, 2015, our matching contributions vest over 2 years.

***Other Benefits***

We do not maintain a defined benefit or pension plan for our executive officers, because we believe such plans primarily reward longevity rather than performance. We provide a basic benefits package available to substantially all full-time employees, which includes a 401(k) plan and medical, dental, vision, disability and life insurance.

***Other Officers***

Certain officers who have leadership roles within our individual business units, but who are not executive officers, participate in formulaic bonus programs that are based on the performance of the individual business units with which they are involved. In most cases, similar programs were in place prior to our acquisition of the businesses, and we have left the programs substantially intact.

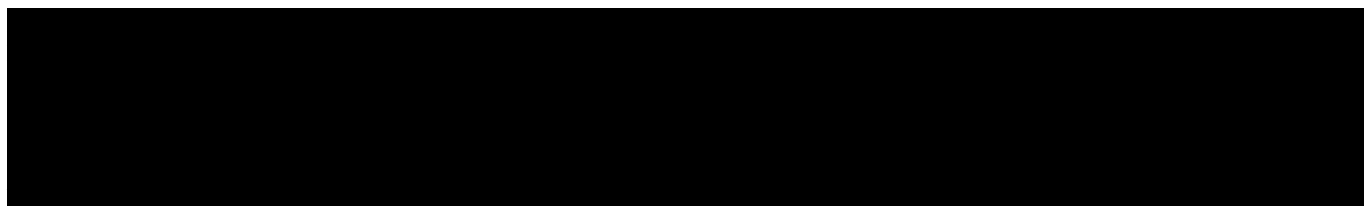
**Competitive Review and Fiscal Year 2015 Compensation Program**

During fiscal year 2015, PM&P conducted a competitive review of our executive compensation program and provided input to the compensation committee regarding competitive compensation levels and compensation program design. In order to provide guidance to the compensation committee regarding competitive rates of compensation, PM&P collected pay data from the following sources:

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- Compensation surveys including data from published compensation surveys representative of other energy industry and broader general industry companies with revenues of between \$1 billion and \$6 billion; and
- Peer group data including pay data from 10-K and proxy filings for a group of 20 publicly traded midstream oil & gas partnerships of similar size and scope to us.

### Compensation Peer Group Companies



PM&P defines "market" as the combination of survey data and peer group data. As described above, the Compensation Committee considered this data in establishing salaries for fiscal year 2015 and in determining the number of Service Award and Performance Award units to grant to the named executive officers.

### Employment Agreements

We do not have employment agreements with any of our named executive officers.

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**Deductibility of Compensation**

We believe that the compensation paid to the named executive officers is generally fully deductible for federal income tax purposes. We are a limited partnership and we do not meet the definition of a corporation subject to deduction limitations under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**Compensation Committee Report**

The compensation committee of the board of directors of our general partner has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth above with management. Based on this review and discussion, the compensation committee recommended to the board of directors of our general partner that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Annual Report.

Members of the compensation committee:

Stephen L. Cropper (Chairman)  
Bryan K. Guderian  
James C. Kneale

**Relation of Compensation Policies and Practices to Risk Management**

Our compensation arrangements contain a number of design elements that serve to minimize the incentive for taking excessive or inappropriate risk to achieve short-term, unsustainable results. This includes using restricted unit grants as a significant element of the executive compensation, as the restricted units are designed to reward the executives based on the long-term performance of the Partnership. In combination with our risk-management practices, we do not believe that risks arising from our compensation policies and practices for our employees are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us.

**Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

During fiscal year 2015, Stephen L. Cropper, Bryan K. Guderian, and James C. Kneale served on the Compensation Committee. None of these individuals is an employee or an officer of our general partner. As described under Part I, Item 13 Transactions with Related Persons, Mr. Guderian is an executive officer of WPX, and we entered into certain transactions with WPX during fiscal year 2015. Shawn Coady is an executive officer and a member of the board of directors. Dr. Coady also serves on the board of directors of HOH, a family-owned company, and in this capacity Dr. Coady participates in the compensation setting process of the HOH board of directors.





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**Summary Compensation Table for 2015**

The following table includes the compensation earned by our named executive officers for fiscal years 2013 through 2015.

| <b>Name and Position</b>                       | <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Salary (\$)</b> | <b>Bonus (1) (\$)</b> | <b>Restricted Unit Awards (2) (\$)</b> | <b>All Other Compensation (3) (\$)</b> | <b>Total (\$)</b> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| H. Michael Krimbill<br>Chief Executive Officer | 2015               | 292,500            |                       |  | 9,319                                  | 301,819           |
|  | 2014               | 117,693            | 475,000               |  | 6,493                                  | 599,186           |
|  | 2013               | 82,849             |                       |  | 2,492                                  | 85,341            |
| Atanas H. Atanasov<br>Chief Financial Officer  | 2015               | 287,500            |                       | 864,664                                | 9,346                                  | 1,161,510         |
|  | 2014               | 232,500            | 195,000               | 259,696                                | 7,038                                  | 694,234           |
|  | 2013               | 195,000            |                       | 743,440                                | 2,738                                  | 941,178           |
| James J. Burke (4)                             | 2015               | 381,750            |                       | 602,270                                |  |                   |