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^x Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017.

OR

.. Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from to .

Commission File Number: 001-34535

United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware 26-0431733
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)**

1999 Harrison Street, Suite 1530

Oakland, California 94612

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(510) 522-9600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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. x Yes " No

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

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

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer "

Non-accelerated filer x (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company "

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act. "

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

The registrant had 850,000 shares outstanding as of November 9, 2017.

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Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Condensed Financial Statements.

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United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP**Condensed Statements of Financial Condition****At September 30, 2017 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2016**

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (at cost \$8,390,491 and \$15,061,018, respectively) (Notes 2 and 5)	\$ 8,390,491	\$ 15,061,018
Equity in trading accounts:		
Cash and cash equivalents (at cost \$1,411,924 and \$699,804, respectively)	1,411,924	699,804
Unrealized gain (loss) on open commodity futures contracts	(275,316	) 2,796,004
Receivable from General Partner (Note 3)	44,548	102,092
Dividends receivable	2,446	1,488
Interest receivable	426	—
Directors' fees and insurance receivable	366	—
ETF transaction fees receivable	—	350
Total assets	\$ 9,574,885	\$ 18,660,756
Liabilities and Partners' Capital		
Payable due to Broker	\$ —	\$ 2,099,689
General Partner management fees payable (Note 3)	6,242	10,437
Professional fees payable	56,120	102,301
Brokerage commissions payable	1,181	1,801
Directors' fees and insurance payable	—	106
License fees payable	364	744
Total liabilities	63,907	2,215,078
Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 3, 4 and 5)		
Partners' Capital		
General Partner	—	—
Limited Partners	9,510,978	16,445,678
Total Partners' Capital	9,510,978	16,445,678
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$ 9,574,885	\$ 18,660,756
Limited Partners' shares outstanding	950,000	1,400,000
Net asset value per share	\$ 10.01	\$ 11.75
Market value per share	\$ 9.98	\$ 11.69

See accompanying notes to condensed financial statements.

***United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP
Condensed Schedule of Investments (Unaudited)
At September 30, 2017***

	Notional Amount	Number of Contracts	Value/ Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Open Commodity Contracts	% of Partners' Capital
Open Futures Contracts - Long				
United States Contracts				
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG November 2017 contracts, expiring October 2017	\$ 869,767	26	\$ (87,947)	(0.92)
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG December 2017 contracts, expiring November 2017	837,314	26	(10,254)	(0.11)
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG January 2018 contracts, expiring December 2017	950,026	26	(93,326)	(0.98)
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG February 2018 contracts, expiring January 2018	952,825	26	(95,085)	(1.00)
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG March 2018 contracts, expiring February 2018	908,195	26	(63,455)	(0.67)
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG April 2018 contracts, expiring March 2018	744,146	26	19,994	0.21
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG May 2018 contracts, expiring April 2018	742,647	26	12,393	0.13
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG June 2018 contracts, expiring May 2018	762,416	26	(616)	(0.01)
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG July 2018 contracts, expiring June 2018	750,510	26	17,530	0.18
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG August 2018 contracts, expiring July 2018	750,770	26	17,790	0.19
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG September 2018 contracts, expiring August 2018	751,120	26	11,980	0.13
NYMEX Natural Gas Futures NG October 2018 contracts, expiring September 2018	773,400	26	(4,320)	(0.04)
Total Open Futures Contracts*	\$9,793,136	312	\$ (275,316)	(2.89)

United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP
Condensed Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (Continued)
At September 30, 2017

	Principal Amount	Market Value	% of Partners' Capital
Cash Equivalents			
United States Treasury Obligations			
U.S. Treasury Bills:			
0.90%, 10/05/2017	\$200,000	\$199,980	2.10
0.92%, 10/12/2017	200,000	199,944	2.10
0.91%, 10/19/2017	200,000	199,909	2.10
0.95%, 10/26/2017	200,000	199,868	2.10
0.97%, 11/02/2017	200,000	199,828	2.10
1.01%, 11/09/2017	300,000	299,673	3.15
0.98%, 11/16/2017	200,000	199,750	2.10
1.05%, 11/24/2017	200,000	199,686	2.10
1.05%, 11/30/2017	100,000	99,826	1.05
1.08%, 12/07/2017	200,000	199,602	2.10
1.09%, 12/14/2017	200,000	199,556	2.10
1.11%, 12/21/2017	200,000	199,505	2.10
1.10%, 12/28/2017	200,000	199,465	2.10
1.12%, 1/04/2018	200,000	199,412	2.10
1.11%, 1/11/2018	300,000	299,061	3.15
1.10%, 1/18/2018	300,000	299,010	3.15
1.12%, 1/25/2018	300,000	298,922	3.14
1.12%, 2/01/2018	200,000	199,238	2.10
1.13%, 2/08/2018	200,000	199,188	2.10
1.12%, 2/15/2018	200,000	199,155	2.09
1.10%, 2/22/2018	200,000	199,128	2.09
1.09%, 3/01/2018	100,000	99,545	1.05
1.14%, 3/08/2018	200,000	199,006	2.09
1.14%, 3/15/2018	200,000	198,964	2.09
1.16%, 3/22/2018	200,000	198,901	2.09
1.17%, 3/29/2018	200,000	198,846	2.09
Total Treasury Obligations		5,384,968	56.63
United States - Money Market Funds			
Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds - Government Portfolio	1,400,000	1,400,000	14.72
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Funds - Government Fund - Class FS	1,000,000	1,000,000	10.51
Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds - Government Portfolio	1,000,000	1,000,000	10.51
Total Money Market Funds		3,400,000	35.74
Total Cash Equivalents		\$8,784,968	92.37

* Collateral amounted to \$1,411,924 on open futures contracts.

See accompanying notes to condensed financial statements.

*United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP**Condensed Statements of Operations (Unaudited)**For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016*

	Three months ended September 30, 2017	Three months ended September 30, 2016	Nine months ended September 30, 2017	Nine months ended September 30, 2016
Income				
Gain (loss) on trading of commodity futures contracts:				
Realized gain (loss) on closed futures contracts	\$ (50,843)	\$ (231,598)	\$ 605,720	\$ (2,808,405)
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on open futures contracts	38,153	(453,152)	(3,071,320)	3,425,855
Dividend income	7,678	2,506	20,029	6,685
Interest income*	14,821	9,059	37,441	23,986
ETF transaction fees	—	—	1,400	1,050
Total income (loss)	9,809	(673,185)	(2,406,730)	649,171
Expenses				
General Partner management fees (Note 3)	17,818	27,045	62,706	73,865
Professional fees	21,789	32,673	52,800	84,943
Brokerage commissions	507	771	1,604	2,601
Directors' fees and insurance	500	411	1,432	2,469
License fees	356	541	1,254	1,477
Total expenses	40,970	61,441	119,796	165,355
Expense waiver (Note 3)	(19,588)	(28,986)	(44,548)	(76,717)
Net expenses	21,382	32,455	75,248	88,638
Net income (loss)	\$ (11,573)	\$ (705,640)	\$ (2,481,978)	\$ 560,533
Net income (loss) per limited partnership share	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (1.74)	\$ 0.42
Net income (loss) per weighted average limited partnership share	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (2.31)	\$ 0.41
Weighted average limited partnership shares outstanding	950,000	1,400,000	1,075,458	1,378,467

* Interest income does not exceed paid in kind of 5%.

See accompanying notes to condensed financial statements.

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Condensed Statement of Changes in Partners' Capital (Unaudited)

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017

	General Partner	Limited Partners	Total
Balances, at December 31, 2016	\$ —	\$ 16,445,678	\$16,445,678
Addition of 50,000 partnership shares	—	543,667	543,667
Redemption of 500,000 partnership shares	—	(4,996,389)	(4,996,389)
Net income (loss)	—	(2,481,978)	(2,481,978)
Balances, at September 30, 2017	\$ —	\$ 9,510,978	\$9,510,978
Net Asset Value Per Share:			
At December 31, 2016			\$11.75
At September 30, 2017			\$10.01

See accompanying notes to condensed financial statements.

*United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP**Condensed Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)**For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016*

	Nine months ended September 30, 2017	Nine months ended September 30, 2016
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (2,481,978	) \$ 560,533
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
(Increase) decrease in commodity futures trading account - cash and cash equivalents	(712,120	) 4,059,245
Unrealized (gain) loss on open futures contracts	3,071,320	(3,425,855)
(Increase) decrease in receivable from General Partner	57,544	12,405
(Increase) decrease in dividends receivable	(958	) (992)
(Increase) decrease in interest receivable	(426) —
(Increase) decrease in directors' fees and insurance receivable	(366	) 1,126
(Increase) decrease in ETF transaction fees receivable	350	(350)
Increase (decrease) in payable due to Broker	(2,099,689) —
Increase (decrease) in General Partner management fees payable	(4,195	) 1,236
Increase (decrease) in professional fees payable	(46,181	) 3,207
Increase (decrease) in brokerage commissions payable	(620) —
Increase (decrease) in directors' fees and insurance payable	(106) —
Increase (decrease) in license fees payable	(380	) (106)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(2,217,805	) 1,210,449
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Addition of partnership shares	543,667	926,324
Redemption of partnership shares	(4,996,389	) (422,177)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(4,452,722	) 504,147
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(6,670,527	) 1,714,596
Cash and Cash Equivalents , beginning of period	15,061,018	11,219,734
Cash and Cash Equivalents , end of period	\$ 8,390,491	\$ 12,934,330

See accompanying notes to condensed financial statements.

United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP

Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

For the period ended September 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

NOTE 1 — ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS

The United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP (“UNL”) was organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the state of Delaware on June 27, 2007. UNL is a commodity pool that issues limited partnership shares (“shares”) that may be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “NYSE Arca”). UNL will continue in perpetuity, unless terminated sooner upon the occurrence of one or more events as described in its Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership dated as of March 1, 2013 (the “LP Agreement”). The investment objective of UNL is for the daily changes in percentage terms of its shares’ per share net asset value (“NAV”) to reflect the daily changes in percentage terms of the spot price of natural gas delivered at the Henry Hub, Louisiana, as measured by the daily changes in the average of the prices of 12 futures contracts for natural gas traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange (the “NYMEX”), consisting of the near month contract to expire and the contracts for the following 11 months for a total of 12 consecutive months’ contracts, except when the near month contract is within two weeks of expiration, in which case it will be measured by the futures contracts that are the next month contract to expire and the contracts for the following 11 consecutive months (the “Benchmark Futures Contracts”), less UNL’s expenses.

UNL’s investment objective is *not* for its NAV or market price of shares to equal, in dollar terms, the spot price of natural gas or any particular futures contract based on natural gas, *nor* is UNL’s investment objective for the percentage change in its NAV to reflect the percentage change of the price of any particular futures contract as measured over a time period *greater than one day*.

United States Commodity Funds LLC (“USCF”), the general partner of UNL, believes that it is not practical to manage the portfolio to achieve such an investment goal when investing in Futures Contracts (as defined below) and Other Natural Gas--Related Investments (as defined below). UNL accomplishes its objective through investments in futures contracts for natural gas, crude oil, diesel-heating oil, gasoline and other petroleum-based fuels that are traded on the NYMEX, ICE Futures or other U.S. and foreign exchanges (collectively, “Futures Contracts”) and other natural gas-related investments such as cash-settled options on Futures Contracts, forward contracts for natural gas, cleared swap contracts and over-the-counter (“OTC”) transactions that are based on the price of natural gas, crude oil and other petroleum-based fuels, Futures Contracts and indices based on the foregoing (collectively, “Other Natural Gas-Related Investments”). As of September 30, 2017, UNL held 312 Futures Contracts for natural gas traded on the NYMEX and did not hold any Futures Contracts traded on ICE Futures US.

UNL commenced investment operations on November 18, 2009 and has a fiscal year ending on December 31. USCF is responsible for the management of UNL. USCF is a member of the National Futures Association (the “NFA”) and became registered as a commodity pool operator with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “CFTC”) effective December 1, 2005 and a swaps firm on August 8, 2013. USCF is also the general partner of the United States Oil Fund, LP (“USO”), the United States Natural Gas Fund, LP (“UNG”), the United States 12 Month Oil Fund, LP (“USL”), the United States Gasoline Fund, LP (“UGA”) and the United States Diesel-Heating Oil Fund, LP (“UHN”), which listed their limited partnership shares on the American Stock Exchange (the “AMEX”) under the ticker symbols “USO” on April 10, 2006, “UNG” on April 18, 2007, “USL” on December 6, 2007, “UGA” on February 26, 2008 and “UHN” on April 9, 2008, respectively. As a result of the acquisition of the AMEX by NYSE Euronext, each of USO’s, UNG’s, USL’s, UGA’s and UHN’s shares commenced trading on the NYSE Arca on November 25, 2008. USCF is also the general partner of the United States Short Oil Fund, LP (“DNO”) and the United States Brent Oil Fund, LP (“BNO”), which listed their limited partnership shares on the NYSE Arca under the ticker symbols “DNO” on September 24, 2009 and “BNO” on June 2, 2010, respectively. USCF is also the sponsor of the United States Commodity Index Fund (“USCI”), the United States Copper Index Fund (“CPER”), the United States Agriculture Index Fund (“USAG”) and the USCF Canadian Crude Oil Index Fund (“UCCO”), each a series of the United States Commodity Index Funds Trust. USCI, CPER and USAG listed their shares on the NYSE Arca under the ticker symbol “USCI” on August 10, 2010, “CPER” on November 15, 2011 and “USAG” on April 13, 2012, respectively. UCCO is currently in registration and has not commenced operations.

In addition, USCF is the sponsor of the USCF Funds Trust, a Delaware statutory trust, and each of its series, the REX S&P MLP Fund and the REX S&P MLP Inverse Fund, which are currently in registration and have not commenced operations (together, the “REX Funds”), and the United States 3x Oil Fund (“USOU”) and the United States 3x Short Oil Fund (“USOD”), which commenced operations on July 20, 2017.

All funds listed previously, other than UCCO and the REX Funds, are referred to collectively herein as the “Related Public Funds.”

UNL issues shares to certain authorized purchasers (“Authorized Participants”) by offering baskets consisting of 50,000 shares (“Creation Baskets”) through ALPS Distributors, Inc., as the marketing agent (the “Marketing Agent”). The purchase price for a Creation Basket is based upon the NAV of a share calculated shortly after the close of the core trading session on the NYSE Arca on the day the order to create the basket is properly received.

In addition, Authorized Participants pay UNL a \$350 fee for each order placed to create one or more Creation Baskets or to redeem one or more baskets (“Redemption Baskets”), consisting of 50,000 shares. Shares may be purchased or sold on a nationally recognized securities exchange in smaller increments than a Creation Basket or Redemption Basket. Shares purchased or sold on a nationally recognized securities exchange are not purchased or sold at the per share NAV of UNL but rather at market prices quoted on such exchange.

In November 2009, UNL initially registered 30,000,000 shares on Form S-1 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). On November 18, 2009, UNL listed its shares on the NYSE Arca under the ticker symbol “UNL”. On that day, UNL established its initial per share NAV by setting the price at \$50.00 and issued 200,000 shares in exchange for \$10,000,000. UNL also commenced investment operations on November 18, 2009, by purchasing Futures Contracts traded on the NYMEX based on natural gas. As of September 30, 2017, UNL had registered a total of 30,000,000 shares.

The accompanying unaudited condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC and, therefore, do not include all information and footnote disclosure required under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”). The financial information included herein is unaudited; however, such financial information reflects all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, which are, in the opinion of USCF, necessary for the fair presentation of the condensed financial statements for the interim period.

NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP as detailed in the Financial Accounting Standards Board’s (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification. UNL is an investment company and follows the accounting and reporting guidance in FASB Topic 946.

Revenue Recognition

Commodity futures contracts, forward contracts, physical commodities and related options are recorded on the trade date. All such transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis and marked to market daily. Unrealized gains or losses on open contracts are reflected in the condensed statements of financial condition and represent the difference

between the original contract amount and the market value (as determined by exchange settlement prices for futures contracts and related options and cash dealer prices at a predetermined time for forward contracts, physical commodities, and their related options) as of the last business day of the year or as of the last date of the condensed financial statements. Changes in the unrealized gains or losses between periods are reflected in the condensed statements of operations. UNL earns income on funds held at the custodian or futures commission merchant (“FCM”) at prevailing market rates earned on such investments.

Brokerage Commissions

Brokerage commissions on all open commodity futures contracts are accrued on a full-turn basis.

Income Taxes

UNL is not subject to federal income taxes; each partner reports his/her allocable share of income, gain, loss deductions or credits on his/her own income tax return.

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, UNL is required to determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any tax related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. UNL files an income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and may file income tax returns in various U.S. states. UNL is not subject to income tax return examinations by major taxing authorities for years before 2014. The tax benefit recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. De-recognition of a tax benefit previously recognized results in UNL recording a tax liability that reduces net assets. However, UNL’s conclusions regarding this policy may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, on-going analysis of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. UNL recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax fees payable, if assessed. No interest expense or penalties have been recognized as of and for the period ended September 30, 2017.

Creations and Redemptions

Authorized Participants may purchase Creation Baskets or redeem Redemption Baskets only in blocks of 50,000 shares at a price equal to the NAV of the shares calculated shortly after the close of the core trading session on the NYSE Arca on the day the order is placed.

UNL receives or pays the proceeds from shares sold or redeemed within three business days after the trade date of the purchase or redemption. The amounts due from Authorized Participants are reflected in UNL's condensed statements of financial condition as receivable for shares sold, and amounts payable to Authorized Participants upon redemption are reflected as payable for shares redeemed.

Authorized Participants pay UNL a transaction fee of \$350 for each order placed to create one or more Creation Baskets or to redeem one or more Redemption Baskets.

Partnership Capital and Allocation of Partnership Income and Losses

Profit or loss shall be allocated among the partners of UNL in proportion to the number of shares each partner holds as of the close of each month. USCF may revise, alter or otherwise modify this method of allocation as described in the LP Agreement.

Calculation of Per Share NAV

UNL's per share NAV is calculated on each NYSE Arca trading day by taking the current market value of its total assets, subtracting any liabilities and dividing that amount by the total number of shares outstanding. UNL uses the closing price for the contracts on the relevant exchange on that day to determine the value of contracts held on such exchange.

Net Income (Loss) Per Share

Net income (loss) per share is the difference between the per share NAV at the beginning of each period and at the end of each period. The weighted average number of shares outstanding was computed for purposes of disclosing net income (loss) per weighted average share. The weighted average shares are equal to the number of shares outstanding at the end of the period, adjusted proportionately for shares added and redeemed based on the amount of time the shares were outstanding during such period. There were no shares held by USCF at September 30, 2017.

Offering Costs

Offering costs incurred in connection with the registration of additional shares after the initial registration of shares are borne by UNL. These costs include registration fees paid to regulatory agencies and all legal, accounting, printing and other expenses associated with such offerings. These costs are accounted for as a deferred charge and thereafter amortized to expense over twelve months on a straight-line basis or a shorter period if warranted.

Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include money market funds and overnight deposits or time deposits with original maturity dates of six months or less.

Reclassification

Certain amounts in the accompanying condensed financial statements were reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of condensed financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires USCF to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed financial statements, and the reported amounts of the revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions.

NOTE 3 — FEES PAID BY THE FUND AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

USCF Management Fee

Under the LP Agreement, USCF is responsible for investing the assets of UNL in accordance with the objectives and policies of UNL. In addition, USCF has arranged for one or more third parties to provide administrative, custody, accounting, transfer agency and other necessary services to UNL. For these services, UNL is contractually obligated to pay USCF a fee, which is paid monthly, equal to 0.75% per annum of average daily total net assets.

Ongoing Registration Fees and Other Offering Expenses

UNL pays all costs and expenses associated with the ongoing registration of its shares subsequent to the initial offering. These costs include registration or other fees paid to regulatory agencies in connection with the offer and sale of shares, and all legal, accounting, printing and other expenses associated with such offer and sale. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, UNL did not incur registration fees and other offering expenses.

Independent Directors' and Officers' Expenses

UNL is responsible for paying its portion of the directors' and officers' liability insurance for UNL and the Related Public Funds and the fees and expenses of the independent directors who also serve as audit committee members of UNL and the Related Public Funds. UNL shares the fees and expenses on a pro rata basis with each Related Public Fund, as described above, based on the relative assets of each Related Public Fund computed on a daily basis. These fees and expenses for the year ending December 31, 2017 are estimated to be a total of \$1,700 for UNL and, in the aggregate for UNL and the Related Public Funds, \$539,350.

Licensing Fees

As discussed in Note 4 below, UNL entered into a licensing agreement with the NYMEX on December 4, 2007, as amended on October 20, 2011. Pursuant to the agreement, UNL and the Related Public Funds, other than BNO, USCI, CPER and USAG, pay a licensing fee that is equal to 0.015% on all net assets. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, UNL incurred \$1,254 and \$1,477, respectively, under this arrangement.

Investor Tax Reporting Cost

The fees and expenses associated with UNL's audit expenses and tax accounting and reporting requirements are paid by UNL. These costs are estimated to be \$65,000 for the year ending December 31, 2017. Tax reporting costs fluctuate between years due to the number of shareholders during any given year.

Other Expenses and Fees and Expense Waivers

In addition to the fees described above, UNL pays all brokerage fees and other expenses in connection with the operation of UNL, excluding costs and expenses paid by USCF as outlined in *Note 4 – Contracts and Agreements* below. USCF has voluntarily agreed to pay certain expenses typically borne by UNL, to the extent that such expenses exceed 0.15% of UNL's NAV, on an annualized basis. USCF has no obligation to continue such payments into subsequent periods. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, USCF waived \$44,548 of UNL's expenses. This voluntary expense waiver is in addition to those amounts USCF is contractually obligated to pay as described in *Note 4 – Contracts and Agreements*.

NOTE 4 — CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Marketing Agent Agreement

UNL is party to a marketing agent agreement, dated as of October 30, 2009, as amended from time to time, with the Marketing Agent and USCF, whereby the Marketing Agent provides certain marketing services for UNL as outlined in the agreement. The fee of the Marketing Agent, which is borne by USCF, is equal to 0.06% on UNL's assets up to \$3 billion and 0.04% on UNL's assets in excess of \$3 billion. In no event may the aggregate compensation paid to the Marketing Agent and any affiliate of USCF for distribution-related services exceed 10% of the gross proceeds of UNL's offering.

The above fee does not include website construction and development, which are also borne by USCF.

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. Agreements

UNL is also party to a custodian agreement, dated November 3, 2009, as amended from time to time, with Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. (“BBH&Co.”) and USCF, whereby BBH&Co. holds investments on behalf of UNL. USCF pays the fees of the custodian, which are determined by the parties from time to time. In addition, UNL is party to an administrative agency agreement, dated November 3, 2009, as amended from time to time, with USCF and BBH&Co., whereby BBH&Co. acts as the administrative agent, transfer agent and registrar for UNL. USCF also pays the fees of BBH&Co. for its services under such agreement and such fees are determined by the parties from time to time.

Currently, USCF pays BBH&Co. for its services, in the foregoing capacities, a minimum amount of \$75,000 annually for its custody, fund accounting and fund administration services rendered to UNL and each of the Related Public Funds, as well as a \$20,000 annual fee for its transfer agency services. In addition, USCF pays BBH&Co. an asset-based charge of (a) 0.06% for the first \$500 million of the Related Public Funds’ combined net assets, (b) 0.0465% for the Related Public Funds’ combined net assets greater than \$500 million but less than \$1 billion, and (c) 0.035% once the Related Public Funds’ combined net assets exceed \$1 billion. The annual minimum amount will not apply if the asset-based charge for all accounts in the aggregate exceeds \$75,000. USCF also pays BBH&Co. transaction fees ranging from \$7 to \$15 per transaction.

Brokerage and Futures Commission Merchant Agreements

On October 8, 2013, UNL entered into a brokerage agreement with RBC Capital Markets, LLC (“RBC Capital” or “RBC”) to serve as UNL’s FCM effective October 10, 2013. The agreement with RBC requires it to provide services to UNL in connection with the purchase and sale of Natural Gas Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments that may be purchased and sold by or through RBC Capital for UNL’s account. In accordance with the agreement, RBC Capital charges UNL commissions of approximately \$7 to \$8 per round-turn trade, including applicable exchange and NFA fees for Natural Gas Futures Contracts and options on Natural Gas Futures Contracts. Such fees include those incurred when purchasing Natural Gas Futures Contracts and options on Natural Gas Futures Contracts when UNL issues shares as a result of a Creation Basket, as well as fees incurred when selling Natural Gas Futures Contracts and options on Natural Gas Futures Contracts when UNL redeems shares as a result of a Redemption Basket. Such fees are also incurred when Natural Gas Futures Contracts and options on Natural Gas Futures Contracts are purchased or redeemed for the purpose of rebalancing the portfolio. UNL also incurs commissions to brokers for the purchase and sale of Natural Gas Futures Contracts, Other Natural Gas-Related Investments or short-term obligations of the United States of two years or less (“Treasuries”).

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	ended September 30, 2017		ended September 30, 2016	
Total commissions accrued to brokers	\$ 1,604		\$ 2,601	
Total commissions as an annualized percentage of average total net assets	0.02	%	0.03	%
Commissions accrued as a result of rebalancing	\$ 1,130		\$ 2,455	
Percentage of commissions accrued as a result of rebalancing	70.45	%	94.39	%
Commissions accrued as a result of creation and redemption activity	\$ 474		\$ 146	
Percentage of commissions accrued as a result of creation and redemption activity	29.55	%	5.61	%

The decrease in the total commissions accrued to brokers by UNL for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016, was due primarily to a lesser number of futures contracts being held and traded as a result of UNL's smaller size in terms of average net assets.

NYMEX Licensing Agreement

UNL and the NYMEX entered into a licensing agreement on December 4, 2007, as amended on October 20, 2011, whereby UNL was granted a non-exclusive license to use certain of the NYMEX's settlement prices and service marks. Under the licensing agreement, UNL and the Related Public Funds, other than BNO, USCI, CPER and USAG, pay the NYMEX an asset-based fee for the license, the terms of which are described in Note 3. UNL expressly disclaims any association with the NYMEX or endorsement of UNL by the NYMEX and acknowledges that "NYMEX" and "New York Mercantile Exchange" are registered trademarks of the NYMEX.

NOTE 5 — FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISKS AND CONTINGENCIES

UNL may engage in the trading of futures contracts, options on futures contracts, cleared swaps and OTC swaps (collectively, “derivatives”). UNL is exposed to both market risk, which is the risk arising from changes in the market value of the contracts, and credit risk, which is the risk of failure by another party to perform according to the terms of a contract.

UNL may enter into futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swaps to gain exposure to changes in the value of an underlying commodity. A futures contract obligates the seller to deliver (and the purchaser to accept) the future delivery of a specified quantity and type of a commodity at a specified time and place. Some futures contracts may call for physical delivery of the asset, while others are settled in cash. The contractual obligations of a buyer or seller may generally be satisfied by taking or making physical delivery of the underlying commodity or by making an offsetting sale or purchase of an identical futures contract on the same or linked exchange before the designated date of delivery. Cleared swaps are agreements that are eligible to be cleared by a clearinghouse, e.g., ICE Clear Europe, and provide the efficiencies and benefits that centralized clearing on an exchange offers to traders of futures contracts, including credit risk intermediation and the ability to offset positions initiated with different counterparties.

The purchase and sale of futures contracts, options on futures contracts and cleared swaps require margin deposits with an FCM. Additional deposits may be necessary for any loss on contract value. The Commodity Exchange Act requires an FCM to segregate all customer transactions and assets from the FCM’s proprietary activities.

Futures contracts, options on futures contracts and cleared swaps involve, to varying degrees, elements of market risk (specifically commodity price risk) and exposure to loss in excess of the amount of variation margin. The face or contract amounts reflect the extent of the total exposure UNL has in the particular classes of instruments. Additional risks associated with the use of futures contracts are an imperfect correlation between movements in the price of the futures contracts and the market value of the underlying securities and the possibility of an illiquid market for a futures contract. Buying and selling options on futures contracts exposes investors to the risks of purchasing or selling futures contracts.

All of the futures contracts held by UNL through September 30, 2017 were exchange-traded. The risks associated with exchange-traded contracts are generally perceived to be less than those associated with OTC swaps since, in OTC swaps, a party must rely solely on the credit of its respective individual counterparties. However, in the future, if UNL were to enter into non-exchange traded contracts, it would be subject to the credit risk associated with counterparty non-performance. The credit risk from counterparty non-performance associated with such instruments is the net unrealized gain, if any, on the transaction. UNL has credit risk under its futures contracts since the sole counterparty to all domestic and foreign futures contracts is the clearinghouse for the exchange on which the relevant contracts are traded. In addition, UNL bears the risk of financial failure by the clearing broker.

UNL's cash and other property, such as Treasuries, deposited with an FCM are considered commingled with all other customer funds, subject to the FCM's segregation requirements. In the event of an FCM's insolvency, recovery may be limited to a pro rata share of segregated funds available. It is possible that the recovered amount could be less than the total of cash and other property deposited. The insolvency of an FCM could result in the complete loss of UNL's assets posted with that FCM; however, the majority of UNL's assets are held in investments in Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents with UNL's custodian and would not be impacted by the insolvency of an FCM. The failure or insolvency of UNL's custodian, however, could result in a substantial loss of UNL's assets.

USCF invests a portion of UNL's cash in money market funds that seek to maintain a stable per share NAV. UNL is exposed to any risk of loss associated with an investment in such money market funds. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, UNL held investments in money market funds in the amounts of \$3,400,000 and \$5,000,000, respectively. UNL also holds cash deposits with its custodian. Pursuant to a written agreement with BBH&Co., uninvested overnight cash balances are swept to offshore branches of U.S. regulated and domiciled banks located in Toronto, Canada; London, United Kingdom; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; and Nassau, Bahamas; which are subject to U.S. regulation and regulatory oversight. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, UNL held cash deposits and investments in Treasuries in the amounts of \$6,402,415 and \$10,760,822, respectively, with the custodian and FCM. Some or all of these amounts may be subject to loss should UNL's custodian and/or FCM cease operations.

For derivatives, risks arise from changes in the market value of the contracts. Theoretically, UNL is exposed to market risk equal to the value of futures contracts purchased and unlimited liability on such contracts sold short. As both a buyer and a seller of options, UNL pays or receives a premium at the outset and then bears the risk of unfavorable changes in the price of the contract underlying the option.

UNL's policy is to continuously monitor its exposure to market and counterparty risk through the use of a variety of financial, position and credit exposure reporting controls and procedures. In addition, UNL has a policy of requiring review of the credit standing of each broker or counterparty with which it conducts business.

The financial instruments held by UNL are reported in its condensed statements of financial condition at market or fair value, or at carrying amounts that approximate fair value, because of their highly liquid nature and short-term maturity.

NOTE 6 — FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table presents per share performance data and other supplemental financial data for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 for the shareholders. This information has been derived from information presented in the condensed financial statements.

	For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 (Unaudited)		For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)	
Per Share Operating Performance:				
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$	11.75	\$	9.72
Total income (loss)		(1.67)	)	0.48
Net expenses		(0.07)	)	(0.06)
Net increase (decrease) in net asset value		(1.74)	)	0.42
Net asset value, end of period	\$	10.01	\$	10.14
 Total Return		(14.81)	)%	4.32
				%
Ratios to Average Net Assets				
Total income (loss)		(21.53)	)%	4.93
Management fees*		0.75	%	0.75
Total expenses excluding management fees*		0.68	%	0.93
Expenses waived*		(0.53)	)%	(0.78)
Net expenses excluding management fees*		0.15	%	0.15
Net income (loss)		(22.20)	)%	4.26
				%

* Annualized.

Total returns are calculated based on the change in value during the period. An individual shareholder's total return and ratio may vary from the above total returns and ratios based on the timing of contributions to and withdrawals from UNL.

NOTE 7 — FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

UNL values its investments in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 820 – Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (“ASC 820”). ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurement. The changes to past practice

resulting from the application of ASC 820 relate to the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value, and the expanded disclosures about fair value measurement. ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between: (1) market participant assumptions developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of UNL (observable inputs) and (2) UNL's own assumptions about market participant assumptions developed based on the best information available under the circumstances (unobservable inputs). The three levels defined by the ASC 820 hierarchy are as follows:

Level I – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for *identical* assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level II – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level I that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level II assets include the following: quoted prices for *similar* assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means (market-corroborated inputs).

Level III – Unobservable pricing input at the measurement date for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs shall be used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available.

In some instances, the inputs used to measure fair value might fall within different levels of the fair value hierarchy. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls shall be determined based on the lowest input level that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The following table summarizes the valuation of UNL's securities at September 30, 2017 using the fair value hierarchy:

At September 30, 2017	Total	Level I	Level II	Level III
Short-Term Investments	\$8,784,968	\$8,784,968	\$ —	\$ —
Exchange-Traded Futures Contracts				
United States Contracts	(275,316)	(275,316)	—	—

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, there were no transfers between Level I and Level II.

The following table summarizes the valuation of UNL's securities at December 31, 2016 using the fair value hierarchy:

At December 31, 2016	Total	Level I	Level II	Level III
Short-Term Investments	\$11,292,035	\$11,292,035	\$ —	\$ —
Exchange-Traded Futures Contracts				
United States Contracts	2,796,004	2,796,004	—	—

During the year ended December 31, 2016, there were no transfers between Level I and Level II.

Effective January 1, 2009, UNL adopted the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification 815 — Derivatives and Hedging, which require presentation of qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts and gains and losses on derivatives.

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

Derivatives not Accounted for as Hedging Instruments	Condensed Statements of Financial Condition Location	Fair Value At September 30, 2017	Fair Value At December 31, 2016
Futures - Commodity Contracts	Assets	\$ (275,316)	\$ 2,796,004

The Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Condensed Statements of Operations

Derivatives not Accounted for as Hedging Instruments	Location of Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income	For the nine months ended September 30, 2017		For the nine months ended September 30, 2016	
		Realized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income	Change in Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income	Realized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income	Change in Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income
Futures - Commodity Contracts	Realized gain (loss) on closed futures contracts	\$ 605,720		\$(2,808,405)	
	Change in unrealized gain (loss) on open contracts		\$ (3,071,320)		\$ 3,425,855

NOTE 8 — SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

UNL has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through the date the condensed financial statements were issued. This evaluation did not result in any subsequent events that necessitated disclosures and/or adjustments.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the condensed financial statements and the notes thereto of the United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP (“UNL”) included elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

Forward-Looking Information

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q, including this “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” contains forward-looking statements regarding the plans and objectives of management for future operations. This information may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause UNL’s actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by any forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements, which involve assumptions and describe UNL’s future plans, strategies and expectations, are generally identifiable by use of the words “may,” “will,” “should,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “believe,” “intend” or “project,” the negative of these words or variations on these words or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions that may be incorrect, and UNL cannot assure investors that the projections included in these forward-looking statements will come to pass. UNL’s actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors.

UNL has based the forward-looking statements included in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q on information available to it on the date of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, and UNL assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Although UNL undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, investors are advised to consult any additional disclosures that UNL may make directly to them or through reports that UNL in the future files with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

Introduction

UNL, a Delaware limited partnership, is a commodity pool that issues shares that may be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “NYSE Arca”). The investment objective of UNL is for the daily changes, in percentage terms, of its shares’ per share net asset value (“NAV”) to reflect the daily changes, in percentage terms, of the spot price of natural gas delivered at the Henry Hub, Louisiana, as measured by the daily changes, in the average of the prices of 12 futures contracts on natural gas traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange (the “NYMEX”) consisting of the near month contract to expire and the contracts for the following 11 months, for a total of 12 consecutive months’ contracts, except when the near month contract is within two weeks of expiration, in which case it will be measured by the futures

contract that is the next month contract to expire and the contracts for the following 11 consecutive months (the “Benchmark Futures Contracts”), plus interest earned on UNL’s collateral holdings, less UNL’s expenses. “Near month contract” means the next contract traded on the NYMEX due to expire. “Next month contract” means the first contract traded on the NYMEX due to expire after the near month contract.

When calculating the daily movement of the average price of the 12 contracts, each contract month is equally weighted UNL’s investment objective is *not* for its NAV or market price of shares to equal, in dollar terms, the spot price of natural gas or any particular futures contract based natural gas, *nor* is UNL’s investment objective for the percentage change in its NAV to reflect the percentage change of the price of any particular futures contract as measured over a time period *greater than one day*. The general partner of UNL, United States Commodity Funds LLC (“USCF”), believes that it is not practical to manage the portfolio to achieve such an investment goal when investing in Natural Gas Futures Contracts (as defined below) and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments (as defined below).

UNL invests primarily in natural gas futures contracts that are traded on the NYMEX, ICE Futures Exchange (“ICE Futures”) or other U.S. and foreign exchanges (collectively, “Natural Gas Futures Contracts”) and to a lesser extent, in order to comply with regulatory requirements or in view of market conditions, other natural gas-related investments such as cash-settled options on Natural Gas Futures Contracts, forward contracts for natural gas, cleared swap contracts and non-exchange traded over-the-counter (“OTC”) swaps that are based on the price of natural gas, crude oil and other petroleum-based fuels and indices based on the foregoing (collectively, “Other Natural Gas-Related Investments”). Market conditions that USCF currently anticipates could cause UNL to invest in Other Natural Gas-Related Investments include those allowing UNL to obtain greater liquidity or to execute transactions with more favorable pricing. For convenience and unless otherwise specified, Natural Gas Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments collectively are referred to as “Natural Gas Interests” in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

USCF believes that market arbitrage opportunities will cause daily changes in UNL's share price on the NYSE Arca on a percentage basis to closely track daily changes in UNL's per share NAV on a percentage basis. USCF further believes that daily changes in prices of the Benchmark Futures Contract have historically closely tracked the daily changes in spot price of natural gas. USCF believes that the net effect of these relationships will be that the daily changes in the price of UNL's shares on the NYSE Arca on a percentage basis will closely track the daily changes in the spot price of a MMBtu of natural gas on a percentage basis, plus interest earned on UNL's collateral holdings, less UNL's expenses.

UNL seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing so that the average daily percentage change in UNL's NAV for any period of 30 successive valuation days will be within plus/minus ten percent (10%) of the average daily percentage change in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contract over the same period.

Regulatory Disclosure

Accountability Levels, Position Limits and Price Fluctuation Limits. Designated contract markets ("DCMs"), such as the NYMEX and ICE Futures, have established accountability levels and position limits on the maximum net long or net short futures contracts in commodity interests that any person or group of persons under common trading control (other than as a hedge, which an investment by UNL is not) may hold, own or control. These levels and position limits apply to the futures contracts that UNL invests in to meet its investment objective. In addition to accountability levels and position limits, the NYMEX and ICE Futures also set daily price fluctuation limits on futures contracts. The daily price fluctuation limit establishes the maximum amount that the price of a futures contract may vary either up or down from the previous day's settlement price. Once the daily price fluctuation limit has been reached in a particular futures contract, no trades may be made at a price beyond that limit.

The accountability levels for the Benchmark Futures Contracts and other Natural Gas Futures Contracts traded on U.S.-based futures exchanges such as the NYMEX are not a fixed ceiling, but rather a threshold above which the NYMEX may exercise greater scrutiny and control over an investor's positions. The current accountability level for investments for any one-month in the Benchmark Futures Contracts is 6,000 net contracts. In addition, the NYMEX imposes an accountability level for all months of 12,000 net futures contracts for investments in futures contracts for natural gas. In addition, the ICE Futures maintains the same accountability levels, position limits and monitoring authority for its natural gas contracts as the NYMEX. If UNL and the Related Public Funds exceed these accountability levels for investments in the futures contract for natural gas, the NYMEX and ICE Futures will monitor UNL's and the Related Public Funds' exposure and may ask for further information on their activities, including the total size of all positions, investment and trading strategy, and the extent of liquidity resources of UNL and the Related Public Funds. If deemed necessary by the NYMEX and/or ICE Futures, UNL and the Related Public Funds could be ordered to reduce their aggregate net futures contracts back to the accountability level. As of September 30, 2017, UNL held 312 Natural Gas Futures NG contracts traded on the NYMEX and did not hold any ICE Natural Gas Futures contracts. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, UNL did not exceed accountability levels imposed by the NYMEX and ICE Futures, however, the aggregated total of the Related Public Funds did exceed the

accountability levels. No action was taken by NYMEX and UNL did not reduce the number of Natural Gas Futures Contracts held as a result.

Position limits differ from accountability levels in that they represent fixed limits on the maximum number of futures contracts that any person may hold and cannot allow such limits to be exceeded without express CFTC authority to do so. In addition to accountability levels and position limits that may apply at any time, the NYMEX and the ICE Futures impose position limits on contracts held in the last few days of trading in the near month contract to expire. It is unlikely that UNL will run up against such position limits because UNL's investment strategy is to close out its positions and "roll" from the near month contract to expire and the eleven following months to the next month contract to expire and the eleven following months during one day each month. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, UNL did not exceed any position limits imposed by the NYMEX and the ICE Futures.

The regulation of commodity interest trading in the United States and other countries is an evolving area of the law. The various statements made in this summary are subject to modification by legislative action and changes in the rules and regulations of the SEC, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), CFTC, the NFA, the futures exchanges, clearing organizations and other regulatory bodies.

Futures Contracts and Position Limits

The CFTC is generally prohibited by statute from regulating trading on non-U.S. futures exchanges and markets. The CFTC, however, has adopted regulations relating to the marketing of non-U.S. futures contracts in the United States. These regulations permit certain contracts on non-U.S. exchanges to be offered and sold in the United States.

The CFTC has proposed to adopt limits on speculative positions in 25 physical commodity futures, and option contracts and swaps that are economically equivalent to such contracts in the agriculture, energy and metals markets (the “Position Limit Rules”). The Position Limit Rules would, among other things: identify which contracts are subject to speculative position limits; set thresholds that restrict the size of speculative positions that a person may hold in the spot month, other individual months, and all months combined; create an exemption for positions that constitute bona fide hedging transactions; impose responsibilities on designated contract markets (“DCMs”) and swap execution facilities (“SEFs”) to establish position limits or, in some cases, position accountability rules; and apply to both futures and swaps across four relevant venues: OTC, DCMs, SEFs as well as certain non-U.S. located platforms. The CFTC’s first attempt at finalizing the Position Limit Rules, in 2011, was successfully challenged by market participants in 2012 and, since then, the CFTC has re-proposed them and solicited comments from market participants multiple times. At this time, it is unclear how the Position Limit Rules may affect UNL, but the effect may be substantial and adverse. By way of example, the Position Limit Rules may negatively impact the ability of UNL to meet its investment objectives through limits that may inhibit USCF’s ability to sell additional Creation Baskets of UNL.

Until such time as the Position Limit Rules are adopted, the regulatory architecture in effect prior to the adoption of the Position Limit Rules will govern transactions in commodities and related derivatives (collectively, “Referenced Contracts”). Under that system, the CFTC enforces federal limits on speculation in nine agricultural products (e.g., corn, wheat and soy), while futures exchanges establish and enforce position limits and accountability levels for other agricultural and certain energy products (e.g., oil and natural gas). As a result, UNL may be limited with respect to the size of its investments in any commodities subject to these limits.

Under existing and recently adopted CFTC regulations, for the purpose of position limits, a market participant is generally required, subject to certain narrow exceptions, to aggregate all positions for which that participant controls the trading decisions with all positions for which the participant has a 10 percent or greater ownership interest in an account or position, as well as the positions of two or more persons acting pursuant to an express or implied agreement or understanding with that participant (the “Aggregation Rules”). The Aggregation Rules will also apply with respect to the Position Limit Rules if and when such Position Limit Rules are adopted.

“Swap” Transactions

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) imposes regulatory requirements on certain “swap” transactions that UNL is authorized to engage in that may ultimately impact the ability of UNL to meet its investment objective. The term “swap” is broadly defined to include various types of OTC derivatives, including swaps and options.

CFTC regulations require that certain transactions ultimately falling within the definition of “swap” be executed on organized exchanges or “swap execution facilities” and cleared through regulated clearing organizations (“CCPs”).

“Clearing” refers to the process by which a trade that is bilaterally executed by two parties is submitted to a CCP, via a clearing member (i.e., an “FCM”), and replaced by two mirror swaps, with the CCP becoming the counterparty to both of the initial parties to the swap. CCPs have several layers of protection against default including margin, member capital contributions and FCM guarantees of their customers’ transactions with the CCP. FCMs also pre-qualify the counterparties to all swaps that are sent to the CCP from a credit perspective, setting limits for each counterparty and collecting initial and variation margin daily from each counterparty for changes in the value of cleared swaps. The margin collected from both parties to the swap protects against credit risk in the event a counterparty defaults. The initial and variation margin requirements are set by and held for the benefit of the CCP. Additional initial margin may be required and held by the FCM.

Current rules and regulations require enhanced customer protections, risk management programs, internal monitoring and controls, capital and liquidity standards, customer disclosures and auditing and examination programs for FCMs. The rules are intended to afford greater assurances to market participants that customer segregated funds and secured amounts are protected, customers are provided with appropriate notice of the risks of futures trading and of the FCMs with which they may choose to do business, FCMs are monitoring and managing risks in a robust manner, the capital and liquidity of FCMs are strengthened to safeguard the continued operations and the auditing and examination programs of the CFTC and the self-regulatory organizations are monitoring the activities of FCMs in a thorough manner.

Certain index-based credit default swaps and interest rate swaps are subject to mandatory clearing. If UNL enters into index-based credit default swaps or interest rate swaps that are subject to mandatory clearing, UNL will be required to centrally clear those swaps.

To the extent that a swap is required to be cleared, it must also be executed on a SEF or DCM if it is designated as “made available to trade” by a SEF or DCM. “Made available to trade” refers to the regulatory process by which the SEF or DCM execution requirement is implemented by the CFTC. To date, only certain of the index-based credit default swaps and interest rate swaps that are required to be cleared are made available to trade on a SEF. If UNL enters into index-based credit default swaps or interest rate swaps that are subject to mandatory clearing, UNL will be required to execute those swaps on a SEF if they are designated as made available to trade. In order to execute swaps on a SEF, UNL will have to be a member of a SEF or it may access the SEF through an intermediary. Members of a SEF are subject to additional requirements under CFTC regulations and are subject to the rules and jurisdiction of the relevant SEF.

Swaps that are not required to be cleared and executed on a SEF but that are executed bilaterally are also subject to various requirements pursuant to CFTC regulations, including, among others, reporting and recordkeeping requirements and, depending on the status of the counterparties, trading documentation requirements and dispute resolution requirements. In addition, U.S. regulators have adopted rules to impose initial and variation margin requirements that will apply to swap dealers and major swap participants and their counterparties. If UNL engages in non-cleared swap transactions it will be subject to some or all of the requirements of the margin rules, which include a requirement that swap dealers and major swap participants collect variation margin daily, beginning in March 2017, and, potentially initial margin, beginning in September 2020.

Derivatives Regulations in Non-U.S. Jurisdictions

In addition to U.S. laws and regulations, UNL may be subject to non-U.S. derivatives laws and regulations if it engages in futures and/or swaps transactions with non-U.S. persons. For example, UNL may be impacted by European laws and regulations to the extent that it engages in futures transactions on European exchanges or derivatives transactions with European entities. Other jurisdictions impose requirements applicable to futures and derivatives that are similar to those imposed by the U.S., including position limits, margin, clearing and trade execution requirements.

Money Market Reform

The SEC adopted Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which became effective in 2016, to reform money market funds (“MMFs”). While the new rule applies only to MMFs, it may indirectly affect institutional investors such as UNL. A portion of UNL’s assets that are not used for margin or collateral in the Futures Contracts currently are invested in government MMFs. UNL does not hold any non-government MMFs and, particularly in light of recent changes to the rule governing the operation of MMFs, does not anticipate investing in any non-government MMFs. However, if UNL invests in other types of MMFs besides government MMFs in the future, UNL could be negatively impacted by investing in an MMF that does not maintain a stable \$1.00 net asset value or that has the potential to impose redemption fees and gates (temporary suspension of redemptions).

Price Movements

Natural gas futures prices were volatile during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. During the period the average high price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts did not exceed the starting period price of \$3.621 per million British thermal shares (“MMBtu”). Excluding the period starting price, the average high price for the period was on January 26, 2017 when the average price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts was \$3.519 MMBtu. The average low price of the period was on July 31, 2017, when the average price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts was \$2.924 per MMBtu. The average price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts on September 30, 2017 was \$3.051 per MMBtu, a decrease of approximately (15.74)% over the period. UNL’s per share NAV began the period at \$11.75 and ended the period at \$10.01 on September 30, 2017 a decrease of approximately (14.81)% over the period. Excluding the period starting per share NAV, UNL’s per share NAV reached its high for the period on January 17, 2017 at \$11.35 and reached its low for the period on February 27, 2017 at \$9.52. The average Benchmark Futures Contract prices listed above began with the February 2017 contract to January 2018 contracts and ended with the November 2017 to October 2018 contracts. The decrease of approximately (15.74)% on the average price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts listed above is a hypothetical return only and could not actually be achieved by an investor holding Natural Gas Futures Contracts. An investment in Natural Gas Futures Contracts would need to be rolled forward during the time period described in order to simulate such a result. Furthermore, the change in the nominal price of these differing Natural Gas Futures Contracts, measured from the start of the period to the end of the period, does not represent the actual benchmark results that UNL seeks to track, which are more fully described below in the section titled “*Tracking UNL’s Benchmark.*”

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the natural gas futures market was primarily in a period of contango, the price of the near month natural gas Futures Contract was typically lower than the price of the next month natural gas Futures Contract or contracts further away from expiration. (On days when the market is in backwardation, the price of the near month natural gas Futures Contract is typically higher than the price of the next month natural gas Futures Contract or contracts further away from expiration.) For a discussion of the impact of contango and backwardation on total returns, see “*Term Structure of Natural Gas Futures Prices and the Impact on Total Returns*” below.

Valuation of Natural Gas Futures Contracts and the Computation of the Per Share NAV

The per share NAV of UNL's shares is calculated once each NYSE Arca trading day. The per share NAV for a particular trading day is released after 4:00 p.m. New York time. Trading during the core trading session on the NYSE Arca typically closes at 4:00 p.m. New York time. UNL's administrator uses the NYMEX closing price (determined at the earlier of the close of the NYMEX or 2:30 p.m. New York time) for the contracts held on the NYMEX, but calculates or determines the value of all other UNL investments, including cleared swaps or other futures contracts, as of the earlier of the close of the NYSE Arca or 4:00 p.m. New York time.

Results of Operations and the Natural Gas Market

Results of Operations. On November 18, 2009, UNL listed its shares on the NYSE Arca under the ticker symbol "UNL." On that day, UNL established its initial offering price at \$50.00 per share and issued 200,000 shares to the initial Authorized Participant in exchange for \$10,000,000 in cash.

Since its initial offering of 30,000,000 shares, UNL has not registered any subsequent offerings of its shares. As of September 30, 2017, UNL had issued 5,500,000 shares, 950,000 of which were outstanding. As of September 30, 2017, there were 24,500,000 shares registered but not yet issued.

More shares may have been issued by UNL than are outstanding due to the redemption of shares. Unlike funds that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, shares that have been redeemed by UNL cannot be resold by UNL. As a result, UNL contemplates that additional offerings of its shares will be registered with the SEC in the future in anticipation of additional issuances and redemptions.

As of September 30, 2017, UNL had the following Authorized Participants: Citadel Securities, LLC, Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., Credit Suisse Securities USA LLC, JP Morgan Securities, Inc., Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation, Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc., Nomura Securities International Inc., RBC Capital Markets LLC, SG Americas Securities LLC and Virtu Financial BD LLC.

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 Compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

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	For the nine months ended September 30, 2017		For the nine months ended September 30, 2016	
Average daily total net assets	\$ 11,178,310		\$ 13,155,548	
Dividend and interest income earned on Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents	\$ 57,470		\$ 30,671	
Annualized approximate yield based on average daily total net assets	0.69	%	0.31	%
Management fee	\$ 62,706		\$ 73,865	
Total fees and other expenses excluding management fees	\$ 57,090		\$ 91,490	
Fees and expenses related to the registration or offering of additional shares	\$ —		\$ —	
Total amount of the expense waiver	\$ 44,548		\$ 76,717	
Expenses before allowance for the expense waiver	\$ 119,796		\$ 165,355	
Expenses after allowance for the expense waiver	\$ 75,248		\$ 88,638	
Total commissions accrued to brokers	\$ 1,604		\$ 2,601	
Total commissions as annualized percentage of average total net assets	0.02	%	0.03	%
Commissions accrued as a result of rebalancing	\$ 1,130		\$ 2,455	
Percentage of commissions accrued as a result of rebalancing	70.45	%	94.39	%
Commissions accrued as a result of creation and redemption activity	\$ 474		\$ 146	
Percentage of commissions accrued as a result of creation and redemption activity	29.55	%	5.61	%

Portfolio Expenses. UNL's expenses consist of investment management fees, brokerage fees and commissions, certain offering costs, licensing fees, the fees and expenses of the independent directors of USCF and expenses relating to tax accounting and reporting requirements. The management fee that UNL pays to USCF is calculated as a percentage of the total net assets of UNL. The fee is accrued daily and paid monthly.

Average interest rates earned on short-term investments held by UNL, including cash, cash equivalents and Treasuries, were higher during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016. As a result, the amount of income earned by UNL as a percentage of average daily total net assets was higher during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

The decrease in gross total expenses excluding management fees for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016, was due to a decrease in certain UNL's operating expenses.

The decrease in UNL's total commissions accrued to brokers for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016, was due primarily to a lower number of futures contracts being held and traded as a result of UNL's smaller size in terms of average net assets.

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 Compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

	For the three months ended September 30, 2017		For the three months ended September 30, 2016	
Average daily total net assets	\$ 9,425,274		\$ 14,346,004	
Dividend and interest income earned on Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents	\$ 22,499		\$ 11,565	
Annualized approximate yield based on average daily total net assets	0.95	%	0.32	%
Management fee	\$ 17,818		\$ 27,045	
Total fees and other expenses excluding management fees	\$ 23,152		\$ 34,396	
Fees and expenses related to the registration or offering of additional shares	\$ —		\$ —	
Total amount of the expense waiver	\$ 19,588		\$ 28,986	
Expenses before allowance for the expense waiver	\$ 40,970		\$ 61,441	
Expenses after allowance for the expense waiver	\$ 21,382		\$ 32,455	
Total commissions accrued to brokers	\$ 507		\$ 771	
Total commissions as annualized percentage of average total net assets	0.02	%	0.02	%
Commissions accrued as a result of rebalancing	\$ 507		\$ 771	
Percentage of commissions accrued as a result of rebalancing	100.00	%	100.00	%
Commissions accrued as a result of creation and redemption activity	\$ —		\$ —	
Percentage of commissions accrued as a result of creation and redemption activity	—	%	—	%

Portfolio Expenses. UNL's expenses consist of investment management fees, brokerage fees and commissions, certain offering costs, licensing fees, the fees and expenses of the independent directors of USCF and expenses relating to tax accounting and reporting requirements. The management fee that UNL pays to USCF is calculated as a percentage of the total net assets of UNL. The fee is accrued daily and paid monthly.

Average interest rates earned on short-term investments held by UNL, including cash, cash equivalents and Treasuries, were higher during the three months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2016. As a result, the amount of income earned by UNL as a percentage of average daily total net assets was higher during the three months ended September 30, 2017.

The decrease in gross total expenses excluding management fees for the three months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2016, was primarily due to a decrease in certain of UNL's operating expenses.

The decrease in UNL's total commissions accrued to brokers for the three months ended September 30, 2017, as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2016, was a result of fewer futures contracts held and traded.

Tracking UNL's Benchmark

USCF seeks to manage UNL's portfolio such that changes in its average daily per share NAV, on a percentage basis, closely track the daily changes in the average of the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts, also on a percentage basis. Specifically, USCF seeks to manage the portfolio such that over any rolling period of 30-valuation days, the average daily change in UNL's per share NAV is within a range of 90% to 110% (0.9 to 1.1) of the average daily change in the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. As an example, if the average daily movement of the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts for a particular 30-valuation day time period was 0.50% per day, USCF would attempt to manage the portfolio such that the average daily movement of the per share NAV during that same time period fell between 0.45% and 0.55% (i.e., between 0.9 and 1.1 of the benchmark's results). UNL's portfolio management goals do not include trying to make the nominal price of UNL's per share NAV equal to the average of the nominal prices of the current Benchmark Futures Contracts or the spot price for natural gas. USCF believes that it is not practical to manage the portfolio to achieve such an investment goal when investing in Natural Gas Futures Contracts and other Natural Gas-Related Investments.

For the 30-valuation days ended September 30, 2017, the simple average daily change in the average of the Benchmark Futures Contracts was 0.0413%, while the simple average daily change in the per share NAV of UNL over the same time period was 0.0420%. The average daily difference was 0.0007% (or 0.07 basis points, where 1 basis point equals 1/100 of 1%). As a percentage of the daily movement of the average price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts, the average error in daily tracking by the per share NAV was (5.8102)%, meaning that over this time period UNL's tracking error was within the plus or minus 10% range established as its benchmark tracking goal.

Since the commencement of the offering of UNL's shares to the public on November 18, 2009 to September 30, 2017, the simple average daily change in the average price of its Benchmark Futures Contracts was (0.0632)%, while the simple average daily change in the per share NAV of UNL over the same time period was (0.0659)%. The average daily difference was (0.0027)% (or (0.27) basis points, where 1 basis point equals 1/100 of 1%). As a percentage of the daily movement of the Benchmark Futures Contracts, the average error in daily tracking by the per share NAV was (0.2292)%, meaning that over this time period UNL's tracking error was within the plus or minus 10% range established as its benchmark tracking goal. The following two graphs demonstrate the correlation between the changes in UNL's NAV and the changes in the Benchmark Futures Contracts. The first graph exhibits the daily changes for the last 30 valuation days ended September 30, 2017. The second graph measures monthly changes from September 30, 2012 through September 30, 2017.

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An alternative tracking measurement of the return performance of UNL versus the return of its Benchmark Futures Contracts can be calculated by comparing the actual return of UNL, measured by changes in its per share NAV, versus the expected changes in its per share NAV under the assumption that UNL's returns had been exactly the same as the daily changes in its Benchmark Futures Contracts.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the actual total return of UNL as measured by changes in its per share NAV was (14.81)%. This is based on an initial per share NAV of \$11.75 as of December 31, 2016 and an ending per share NAV as of September 30, 2017 of \$10.01. During this time period, UNL made no distributions to its shareholders. However, if UNL's daily changes in its per share NAV had instead exactly tracked the changes in the daily total return of the Benchmark Futures Contracts, UNL would have had an estimated per share NAV of \$9.97 as of September 30, 2017, for a total return over the relevant time period of (15.15)%. The difference between the actual per share NAV total return of UNL of (14.81)% and the expected total return based on the Benchmark Futures Contracts of (15.15)% was an error over the time period of 0.34%, which is to say that UNL's actual total return outperformed the benchmark result. UNL incurs expenses primarily composed of the management fee, brokerage commissions for the buying and selling of futures contracts, and other expenses. The impact of these expenses, offset by interest and dividend income, and net of positive or negative execution, tends to cause daily changes in the per share NAV of UNL to track differently than daily changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contract.

By comparison, for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the actual total return of UNL as measured by changes in its per share NAV was 4.32%. This was based on an initial per share NAV of \$9.72 as of December 31, 2015 and an ending per share NAV as of September 30, 2016 of \$10.14. During this time period, UNL made no distributions to its shareholders. However, if UNL's daily changes in its per share NAV had instead exactly tracked the changes in the daily total return of the Benchmark Futures Contracts, UNL would have had an estimated per share NAV of \$10.17 as of September 30, 2016, for a total return over the relevant time period of 4.63%. The difference between the actual per share NAV total return of UNL of 4.32% and the expected total return based on the Benchmark Natural Gas Futures Contract of 4.63% was an error over the time period of (0.31)%, which is to say that UNL's actual total return underperformed the benchmark result by that percentage. UNL incurred expenses primarily composed of the management fee, brokerage commissions for the buying and selling of futures contracts, and other expenses. The impact of these expenses tended to cause daily changes in the per share NAV of UNL to track slightly lower than daily changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contract.

There are currently three factors that have impacted or are most likely to impact UNL's ability to accurately track its Benchmark Futures Contracts.

First, UNL may buy or sell its holdings in the then current Benchmark Futures Contracts at a price other than the closing settlement price of that contract on the day during which UNL executes the trade. In that case, UNL may pay a price that is higher, or lower, than that of the Benchmark Futures Contracts, which could cause the changes in the daily per share NAV of UNL to either be too high or too low relative to the daily changes in the Benchmark Futures Contracts. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, USCF attempted to minimize the effect of these transactions by seeking to execute its purchase or sale of the Benchmark Futures Contracts at, or as close as possible to, the end of the day settlement price. However, it may not always be possible for UNL to obtain the closing settlement price and there is no assurance that failure to obtain the closing settlement price in the future will not adversely impact UNL's attempt to track the Benchmark Futures Contracts over time.

Second, UNL incurs expenses primarily composed of the management fee, brokerage commissions for the buying and selling of Futures Contracts, and other expenses. The impact of these expenses tends to cause daily changes in the per share NAV of UNL to track slightly lower than daily changes in the average price of the Benchmark Futures Contract. At the same time, UNL earns dividend and interest income on its cash, cash equivalents and Treasuries. UNL is not required to distribute any portion of its income to its shareholders and did not make any distributions to shareholders during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Interest payments, and any other income, were retained within the portfolio and added to UNL's NAV. When this income exceeds the level of UNL's expenses for its management fee, brokerage commissions and other expenses (including ongoing registration fees, licensing fees and the fees and expenses of the independent directors of USCF), UNL will realize a net yield that will tend to cause daily changes in the per share NAV of UNL to track slightly higher than daily changes in the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. If short-term interest rates rise above the current levels, the level of deviation created by the yield would decrease. Conversely, if short-term interest rates were to decline, the amount of error created by the yield would increase. When short-term yields drop to a level lower than the combined expenses of the management fee and the brokerage commissions, then the tracking error becomes a negative number and would tend to cause the daily returns of the per share NAV to underperform the daily returns of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. USCF anticipates that interest rates will continue to remain at historical lows and, therefore, it is anticipated that fees and expenses paid by UNL will continue to be higher than interest earned by UNL. As such, USCF anticipates that UNL will continue to underperform its benchmark until such a time when interest earned at least equals or exceeds the fees and expenses paid by UNL.

Third, UNL may hold Other Natural Gas-Related Investments in its portfolio that may fail to closely track the Benchmark Futures Contracts' total return movements. In that case, the error in tracking the changes in the average of the Benchmark Futures Contracts could result in daily changes in the per share NAV of UNL that are either too high, or too low, relative to the daily changes in the average of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, UNL did not hold Other Natural Gas-Related Investments. If UNL increases in size, and due to its obligations to comply with regulatory limits, UNL may invest in Other Natural Gas-Related Investments which may have the effect of increasing transaction related expenses and may result in increased tracking error.

Term Structure of Natural Gas Futures Prices and the Impact on Total Returns. Several factors determine the total return from investing in futures contracts. One factor arises from “rolling” futures contracts that will expire at the end of the current month (the “near” or “front” month contract) forward each month prior to expiration. For a strategy that entails holding the near month contract, the price relationship between that futures contract and the next month futures contract will impact returns. For example, if the price of the near month futures contract is higher than the next futures month contract (a situation referred to as “backwardation”), then absent any other change, the price of a next month futures contract tends to rise in value as it becomes the near month futures contract and approaches expiration. Conversely, if the price of a near month futures contract is lower than the next month futures contract (a situation referred to as “contango”), then absent any other change, the price of a next month futures contract tends to decline in value as it becomes the near month futures contract and approaches expiration.

As an example, assume that the price of natural gas for immediate delivery, is \$3 per MMBtu, and the value of a position in the near month futures contract is also \$3. Over time, the price of natural gas will fluctuate based on a number of market factors, including demand for natural gas relative to supply. The value of the near month futures contract will likewise fluctuate in reaction to a number of market factors. If an investor seeks to maintain a position in a near month futures contract and not take delivery of physical barrels of natural gas, the investor must sell the current near month futures contract as it approaches expiration and invest in the next month futures contract. In order to continue holding a position in the current near month futures contract, this “roll” forward of the futures contract must be executed every month.

Contango and backwardation are natural market forces that have impacted the total return on an investment in UNL's shares during the past year relative to a hypothetical direct investment in natural gas. In the future, it is likely that the relationship between the market price of UNL's shares and changes in the spot prices of natural gas will continue to be impacted by contango and backwardation. It is important to note that this comparison ignores the potential costs associated with physically owning and storing natural gas, which could be substantial.

If the futures market is in backwardation, *e.g.*, when the price of the near month futures contract is higher than the price of the next month futures contract, the investor would buy a next month futures contract for a lower price than the current near month futures contract. Assuming the price of the next month futures contract was \$2.94 per MMBtu, or 2% cheaper than the \$3 near month futures contract, then, hypothetically, and assuming no other changes (*e.g.*, to either prevailing natural gas prices or the price relationship between the spot price, the near month contract and the next month contract, and, ignoring the impact of commission costs and the income earned on cash and/or cash equivalents), the value of the \$2.94 next month futures contract would rise to \$3 as it approaches expiration. In this example, the value of an investment in the next month futures contract would tend to outperform the spot price of natural gas. As a result, it would be possible for the new near month futures contract to rise 12% while the spot price of natural gas may have risen a lower amount, *e.g.*, only 10%. Similarly, the spot price of natural gas could have fallen 10% while the value of an investment in the futures contract might have fallen another amount, *e.g.*, only 8%. Over time, if backwardation remained constant, this difference between the spot price and the futures contract price would continue to increase.

If the futures market is in contango, an investor would be buying a next month futures contract for a higher price than the current near month futures contract. Again, assuming the near month futures contract is \$3 per MMBtu, the price of the next month futures contract might be \$3.06 per MMBtu, or 2% more expensive than the front month futures contract. Hypothetically, and assuming no other changes, the value of the \$3.06 next month futures contract would fall to \$3 as it approaches expiration. In this example, the value of an investment in the second month would tend to underperform the spot price of natural gas. As a result, it would be possible for the new near month futures contract to rise only 10% while the spot price of natural gas may have risen a higher amount, *e.g.*, 12%. Similarly, the spot price of natural gas could have fallen 10% while the value of an investment in the second month futures contract might have fallen another amount, *e.g.*, 12%. Over time, if contango remained constant, this difference between the spot price and the futures contract price would continue to increase.

The chart below compares the daily price of the near month natural gas futures contract to the price of 13th month natural gas futures contract (i.e., a contract one year forward) over the last 10 years. When the price of the near month futures contract is higher than the price of the 13th month futures contract, the market would be described as being in backwardation. When the price of the near month futures contract is lower than the 13th month futures contract, the market would be described as being in contango. Although the price of the near month futures contract and the price of the 13th month futures contract tend to move together, it can be seen that at times the near month futures contract prices are higher than the 13th month futures contracts prices (backwardation), and at other times, the near month futures contract prices are lower than the 13th month futures contract prices (contango).

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An alternative way to view the same data is to subtract the dollar price of the 13th month natural gas futures contract from the dollar price of the near month natural gas futures contract, as shown in the chart below. When the difference is positive, the market is in backwardation. When the difference is negative, the market is in contango. The natural gas market spent time in both backwardation and contango during the last ten years. The chart below shows the results from subtracting the average dollar price of the near 12 month contracts from the near month price for the 10-year period between September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2017. Investors will note that the natural gas market spent time in both backwardation and contango.

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An investment in a portfolio that owned only the near month natural gas futures contract would likely produce a different result than an investment in a portfolio that owned an equal number of each of the near 12 months' of natural gas futures contracts. Generally speaking, when the natural gas futures market is in backwardation, a portfolio of only the near month natural gas futures contract may tend to have a higher total return than a portfolio of 12 months' of the natural gas futures contract. Conversely, if the natural gas futures market was in contango, the portfolio containing only 12 months' of natural gas futures contracts may tend to outperform the portfolio holding only the near month natural gas futures contract.

Historically, natural gas futures markets have experienced periods of contango and backwardation. Because natural gas demand is seasonal, it is possible for the price of natural gas futures contracts for delivery within one or two months to rapidly move from backwardation into contango and back again within the relatively short period of time of less than one year. While the investment objective of UNL is not to have the market price of its shares match, dollar for dollar, changes in the spot price of natural gas, both contango and backwardation impacted the total return on an investment in UNL shares during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 relative to a hypothetical direct investment in natural gas. For example, an investment in UNL shares made on December 31, 2016 and held to September 30, 2017 decreased, based upon the changes in the NAV for UNL shares on those days, by approximately (14.81)%, while the spot price of natural gas for immediate delivery (as represented by the price of the Benchmark Futures Contract) during the same period decreased by approximately (15.74)% (note: this comparison ignores the potential costs associated with physically owning and storing natural gas, which could be substantial). By comparison, an investment in UNL shares made on December 31, 2015 and held to September 30, 2016 increased, based upon the changes in the NAV for UNL shares on those days, by approximately 4.32%, while the spot price of natural gas for immediate delivery (as represented by the price of the Benchmark Futures Contract) during the same period increased by approximately 21.48% (note: this comparison ignores the potential costs associated with physically owning and storing natural gas, which could be substantial).

USCF believes that holding futures contracts whose expiration dates are spread out over a 12-month period of time will cause the total return of such a portfolio to vary compared to a portfolio that holds only a single month's contract (such as the near month contract). In particular, USCF believes that the total return of a portfolio holding contracts with a range of expiration months will be impacted differently by the price relationship between different contract months of the same commodity future compared to the total return of a portfolio consisting of the near month contract. USCF believes that based on historical evidence a portfolio that held futures contracts with a range of expiration dates spread out over a 12-month period of time would typically be impacted less by the positive effect of backwardation, and less by the negative effect of contango, compared to a portfolio that held contracts of a single near month. As a result, absent the impact of any other factors, a portfolio of 12 different monthly contracts would tend to have a lower total return than a near month only portfolio in a backwardation market and a higher total return in a contango market. However, there can be no assurance that such historical relationships would provide the same or similar results in the future.

Periods of contango or backwardation do not materially impact UNL's investment objective of having the daily percentage changes in its per share NAV track the daily percentage changes in the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts since the impact of backwardation and contango tend to equally impact the daily

percentage changes in price of both UNL's shares and the Benchmark Futures Contracts. It is impossible to predict with any degree of certainty whether backwardation or contango will occur in the future. It is likely that both conditions will occur during different periods and because of the seasonal nature of natural gas demand, both may occur within a single year's time.

Natural Gas Market. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, natural gas prices in the United States were volatile during the first half of the year before settling into a tight trading range during the third quarter. Prices ended the period lower than the beginning of the year, although most of this change occurred with a large decline on the first trading day of the year. Storage levels followed normal seasonal patterns, but fell below prior-year levels for the first time since 2014 and declined to the lowest surplus over the five-year average in the last two years. As of September 30, 2017, the amount of natural gas in storage stood at 3,508 billion cubic feet, which was approximately 4.7% below 2016 levels. Increased U.S. exports of natural gas along with greater domestic demand have aided the call on natural gas. Should trends continue, as we enter the winter season with less in storage than last year, a cold winter could be very bullish for prices. Conversely, warmer than normal weather could lead to storage builds and would likely put pressure on prices absent other factors.

Natural Gas Price Movements in Comparison to Other Energy Commodities and Investment Categories. USCF believes that investors frequently measure the degree to which prices or total returns of one investment or asset class move up or down in value in concert with another investment or asset class. Statistically, such a measure is usually done by measuring the correlation of the price movements of the two different investments or asset classes over some period of time. The correlation is scaled between 1 and -1, where 1 indicates that the two investment options move up or down in price or value together, known as "positive correlation," and -1 indicates that they move in completely opposite directions, known as "negative correlation." A correlation of 0 would mean that the movements of the two are neither positively nor negatively correlated, known as "non-correlation." That is, the investment options sometimes move up and down together and other times move in opposite directions.

For the ten-year time period between September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2017, the table below compares the monthly movements of natural gas prices versus the monthly movements of the prices of several other energy commodities, such as crude oil, diesel-heating oil, and unleaded gasoline, as well as several major non-commodity investment asset classes, such as large cap U.S. equities, U.S. government bonds and global equities. It can be seen that over this particular time period, the movement of natural gas on a monthly basis was neither strongly correlated nor inversely correlated with the movements of large cap U.S. equities, U.S. Government bonds, global equities, crude oil, diesel-heating oil, or unleaded gasoline.

	Large Cap U.S. Equities (S&P 500)	U.S. Gov't. Bonds (EFFAS U.S. Gov't. Bond Index)	Global Equities (FTSE World Index)	Crude Oil	Diesel- Heating Oil	Unleaded Gasoline	Natural Gas
Correlation Matrix September 30, 2007 – September 30, 2017*	1.000	(0.287)	0.965	0.464	0.436	0.446	0.083
U.S. Gov't. Bonds (EFFAS U.S. Gov't. Bond Index)		1.000	(0.257)	(0.390)	(0.331)	(0.349)	(0.041)
Global Equities (FTSE World Index)			1.000	0.514	0.476	0.484	0.121
Crude Oil				1.000	0.805	0.700	0.263
Diesel-Heating Oil					1.000	0.729	0.258
Unleaded Gasoline						1.000	0.154
Natural Gas							1.000

Source: Bloomberg, NYMEX

****PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS***

The table below covers a more recent, but much shorter, range of dates than the above table. Over the one year period ended September 30, 2017, the movement of natural gas remained neither strongly correlated nor inversely correlated with U.S. Government bonds, crude oil or diesel-heating oil. Movement of natural gas was somewhat negatively correlated with Large cap U.S. equities and global equities and somewhat correlated with unleaded gasoline.

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	Large Cap U.S. Equities (S&P 500)	(EFFAS U.S. Gov't. Bond Index)	Global Equities (FTSE World Index)	Crude Oil	Diesel- Heating Oil	Unleaded Gasoline	Natural Gas
Correlation Matrix 12 Months ended September 30, 2017*	1.000	(0.229)	0.768	0.620	0.326	(0.150)	(0.331)
Large Cap U.S. Equities (S&P 500)							
U.S. Gov't. Bonds (EFFAS U.S. Gov't. Bond Index)		1.000	0.288	(0.393)	(0.103)	0.319	(0.271)
Global Equities (FTSE World Index)			1.000	0.515	0.223	(0.124)	(0.516)
Crude Oil				1.000	0.676	(0.212)	(0.119)
Diesel-Heating Oil					1.000	0.497	0.185
Unleaded Gasoline						1.000	0.408
Natural Gas							1.000

Source: Bloomberg, NYMEX

****PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS***

Investors are cautioned that the historical price relationships between natural gas and various other energy commodities, as well as other investment asset classes, as measured by correlation may not be reliable predictors of future price movements and correlation results. The results pictured above would have been different if a different range of dates had been selected. USCF believes that natural gas has historically not demonstrated a strong correlation with equities or bonds over long periods of time. However, USCF also believes that in the future it is possible that natural gas could have long term correlation results that indicate prices of natural gas more closely track the movements of equities or bonds. In addition, USCF believes that, when measured over time periods shorter than ten years, there will always be some periods where the correlation of natural gas to equities and bonds will be either more strongly positively correlated or more strongly negatively correlated than the long term historical results suggest.

The correlations between natural gas, crude oil, diesel-heating oil and gasoline are relevant because USCF endeavors to invest UNL's assets in Natural Gas Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments so that daily changes in percentage terms in UNL's per share NAV correlate as closely as possible with daily changes in percentage terms in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. If certain other fuel-based commodity Natural Gas Futures Contracts do not closely correlate with the Benchmark Futures Contracts, then their use could lead to greater tracking error. As noted above, USCF also believes that the changes in percentage terms in the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts will closely correlate with changes in percentage terms in the spot price of natural gas.

Critical Accounting Policies

Preparation of the condensed financial statements and related disclosures in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the application of appropriate accounting rules and guidance, as well as the use of estimates. UNL's application of these policies involves judgments and actual results may differ from the estimates used.

USCF has evaluated the nature and types of estimates that it makes in preparing UNL's condensed financial statements and related disclosures and has determined that the valuation of its investments, which are not traded on a United States or internationally recognized futures exchange (such as forward contracts and OTC swaps) involves a critical accounting policy. The values which are used by UNL for its Natural Gas Futures Contracts are provided by its commodity broker who uses market prices when available, while OTC swaps are valued based on the present value of estimated future cash flows that would be received from or paid to a third party in settlement of these derivative contracts prior to their delivery date and valued on a daily basis. In addition, UNL estimates interest and dividend income on a daily basis using prevailing rates earned on its cash and cash equivalents. These estimates are adjusted to the actual amount received on a monthly basis and the difference, if any, is not considered material.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

UNL has not made, and does not anticipate making, use of borrowings or other lines of credit to meet its obligations. UNL has met, and it is anticipated that UNL will continue to meet, its liquidity needs in the normal course of business from the proceeds of the sale of its investments, or from the Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents that it intends to hold at all times. UNL's liquidity needs include: redeeming shares, providing margin deposits for its existing Natural Gas Futures Contracts or the purchase of additional Natural Gas Futures Contracts and posting collateral for its OTC swaps, if applicable, and payment of its expenses, summarized below under "*Contractual Obligations*."

UNL currently generates cash primarily from: (i) the sale of baskets consisting of 50,000 shares ("Creation Baskets") and (ii) income earned on Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents. UNL has allocated substantially all of its net assets to trading in Natural Gas Interests. UNL invests in Natural Gas Interests to the fullest extent possible without being leveraged or unable to satisfy its current or potential margin or collateral obligations with respect to its investments in Natural Gas Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments. A significant portion of UNL's NAV is held in cash and cash equivalents that are used as margin and as collateral for its trading in Natural Gas Interests. The balance of the assets is held in UNL's account at its custodian bank and in investments in Treasuries at the FCM. Income received from UNL's investments in money market funds and Treasuries is paid to UNL. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, UNL's expenses exceeded the income UNL earned and the cash earned from the sale of Creation Baskets and the redemption of Redemption Baskets. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, UNL used other assets to pay expenses, which could cause a decrease in UNL's NAV over time. To the extent expenses exceed income, UNL's NAV will be negatively impacted.

UNL's investments in Natural Gas Interests may be subject to periods of illiquidity because of market conditions, regulatory considerations and other reasons. For example, most commodity exchanges limit the fluctuations in futures contracts prices during a single day by regulations referred to as "daily limits." During a single day, no trades may be executed at prices beyond the daily limit. Once the price of a futures contract has increased or decreased by an amount equal to the daily limit, positions in the contracts can neither be taken nor liquidated unless the traders are willing to effect trades at or within the specified daily limit. Such market conditions could prevent UNL from promptly liquidating its positions in Natural Gas Futures Contracts. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, UNL did not purchase or liquidate any of its positions while daily limits were in effect; however, UNL cannot predict whether such an event may occur in the future.

Since the initial offering of UNL, all payments with respect to UNL's expenses were paid by USCF. UNL does not have an obligation or intention to refund such payments made by USCF. USCF is under no obligation to pay UNL's current or future expenses. UNL is responsible for expenses incurred subsequent to the initial offering of shares relating to: (i) management fees, (ii) brokerage fees and commissions, (iii) licensing fees for the use of intellectual property, (iv) ongoing registration expenses in connection with offers and sales of its shares subsequent to the initial offering, (v) other expenses, including tax reporting costs, (vi) fees and expenses of the independent directors of USCF and (vii) other extraordinary expenses not in the ordinary course of business, while USCF has been responsible for expenses relating to the fees of UNL's Marketing Agent, Administrator and Custodian and registration expenses relating to the initial offering of shares. If USCF and UNL are unsuccessful in raising sufficient funds to cover these respective expenses or in locating any other source of funding, UNL will terminate and investors may lose all or part of their investment.

Market Risk

Trading in Natural Gas Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments, such as forwards, involves UNL entering into contractual commitments to purchase or sell natural gas at a specified date in the future. The aggregate market value of the contracts will significantly exceed UNL's future cash requirements since UNL intends to close out its open positions prior to settlement. As a result, UNL is generally only subject to the risk of loss arising from the change in value of the contracts. UNL considers the "fair value" of its derivative instruments to be the unrealized gain or loss on the contracts. The market risk associated with UNL's commitments to purchase natural gas is limited to the aggregate market value of the contracts held. However, should UNL enter into a contractual commitment to sell natural gas, it would be required to make delivery of the natural gas at the contract price, repurchase the contract at prevailing prices or settle in cash. Since there are no limits on the future price of natural gas, the market risk to UNL could be unlimited.

UNL's exposure to market risk depends on a number of factors, including the markets for natural gas, the volatility of interest rates and foreign exchange rates, the liquidity of the Natural Gas Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments markets and the relationships among the contracts held by UNL. Drastic market occurrences could ultimately lead to the loss of all or substantially all of an investor's capital.

Credit Risk

When UNL enters into Natural Gas Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments, it is exposed to the credit risk that the counterparty will not be able to meet its obligations. The counterparty for the Natural Gas Futures Contracts traded on the NYMEX and on most other futures exchanges is the clearinghouse associated with the particular exchange. In general, in addition to margin required to be posted by the clearinghouse in connection with cleared trades, clearinghouses are backed by their members who may be required to share in the financial burden

resulting from the nonperformance of one of their members and, therefore, this additional member support should significantly reduce credit risk. UNL is not currently a member of any clearinghouse. Some foreign exchanges are not backed by their clearinghouse members but may be backed by a consortium of banks or other financial institutions. There can be no assurance that any counterparty, clearinghouse, or their members or their financial backers will satisfy their obligations to UNL in such circumstances.

USCF attempts to manage the credit risk of UNL by following various trading limitations and policies. In particular, UNL generally posts margin and/or holds liquid assets that are approximately equal to the market value of its obligations to counterparties under the Natural Gas Futures Contracts and Other Natural Gas-Related Investments it holds. USCF has implemented procedures that include, but are not limited to, executing and clearing trades only with creditworthy parties and/or requiring the posting of collateral or margin by such parties for the benefit of UNL to limit its credit exposure. An FCM, when acting on behalf of UNL in accepting orders to purchase or sell Natural Gas Futures Contracts on United States exchanges, is required by CFTC regulations to separately account for and segregate as belonging to UNL, all assets of UNL relating to domestic Natural Gas Futures Contracts trading. These FCMs are not allowed to commingle UNL's assets with their other assets. In addition, the CFTC requires commodity brokers to hold in a secure account UNL's assets related to foreign Natural Gas Futures Contracts trading.

In the future, UNL may purchase OTC swaps, see "*Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*" in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for a discussion of OTC swaps.

As of September 30, 2017, UNL held cash deposits and investments in Treasuries and money market funds in the amount of \$9,802,415 with the custodian and FCM. Some or all of these amounts held by a custodian or an FCM, as applicable, may be subject to loss should UNL's custodian or FCM, as applicable, cease operations.

Off Balance Sheet Financing

As of September 30, 2017, UNL had no loan guarantee, credit support or other off-balance sheet arrangements of any kind other than agreements entered into in the normal course of business, which may include indemnification provisions relating to certain risks that service providers undertake in performing services which are in the best interests of UNL. While UNL's exposure under these indemnification provisions cannot be estimated, they are not expected to have a material impact on UNL's financial position.

European Sovereign Debt

UNL had no direct exposure to European sovereign debt as of September 30, 2017 and has no direct exposure to European sovereign debt as of the filing of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

Redemption Basket Obligation

In order to meet its investment objective and pay its contractual obligations described below, UNL requires liquidity to redeem shares, which redemptions must be in blocks of 50,000 shares called "Redemption Baskets." UNL has to date satisfied this obligation by paying from the cash or cash equivalents it holds or through the sale of its Treasuries in an amount proportionate to the number of shares being redeemed.

Contractual Obligations

UNL's primary contractual obligations are with USCF. In return for its services, USCF is entitled to a management fee calculated daily and paid monthly as a fixed percentage of UNL's NAV, currently 0.75% of NAV on its average daily total net assets.

USCF agreed to pay the start-up costs associated with the formation of UNL, primarily its legal, accounting and other costs in connection with USCF's registration with the CFTC as a CPO and the registration and listing of UNL and its shares with the SEC, FINRA and NYSE Arca (formerly, AMEX), respectively. However, since UNL's initial offering of shares, offering costs incurred in connection with registering and listing additional shares of UNL have been directly borne on an ongoing basis by UNL, and not by USCF.

USCF pays the fees of the Marketing Agent and the fees of BBH&Co., as well as BBH&Co.'s fees for performing administrative services, including those in connection with the preparation of UNL's condensed financial statements and its SEC, NFA and CFTC reports. USCF and UNL have also entered into a licensing agreement with the NYMEX pursuant to which UNL and the Related Public Funds, other than BNO, USCI, CPER and USAG, pay a licensing fee to the NYMEX. UNL also pays the fees and expenses associated with its tax accounting and reporting requirements. USCF has voluntarily agreed to pay certain expenses typically borne by UNL to the extent that such expenses exceed 0.15% (15 basis points) of UNL's NAV, on an annualized basis. USCF has no obligation to continue such payments into subsequent periods. This voluntary expense waiver is in addition to those amounts USCF is contractually obligated to pay as described in Note 4 in Item 1 of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

In addition to USCF's management fee, UNL pays its brokerage fees (including fees to an FCM), OTC dealer spreads, any licensing fees for the use of intellectual property, and, subsequent to the initial offering, registration and other fees paid to the SEC, FINRA, or other regulatory agencies in connection with the offer and sale of shares, as well as legal, printing, accounting and other expenses associated therewith, and extraordinary expenses. The latter are expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of UNL's business, including expenses relating to the indemnification of any person against liabilities and obligations to the extent permitted by law and under the LP Agreement, the bringing or defending of actions in law or in equity or otherwise conducting litigation and incurring legal expenses and the settlement of claims and litigation. Commission payments to an FCM are on a contract-by-contract, or round turn, basis. UNL also pays a portion of the fees and expenses of the independent directors of USCF. See *Note 3 to the Notes to Condensed Financial Statements (Unaudited)* in Item 1 of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

The parties cannot anticipate the amount of payments that will be required under these arrangements for future periods, as UNL's per share NAVs and trading levels to meet its investment objective will not be known until a future date. These agreements are effective for a specific term agreed upon by the parties with an option to renew, or, in some cases, are in effect for the duration of UNL's existence. Either party may terminate these agreements earlier for certain reasons described in the agreements.

As of September 30, 2017, UNL's portfolio consisted of 312 Natural Gas Futures NG Contracts traded on the NYMEX. As of September 30, 2017, UNL did not hold any Natural Gas Futures Contracts on the ICE Futures Europe. For a list of UNL's current holdings, please see UNL's website at www.uscfinvestments.com.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Commodity Price Risk.

UNL is exposed to commodity price risk. In particular, UNL is exposed to natural gas price risk through its holdings of Natural Gas Futures Contracts together with any other derivatives in which it may invest, which are discussed below. As a result, fluctuations in the value of the Natural Gas Futures Contracts that UNL holds in its portfolios, as described in “*Contractual Obligations*” under “*Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*” above, are expected to directly affect the value of UNL’s shares.

OTC Contract Risk

Currently, OTC transactions are subject to changing regulation.

UNL may purchase OTC swaps. Unlike most exchange-traded futures contracts or exchange-traded options on such futures, each party to an OTC swap bears the credit risk that the other party may not be able to perform its obligations under its contract.

UNL may enter into certain transactions where an OTC component is exchanged for a corresponding futures contract (“Exchange for Related Position” or “EFRP” transactions). In the most common type of EFRP transaction entered into by UNL, the OTC component is the purchase or sale of one or more baskets of UNL shares. These EFRP transactions may expose UNL to counterparty risk during the interim period between the execution of the OTC component and the exchange for a corresponding futures contract. Generally, the counterparty risk from the EFRP transaction will exist only on the day of execution.

Swap transactions, like other financial transactions, involve a variety of significant risks. The specific risks presented by a particular swap transaction necessarily depend upon the terms and circumstances of the transaction. In general, however, all swap transactions involve some combination of market risk, credit risk, counterparty credit risk, funding risk, liquidity risk and operational risk.

Highly customized swap transactions in particular may increase liquidity risk, which may result in a suspension of redemptions. Highly leveraged transactions may experience substantial gains or losses in value as a result of relatively

small changes in the value or level of an underlying or related market factor.

In evaluating the risks and contractual obligations associated with a particular swap transaction, it is important to consider that a swap transaction may be modified or terminated only by mutual consent of the original parties and subject to agreement on individually negotiated terms. Therefore, it may not be possible for USCF to modify, terminate or offset UNL's obligations or its exposure to the risks associated with a transaction prior to its scheduled termination date.

To reduce the credit risk that arises in connection with such contracts, UNL will generally enter into an agreement with each counterparty based on the Master Agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association that provides for the netting of its overall exposure to its counterparty, if the counterparty is unable to meet its obligations to UNL due to the occurrence of a specified event, such as the insolvency of the counterparty.

USCF assesses or reviews, as appropriate, the creditworthiness of each potential or existing counterparty to an OTC swap pursuant to guidelines approved by USCF's board of directors (the "Board"). Furthermore, USCF on behalf of UNL only enters into OTC swaps with counterparties who are, or are affiliates of, (a) banks regulated by a United States federal bank regulator, (b) broker-dealers regulated by the SEC, (c) insurance companies domiciled in the United States, or (d) producers, users or traders of energy, whether or not regulated by the CFTC. Any entity acting as a counterparty shall be regulated in either the United States or the United Kingdom unless otherwise approved by the Board after consultation with its legal counsel. Existing counterparties are also reviewed periodically by USCF. UNL will also require that the counterparty be highly rated and/or provide collateral or other credit support. Even if collateral is used to reduce counterparty credit risk, sudden changes in the value of OTC transactions may leave a party open to financial risk due to a counterparty default since the collateral held may not cover a party's exposure on the transaction in such situations.

In general, valuing OTC derivatives is less certain than valuing actively traded financial instruments such as exchange-traded futures contracts and securities or cleared swaps because the price and terms on which such OTC derivatives are entered into or can be terminated are individually negotiated, and those prices and terms may not reflect the best price or terms available from other sources. In addition, while market makers and dealers generally quote indicative prices or terms for entering into or terminating OTC swaps, they typically are not contractually obligated to do so, particularly if they are not a party to the transaction. As a result, it may be difficult to obtain an independent value for an outstanding OTC derivatives transaction.

During the nine months reporting period ended September 30, 2017, UNL limited its OTC activities to EFRP transactions.

UNL anticipates that the use of Other Natural Gas-Related Investments together with its investments in Natural Gas Futures Contracts will produce price and total return results that closely track the investment goals of UNL. However, there can be no assurance of this. OTC swaps may result in higher transaction-related expenses than the brokerage commissions paid in connection with the purchase of Natural Gas Futures Contracts, which may impact UNL's ability to successfully track the Benchmark Futures Contracts.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

UNL maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in UNL's periodic reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

The duly appointed officers of USCF, including its chief executive officer and chief financial officer, who perform functions equivalent to those of a principal executive officer and principal financial officer of UNL if UNL had any officers, have evaluated the effectiveness of UNL's disclosure controls and procedures and have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures of UNL have been effective as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

Change in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in UNL's internal control over financial reporting during UNL's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, UNL's internal control over financial reporting.

Part II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

Not applicable.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

There have been no material changes to the risk factors previously disclosed in UNL's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, filed on March 24, 2017.

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

(a) None.

(b) Not applicable.

UNL does not purchase shares directly from its shareholders. In connection with its redemption of baskets held by Authorized Participants, UNL did not have any redemptions during the third quarter of the year ended December 31, 2017. The following table summarizes the redemptions by Authorized Participants during the three months ended September 30, 2017:

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares Redeemed	Average Price Per Share
7/1/17 to 7/31/17	—	NA
8/1/17 to 8/31/17	—	NA

9/1/17 to 9/30/17	—	NA
Total	—	

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits.

Listed below are the exhibits, which are filed as part of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q (according to the number assigned to them in Item 601 of Regulation S-K):

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
<u>31.1(1)</u>	<u>Certification by Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
<u>31.2(1)</u>	<u>Certification by Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
<u>32.1(1)</u>	<u>Certification by Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
<u>32.2(1)</u>	<u>Certification by Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema.
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase.
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase.
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase.
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase.

(1) Filed herewith.

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SIGNATURES

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

United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP (Registrant)

By: United States Commodity Funds LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ John P. Love
John P. Love
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal executive officer)

Date: November 13, 2017

By: /s/ Stuart P. Crumbaugh
Stuart P. Crumbaugh
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal financial and accounting officer)

Date: November 13, 2017