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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2018

OR

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

For the Transition Period from _____ to _____.

Commission File Number: 1-12534

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 72-1133047

(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) Identification Number)

4 Waterway Square Place

Suite 100

The Woodlands, Texas 77380

(Address and Zip Code of principal executive offices)

(281) 210-5100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter

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period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☐ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, 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. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer ☐ Smaller reporting company ☐ Emerging growth company ☐
(Do not check if a smaller reporting 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 pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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

As of October 25, 2018, there were 200,339,967 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding.

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NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(In millions, except share data)
(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 264	\$ 326
Accounts receivable, net	386	292
Inventories	25	15
Derivative assets	—	15
Other current assets	82	98
Total current assets	757	746
Oil and gas properties, net — full cost method (\$1,264 and \$1,200 were excluded from amortization at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively)	4,634	3,931
Other property and equipment, net	172	168
Derivative assets	—	1
Long-term investments	25	24
Restricted cash	47	40
Other assets	41	51
Total assets	\$5,676	\$4,961
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$51	\$46
Accrued liabilities	700	591
Advances from joint owners	77	80
Asset retirement obligations	2	3
Derivative liabilities	221	98
Total current liabilities	1,051	818
Other liabilities	67	69
Derivative liabilities	24	26
Long-term debt	2,436	2,434
Asset retirement obligations	135	130
Deferred taxes	92	76
Total long-term liabilities	2,754	2,735
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock (\$0.01 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued)	—	—
Common stock (\$0.01 par value, 300,000,000 shares authorized at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017; 202,311,663 and 201,363,345 shares issued at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively)	2	2
Additional paid-in capital	3,346	3,303
Treasury stock (at cost, 1,978,667 and 1,658,476 shares at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively)	(67)	(59)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(1)	—
Retained earnings (deficit)	(1,409)	(1,838)
Total stockholders' equity	1,871	1,408
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$5,676	\$4,961

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In millions, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Oil, gas and NGL revenues	\$709	\$439	\$1,965	\$1,257
Other revenues	2	—	5	1
Total revenues	711	439	1,970	1,258
Operating expenses:				
Lease operating	66	53	197	167
Transportation and processing	92	80	253	223
Production and other taxes	39	16	90	43
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	163	124	447	340
General and administrative	54	53	159	151
Other expenses (income)	2	1	(3)	2
Total operating expenses	416	327	1,143	926
Income (loss) from operations	295	112	827	332
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense	(38)	(37)	(113)	(112)
Capitalized interest	15	15	45	46
Commodity derivative income (expense)	(57)	(23)	(313)	58
Other, net	3	1	4	5
Total other income (expense)	(77)	(44)	(377)	(3)
Income (loss) before income taxes	218	68	450	329
Income tax provision (benefit):				
Current	(1)	(28)	5	(28)
Deferred	(5)	9	16	25
Total income tax provision (benefit)	(6)	(19)	21	(3)
Net income (loss)	\$224	\$87	\$429	\$332
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$1.12	\$0.44	\$2.15	\$1.67
Diluted	\$1.11	\$0.44	\$2.14	\$1.66
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding for basic earnings (loss) per share	200	199	200	199
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding for diluted earnings (loss) per share	201	200	201	200
Comprehensive income (loss):				
Net income (loss)	\$224	\$87	\$429	\$332
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	—	—	(1)	1
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$224	\$87	\$428	\$333

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NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(In millions)

(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$429	\$332
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	447	340
Deferred tax provision (benefit)	16	25
Stock-based compensation	34	25
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative contracts	137	(12)
Other, net	7	10
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(91)	(45)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	98	21
Other items, net	20	(45)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1,097	651
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to oil and gas properties	(1,119)	(825)
Acquisitions of oil and gas properties	(26)	(10)
Proceeds from sales of oil and gas properties	33	74
Additions to other property and equipment	(19)	(18)
Redemptions of investments	—	50
Purchases of investments	—	(25)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(1,131)	(754)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuances of common stock, net	1	2
Debt issue costs	(8)	—
Purchases of treasury stock, net	(8)	(14)
Other	(6)	(1)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(21)	(13)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(55)	(116)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	366	580
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$311	\$464

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NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(In millions)

(Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Treasury Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Deficit)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount				
Balance, December 31, 2017	201.4	\$ 2	(1.7)	\$ (59)	\$ 3,303	\$ (1,838)	\$ —	\$ 1,408
Issuances of common stock	0.9	—			2			2
Stock-based compensation					41			41
Treasury stock, net			(0.3)	(8)	—			(8)
Net income (loss)						429		429
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax							(1)	(1)
Balance, September 30, 2018	202.3	\$ 2	(2.0)	\$ (67)	\$ 3,346	\$ (1,409)	\$ (1)	\$ 1,871

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NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization and Principles of Consolidation

We are an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development and production of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGLs). Our U.S. operations are onshore and focus primarily on large scale, liquids-rich resource plays in the Anadarko Basin of Oklahoma, the Williston Basin of North Dakota and the Uinta Basin of Utah. In addition, we have oil assets offshore China, and gas assets in the Arkoma Basin of Oklahoma.

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Newfield Exploration Company, a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries. We proportionately consolidate our interests in oil and natural gas exploration and production joint ventures and partnerships in accordance with industry practice. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. Unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, all references in these notes to "Newfield," "we," "us," "our" or the "Company" are to Newfield Exploration Company and its subsidiaries.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements reflect, in the opinion of our management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments, necessary to fairly state our financial position as of, and results of operations, for the periods presented. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and, therefore, do not include all disclosures required for financial statements prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). Interim period results are not necessarily indicative of results of operations or cash flows for a full year.

These consolidated financial statements and notes should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Risks and Uncertainties

As an independent oil and natural gas producer, our revenue, profitability and future rate of growth are substantially dependent on prevailing prices for oil, natural gas and NGLs. Historically, the energy markets have been very volatile, and there can be no assurance that commodity prices will not be subject to wide fluctuations in the future. A substantial or extended decline in commodity prices could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows, access to capital and on the quantities of oil, natural gas and NGL reserves that we can economically produce. Other risks and uncertainties that could affect us in a volatile commodity price environment include, but are not limited to, counterparty credit risk for our receivables, responsibility for decommissioning liabilities for offshore interests we no longer own, inability to access credit markets, regulatory risks and our ability to meet financial ratios and covenants in our financing agreements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities; disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements; the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period; and the quantities and values of proved oil, natural gas and NGL reserves used in calculating depletion and assessing

impairment of our oil and gas properties. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates. Our most significant estimates are associated with the quantities of proved oil, natural gas and NGL reserves, the timing and amount of transfers of our unevaluated properties into our amortizable full cost pool, the recoverability of our deferred tax assets and the fair value of our derivative contracts.

Revenue Recognition

We adopted the accounting guidance issued by the FASB regarding revenues from contracts with customers on January 1, 2018. The adoption of the new guidance did not materially impact our existing policies governing the timing and amount of revenue recognition or the classification of revenues and associated expenses on our Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

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All of our oil, natural gas and NGLs are sold at market-based prices adjusted for location and quality differentials to a variety of purchasers. Our production is sold either at the lease or transported to markets further downstream. We record revenue when control of our production transfers to the customer and collectability is reasonably assured. Substantially all of our customers pay us within 30 days in accordance with industry standards for the sale of oil, natural gas and NGLs. For sales at the lease, control transfers immediately and we record revenue for the amount we expect to receive from the purchaser. For contracts in which control transfers to the customer downstream from the lease, expected revenues are presented on a gross basis with related expenses incurred prior to the transfer of control to the customer presented as transportation and processing expenses.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash consists of amounts held in escrow accounts to satisfy future plug and abandonment obligations for our China operations. These amounts are restricted as to their current use and will be released as we plug and abandon wells and facilities in China.

Other Current Assets

Other current assets primarily consist of federal income tax refunds receivable, capital and lease operating expense prepayments and other prepaid items, including but not limited to, rent and insurance. For the periods ended September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 federal income tax refunds receivable were \$38 million and \$53 million, respectively.

New Accounting Requirements

In November 2016, the FASB issued guidance regarding the classification and presentation of changes in restricted cash in the statement of cash flows. The guidance requires amounts described as restricted cash be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning of period and end of period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. We adopted this guidance in the first quarter of 2018 and retrospectively adjusted the prior period presented.

The following table summarizes the impact of the adoption of the new accounting standard to the Company's Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

	As Originally Presented	Adoption Adjustments	As Adjusted
(In millions)			
For the period ended September 30, 2017			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$640	\$ 11	\$ 651
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(127)	11	(116)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	555	25	580
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$428	\$ 36	\$ 464

In January 2016, the FASB issued guidance regarding several broad topics related to the recognition and measurement of financial assets and liabilities. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and did not have an impact on our financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued guidance regarding the accounting for leases. The guidance requires recognition of certain leases on the balance sheet. The guidance requires lessees and lessors to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018.

We have established policies and procedures to capture relevant lease data and are currently evaluating our population of leases for compliance with the new accounting guidance. We have not concluded our lease review or the practical expedient elections available, and we continue to evaluate the impact of this guidance on our financial statements.

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In February 2018, the FASB issued guidance regarding the reclassification of certain tax effects from accumulated other comprehensive income. The guidance allows a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. We adopted this guidance in the first quarter of 2018, as permitted, with no material impact on our financial statements.

2. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(In millions)	
Revenue	\$260	\$ 175
Joint interest	116	108
Other	26	25
Reserve for doubtful accounts	(16)	(16)
Total accounts receivable, net	\$386	\$ 292

3. Inventories

Inventories primarily consist of tubular goods and well equipment held for use in our oil and natural gas operations, and oil produced but not sold. Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or net realizable value. At September 30, 2018, crude oil inventory totaled approximately \$5 million. We had no crude oil inventory at December 31, 2017.

4. Derivative Financial Instruments

Commodity Derivative Instruments

We utilize derivative strategies that consist of either a single derivative instrument or a combination of instruments to manage the variability in cash flows associated with the forecasted sale of our future domestic oil, natural gas and NGL production. While the use of derivative instruments may limit or partially reduce the downside risk of adverse commodity price movements, their use also may limit future income from favorable commodity price movements. Our derivative strategies are outlined in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Our oil and gas derivative contracts are settled based upon reported prices on the NYMEX, and our NGL derivative contracts are settled on posted prices at Mont Belvieu. The estimated fair value of these contracts is based upon various factors, including closing exchange prices on the NYMEX, Mont Belvieu over-the-counter quotations, estimated volatility, non-performance risk adjustments using rates of default and time to maturity. The calculation of the fair value of options requires the use of an option-pricing model. See Note 5, "Fair Value Measurements."

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At September 30, 2018, we had outstanding derivative positions as set forth in the tables below.

Crude Oil

Period and Type of Instrument	Volume in MBbls	NYMEX Contract Price Per Bbl				Estimated Fair Value Asset (Liability) (In millions)
		Swaps (Weighted Average)	Puts (Weighted Average)	Floors (Weighted Average)	Ceilings (Weighted Average)	
2018:						
Fixed-price swaps	2,576	\$55.81	\$	—\$	—\$	—\$ (44)
Fixed-price swaps with sold puts:	322					
Fixed-price swaps		56.78	—	—	—	(5)
Sold puts		—	44.00	—	—	—
Collars with sold puts:	1,932					
Collars		—	—	48.34	56.60	(32)
Sold Puts		—	39.47	—	—	—
2019:						
Fixed-price swaps	90	69.33	—	—	—	—
Collars with sold puts:	10,841					
Collars		—	—	50.96	57.56	(157)
Sold puts		—	40.97	—	—	(2)
Total						\$ (240)

Natural Gas

Period and Type of Instrument	Volume in MMBtus	NYMEX Contract Price Per MMBtu				Estimated Fair Value Asset (Liability) (In millions)
		Swaps (Weighted Average)	Puts (Weighted Average)	Floors (Weighted Average)	Ceilings (Weighted Average)	
2018:						
Fixed-price swaps	13,800	\$2.97	\$	—\$	—\$	—\$ (1)
Fixed-price swaps with sold puts:	6,120					
Fixed-price swaps		3.03	—	—	—	—
Sold puts		—	2.66	—	—	—
Collars	3,670	—	—	2.88	3.28	—
Collars with sold puts:	930					
Collars		—	—	2.87	3.32	—
Sold puts		—	2.30	—	—	—
2019:						
Fixed-price swaps	3,650	2.91	—	—	—	—
Collars	9,000	—	—	3.00	3.47	1
Total						\$ —

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Natural Gas Liquids (Propane)

Period and Type of Instrument	Volume in MBbls	Mont Belvieu Contract Price Per Gallon Swaps (Weighted Average)	Estimated Fair Value Asset (Liability) (In millions)
2018:			
Fixed-price swaps	690	\$ 0.91	\$ (5)
Total			\$ (5)

Additional Disclosures about Derivative Financial Instruments

We had derivative financial instruments recorded in our consolidated balance sheet as assets (liabilities) at their respective estimated fair value, as set forth below.

	Derivative Assets				Derivative Liabilities			
	Gross Fair Value	Offset in Balance Sheet	Balance Sheet Location		Gross Fair Value	Offset in Balance Sheet	Balance Sheet Location	
	Value	Sheet	Current	Noncurrent	Value	Sheet	Current	Noncurrent
	(In millions)				(In millions)			
<u>September 30, 2018</u>								
Oil positions	\$30	\$(30)	\$—	\$ —	\$(270)	\$ 30	\$(216)	\$(24)
Natural gas positions	3	(3)	—	—	(3)	3	—	—
NGL positions	—	—	—	—	(5)	—	(5)	—
Total	\$33	\$(33)	\$—	\$ —	\$(278)	\$ 33	\$(221)	\$(24)
<u>December 31, 2017</u>								
Oil positions	\$48	\$(48)	\$—	\$ —	\$(170)	\$ 48	\$(96)	\$(26)
Natural gas positions	22	(6)	15	1	(6)	6	—	—
NGL positions	—	—	—	—	(2)	—	(2)	—
Total	\$70	\$(54)	\$15	\$ 1	\$(178)	\$ 54	\$(98)	\$(26)

The amount of gain (loss) recognized in "Commodity derivative income (expense)" in our consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income related to our derivative financial instruments follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018	
	2017		2017	
	(In millions)		(In millions)	
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Realized gain (loss) on oil positions	\$(75)	\$13	\$(183)	\$58
Realized gain (loss) on natural gas positions	2	(2)	12	(12)
Realized gain (loss) on NGL positions	(4)	—	(5)	—
Total realized gain (loss)	(77)	11	(176)	46

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Unrealized gain (loss) on oil positions	23	(38)	(118)	(41)
Unrealized gain (loss) on natural gas positions	(2)	4	(16)	53
Unrealized gain (loss) on NGL positions	(1)	—	(3)	—
Total unrealized gain (loss)	20	(34)	(137)	12
Total	\$(57)	\$(23)	\$(313)	\$58

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The use of derivative transactions involves the risk that the counterparties, which generally are financial institutions, will be unable to meet the financial terms of such transactions. Our derivative contracts are with multiple counterparties to minimize our exposure to any individual counterparty, and we have netting arrangements with all of our counterparties that provide for offsetting payables against receivables by counterparty. At September 30, 2018, 10 of our 16 counterparties accounted for approximately 81% of our contracted volumes, with the largest counterparty accounting for approximately 11%.

At September 30, 2018, approximately 77% of our volumes subject to derivative instruments are with lenders under our credit facility. Our credit facility, senior notes and substantially all of our derivative instruments contain provisions that provide for cross defaults and acceleration of those debt and derivative instruments in certain situations.

5. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). The authoritative guidance requires disclosure of the framework for measuring fair value and requires that fair value measurements be classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

- Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities. We consider active markets as those in which transactions for the assets or liabilities occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. This category includes those derivative instruments that we value using observable market data. Substantially all of these inputs are observable in the marketplace throughout the full term of the derivative instrument, can be derived from observable data or are supported by observable levels at which transactions are executed in the marketplace. Instruments in this category include non-exchange traded derivatives such as over-the-counter commodity fixed-price swaps and, as of September 30, 2017, commodity options (i.e., price collars, sold puts, purchased calls or swaptions).
- Level 2: Measured based on prices or valuation models that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and less observable from objective sources (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

We use a modified Black-Scholes option pricing valuation model for option and swaption derivative contracts that considers various inputs including: (a) forward prices for commodities, (b) time value, (c) volatility factors, (d) counterparty credit risk and (e) current market and contractual prices for the underlying instruments.

Level 3: Measured based on prices or valuation models that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and less observable from objective sources (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

Financial assets and liabilities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the valuation of the fair value of assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy.

The determination of the fair values of our derivative contracts incorporates various factors, which include not only the impact of our non-performance risk on our liabilities but also the credit standing of the counterparties involved. We utilize counterparty rate of default values to assess the impact of non-performance risk when evaluating both our liabilities to, and receivables from, counterparties.

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Recurring Fair Value Measurements

The following table summarizes the valuation of our assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

	Fair Value Measurement Classification			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets or (Liabilities) (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
	(In millions)			
<u>As of September 30, 2018:</u>				
Money market fund investments	\$ 186	\$ —	\$ —	—\$ 186
Deferred compensation plan assets	8	—	—	8
Equity securities available-for-sale	13	—	—	13
Oil, gas and NGL derivative contracts	—	(245)	—	(245)
Stock-based compensation liability awards	(6)	—	—	(6)
Total	\$ 201	\$ (245)	\$ —	—\$(44)

As of December 31, 2017:

Money market fund investments	\$ 162	\$ —	\$ —	—\$ 162
Deferred compensation plan assets	7	—	—	7
Equity securities available-for-sale	12	—	—	12
Oil, gas and NGL derivative contracts	—	(108)	—	(108)
Stock-based compensation liability awards	(7)	—	—	(7)
Total	\$ 174	\$ (108)	\$ —	—\$ 66

Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy for the indicated periods.

	Derivatives (In millions)
Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ (75)
Unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings	(17)
Purchases, issuances, sales and settlements:	
Settlements	30
Transfers into Level 3	—
Transfers out of Level 3	62
Balance at September 30, 2017	\$ —

Change in unrealized gains or losses included in earnings relating to Level 3 instruments still held at September 30, 2017 \$ —

During the third quarter of 2017, we transferred \$62 million of derivative option contracts out of the Level 3 into Level 2 hierarchy as a result of our ability to derive volatility inputs from directly observable sources. Therefore, we have no financial assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 as of the balance sheet dates presented.

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Fair Value of Debt

The estimated fair value of our notes, based on quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) as of the indicated dates, was as follows:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(In millions)	
5¾% Senior Notes due 2022	\$ 787	\$ 802
5 % Senior Notes due 2024	1,051	1,089
5 % Senior Notes due 2026	726	739

6. Oil and Gas Properties

Oil and gas properties consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(In millions)	
Proved	\$ 24,340	\$ 23,272
Unproved	1,264	1,200
Gross oil and gas properties	25,604	24,472
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(10,461)	(10,032)
Accumulated impairment	(10,509)	(10,509)
Net oil and gas properties	\$ 4,634	\$ 3,931

We capitalized approximately \$30 million and \$33 million of interest and direct internal costs during the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$86 million and \$97 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Costs withheld from amortization as of September 30, 2018 consisted of the following:

	Costs Incurred In				
	2018	2017	2016	2015 & Prior	Total
	(In millions)				
Acquisition costs	\$ 29	\$ 107	\$ 483	\$ 300	\$ 919
Exploration costs	—	—	—	—	—
Capitalized internal cost	13	38	49	46	146
Capitalized interest	45	61	51	42	199
Total costs withheld from amortization	\$ 87	\$ 206	\$ 583	\$ 388	\$ 1,264

We performed our test for ceiling test impairment in accordance with SEC guidelines and no ceiling test impairment was required at September 30, 2018. Future declines in SEC pricing or downward revisions to our estimated proved reserves could result in additional ceiling test impairments of our oil and gas properties in subsequent periods.

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7. Other Property and Equipment

Other property and equipment consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(In millions)	
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$172	\$165
Gathering systems and equipment	118	115
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(118)	(112)
Net other property and equipment	\$172	\$168

8. Income Taxes

On December 22, 2017, the United States enacted the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Tax Reform), which made significant changes to the U.S. federal income tax laws affecting the Company. Major changes in this legislation applicable to the Company relate to the reduction in tax rate for corporations to 21%, the repeal of the corporate alternative minimum tax, interest deductibility and net operating loss carryforward limitations, changes to certain executive compensation and full expensing provisions related to business assets. The Company included tax reform impacts in the fourth quarter 2017 financial statements and continues to examine the impact of this legislation and future regulations. The third quarter 2018 tax accrual calculated under the estimated annual effective tax rate method reflects the law changes that were effective January 1, 2018, including the new corporate tax rate of 21%.

Our effective tax rate differs from the U.S. statutory rate primarily due to domestic and international deferred tax asset valuation allowances and state income taxes as discussed below. The table below represents a reconciliation of the U.S. statutory income tax rate to our effective income tax rate.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
U.S. statutory income tax rate	21 %	35 %	21 %	35 %
State and local income taxes, net of federal effect	5.1	9.5	6.5	5.7
Valuation allowance, domestic	(22.0)	(73.6)	(21.4)	(44.1)
Valuation allowance, international	(1.1)	(3.8)	(1.2)	(0.4)
Foreign tax on foreign earnings	0.8	0.2	2.5	2.2
Provision to return - Oklahoma	(7.2)	—	(3.5)	—
Other	1.0	3.4	0.9	0.6
Effective income tax rate	(2.4) %	(29.3) %	4.8 %	(1.0) %

Due to the ceiling test impairments of our oil and gas properties in 2015, we moved from a deferred tax liability position to a deferred tax asset position in most taxing jurisdictions. We have recorded a full valuation allowance against these deferred tax assets.

The effective tax rates for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 were (2.4)% and (29.3)%, respectively. Our effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily impacted by a \$16 million deferred tax benefit related to an Oklahoma provision to return adjustment. Our effective tax rate for the three

months ended 2017 was primarily impacted by a \$17 million deferred tax benefit related to the carryback of net operating losses.

The effective tax rates for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 were 4.8% and (1.0)%, respectively. Our effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily impacted by a \$16 million deferred tax benefit related to an Oklahoma provision to return adjustment. Our effective tax rate for the nine months ended 2017 was primarily impacted by a \$17 million deferred tax benefit related to the carryback of net operating losses.

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As of September 30, 2018, we did not have a liability for uncertain tax positions, and as such, we did not accrue related interest or penalties. The tax years 2015 through 2017 remain open to examination for federal income tax purposes and by the other major taxing jurisdictions to which we are subject.

9. Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(In millions)	
Revenue payable	\$ 334	\$ 239
Accrued capital costs	188	173
Accrued lease operating expenses	34	22
Employee incentive expense	31	44
Accrued interest on debt	33	67
Income and other taxes payable	26	11
Other	54	35
Total accrued liabilities	\$ 700	\$ 591

10. Debt

Our debt consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(In millions)	
Senior unsecured debt:		
5¾% Senior Notes due 2022	\$ 750	\$ 750
5 % Senior Notes due 2024	1,000	1,000
5 % Senior Notes due 2026	700	700
Total senior unsecured debt	2,450	2,450
Debt issuance costs	(14)	(16)
Total long-term debt	\$ 2,436	\$ 2,434

Credit Arrangements

As of September 30, 2018, we had no borrowings under our money market lines of credit or revolving credit facility and had no letters of credit outstanding. On March 23, 2018, we amended our Credit Agreement. This amendment extended the maturity date of the revolving credit facility from June 25, 2020 to May 1, 2023 and increased the borrowing capacity from \$1.8 billion to \$2.0 billion. We incurred \$8 million of deferred financing costs related to this amendment, which will be amortized over the term of the agreement. As of September 30, 2018, the largest individual loan commitment by any lender was approximately 9% of total commitments.

Subject to compliance with certain restrictive covenants in our credit facility, our available borrowing capacity (before any amounts drawn) under our money market lines of credit with various institutions, the availability of which is at the discretion of those financial institutions, was \$125 million at September 30, 2018.

Loans under the credit facility bear interest, at our option, equal to (a) the Alternate Base Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement), plus a margin that is based on a grid of our debt rating (100 basis points per annum at September 30, 2018) or (b) the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement), plus a margin that is based on a grid of our debt rating (200 basis points per annum at September 30, 2018).

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Under our credit facility, we pay commitment fees on available but undrawn amounts based on a grid of our debt rating (37.5 basis points per annum at September 30, 2018). We incurred aggregate commitment fees under our credit facility of approximately \$2 million and \$6 million for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2018, respectively, which were recorded in "Interest expense" on our consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income. For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2017, we incurred commitment fees under our credit facility of approximately \$2 million and \$5 million, respectively.

Our credit facility has restrictive financial covenants that include the maintenance of a ratio of total debt to book capitalization not to exceed 0.6 to 1.0 and the maintenance of a ratio of earnings before gain or loss on the disposition of assets, interest expense, income taxes and certain non-cash items (such as depreciation, depletion and amortization expense, unrealized gains and losses on commodity derivatives and ceiling test impairments) to interest expense of at least 2.5 to 1.0. At September 30, 2018, we were in compliance with all of our debt covenants.

Letters of credit are subject to a fronting fee of 20 basis points per annum and annual fees based on a grid of our debt rating (200 basis points at September 30, 2018).

The credit facility includes events of default relating to customary matters, subject to customary grace and cure periods including, among other things, nonpayment of principal, interest or other amounts; violation of covenants; inaccuracy of representations and warranties in any material respect when made; a change of control; or certain other material adverse changes in our business. Our senior notes also contain standard events of default. If any of the foregoing defaults were to occur, our lenders under the credit facility could terminate future lending commitments, and our lenders under both the credit facility and our notes could declare the outstanding borrowings due and payable. In addition, our credit facility, senior notes and substantially all of our derivative arrangements contain provisions that provide for cross defaults and acceleration of those debt and derivative instruments in certain situations.

11. Commitments and Contingencies

We have various commitments for firm transportation, operating lease agreements for office space and other agreements. For further information, see Note 12, "Commitments and Contingencies," in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. There have been no material changes to the commitments disclosed at year-end 2017.

On October 19, 2017, we received notice of a request for arbitration from Sapura Energy Berhad, formerly known as SapuraKencana Petroleum Berhad, and Sapura Exploration and Production Inc., formerly known as SapuraKencana Energy Inc. (collectively, Sapura), the purchaser of our Malaysian business in February 2014. Sapura alleges that the Company owes approximately \$81 million in damages for breach of contract, and further alleges, in the alternative, that Newfield owes approximately \$30 million for a tax indemnity, plus interest and legal and other costs. We filed our response to the request for arbitration in December 2017 and have filed our statement of defense and cross-claim and other filings in the first half of 2018. We continue to be committed to fully contesting the claims and intend to vigorously defend the Company's interest.

We have been named as a defendant in a number of lawsuits and are involved in various other disputes, all arising in the ordinary course of our business, such as (a) claims from royalty owners for disputed royalty payments, (b) commercial disputes, (c) personal injury claims and (d) property damage claims. Although the outcome of these

lawsuits and disputes cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not expect these matters to have a material adverse effect on our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

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12. Earnings Per Share

The following is the calculation of basic and diluted weighted-average shares outstanding and earnings per share (EPS) for the indicated periods.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net income (loss)	\$224	\$87	\$429	\$332
Weighted-average shares (denominator):				
Weighted-average shares — basic	200	199	200	199
Dilution effect of stock options and unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units outstanding at end of period	1	1	1	1
Weighted-average shares — diluted	201	200	201	200
Excluded due to anti-dilutive effect	—	2	—	2
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$1.12	\$0.44	\$2.15	\$1.67
Diluted	\$1.11	\$0.44	\$2.14	\$1.66

13. Stock-Based Compensation

Our stock-based compensation expense consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(In millions)			
Equity awards	\$14	\$13	\$41	\$42
Liability awards — cash-settled restricted stock units	—	1	4	3
Total stock-based compensation	14	14	45	45
Capitalized in oil and gas properties	(2)	(4)	(6)	(14)
Net stock-based compensation expense	\$12	\$10	\$39	\$31

As of September 30, 2018, we had approximately \$54 million of total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to unvested stock-based compensation awards that vest within four years. On September 30, 2018, the last reported sales price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$28.83 per share.

During the first quarter of 2017, we changed our qualified retirement requirements for existing market-based restricted stock units and all subsequently issued equity and liability awards. An employee becomes eligible for qualified retirement based on a combination of years of service and age. Under the revised requirements, qualified retirement allows an employee to continue vesting between 50% and 100% of awards with no additional service requirement beyond a six-month notification period. This change resulted in the accelerated recognition of stock-based

compensation expense for unvested market-based restricted stock units previously issued.

Equity Awards

Equity awards consist of service-based and market-based restricted stock and restricted stock units, stock options and stock purchase options under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). In May 2017, Newfield adopted the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended (2017 Plan), which replaced the 2011 Omnibus Stock Plan as the vehicle for granting equity-based compensation awards. At September 30, 2018, we had approximately (1) 7.4 million shares available for issuance under our

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2017 Plan if all future awards are stock options, or (2) 4.5 million shares available for issuance under our 2017 Plan if all future awards are restricted stock or restricted stock units.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units. The following table summarizes the activity for our restricted stock and restricted stock units.

	Service-Based Shares	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value per Share	Market-Based Shares	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value per Share	Total Shares
(In thousands, except per share data)					
Non-vested shares outstanding at January 1, 2018	2,033	\$ 32.41	741	\$ 38.12	2,774
Granted	1,200	26.34	464	⁽¹⁾ 30.89	1,664
Forfeited	(104)	32.05	(31)	35.85	(135)
Vested	(881)	32.31	—	—	(881)
Non-vested shares outstanding at September 30, 2018	2,248	\$ 29.22	1,174	\$ 35.32	3,422

In February 2018, we granted approximately 464,000 restricted stock units, which based on achievement of certain (1) criteria, could vest within a range of 0% to 200% of shares granted upon completion of the period ending December 31, 2020.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan. During the first six months of 2018, options to purchase approximately 55,000 shares of our common stock were issued under our ESPP. The fair value of each option at the grant date was \$8.27 per share and was determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation method assuming no dividends, a risk-free interest rate of 1.53%, an expected life of six months and weighted-average volatility of 38.6%.

On July 1, 2018, options to purchase approximately 75,000 shares of our common stock were granted under our ESPP. The fair value of each option was \$8.35 per share as determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation method assuming no dividends, a risk-free interest rate of 2.11%, an expected life of six months and weighted-average volatility of 42.7%.

Stock Options. As of September 30, 2018, we had no stock options outstanding and exercisable. All outstanding stock options expired in January 2018. No stock options have been granted since 2008, except for ESPP options as discussed above.

Liability Awards

Liability awards consist of service-based awards that are settled in cash instead of shares, as discussed below.

Cash-Settled Restricted Stock Units. The value of the cash-settled restricted stock units, and the associated stock-based compensation expense, is based on the Company's stock price at the end of each period. As of September 30, 2018, we had a liability of \$6 million related to these awards. The following table provides information about cash-settled restricted stock unit activity.

**Cash-Settled
Restricted
Stock Units**

	(In thousands)
Non-vested units outstanding at January 1, 2018	351
Granted	186
Forfeited	(21)
Vested	(217)
Non-vested units outstanding at September 30, 2018	299

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14. Segment Information

While we only have operations in the oil and gas exploration and production industry, we are organizationally structured along geographic operating segments. Our current operating segments are the United States and China. The accounting policies of our operating segments are the same as those described in Note 1, "Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

The following tables provide the geographic operating segment information for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. Income tax allocations have been determined based on statutory rates in the applicable geographic segment. Our income tax allocation for our China operations is based on the combined statutory rates for China and the United States.

	Domestic	China	Total
	(In millions)		
<u>Three Months Ended September 30, 2018:</u>			
Revenues			
Oil	\$452	\$ 18	\$470
Gas	99	—	99
NGL	140	—	140
Oil, gas and NGL revenues	691	18	709
Lease operating	60	6	66
Transportation and processing	92	—	92
Production and other taxes	38	1	39
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	160	3	163
Results of operations for oil and gas producing activities before tax	341	8	349
Other revenues	2	—	2
General and administrative	53	1	54
Other expense (income)	2	—	2
Allocated income tax (benefit) ⁽¹⁾	73	2	
Net income (loss) from oil and gas properties	\$215	\$ 5	
Total revenues			\$711
Total operating expenses			416
Income (loss) from operations			295
Interest expense, net of interest income, capitalized interest and other			(20)
Commodity derivative income (expense)			(57)
Income (loss) from operations before income taxes			\$218
Total assets	\$5,603	\$ 73	\$5,676
Additions to long-lived assets	\$375	\$ —	\$375

(1) Allocated income tax based on estimated combined federal and state statutory tax rates in effect during the period, comprised of 25.5% for domestic and 46% for China.

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	Domestic	China	Total
	(In millions)		
<u>Three Months Ended September 30, 2017:</u>			
Revenues:			
Oil	\$265	\$ 11	\$276
Gas	78	—	78
NGL	85	—	85
Oil, gas and NGL revenues	428	11	439
Lease operating	49	4	53
Transportation and processing	80	—	80
Production and other taxes	16	—	16
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	120	4	124
Results of operations for oil and gas producing activities before tax	163	3	166
Other revenues	—	—	—
General and administrative	51	2	53
Other expense (income)	1	—	1
Allocated income tax (benefit) ⁽¹⁾	42	—	
Net income (loss) from oil and gas properties	\$69	\$ 1	
Total revenues			\$439
Total operating expenses			327
Income (loss) from operations			112
Interest expense, net of interest income, capitalized interest and other			(21)
Commodity derivative income (expense)			(23)
Income (loss) from operations before income taxes			\$68
Total assets	\$4,658	\$ 86	\$4,744
Additions to long-lived assets	\$332	\$ —	\$332

(1) Allocated income tax based on estimated combined federal and state statutory tax rates in effect during the period, comprised of 37% for domestic and 60% for China.

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	Domestic	China	Total	
	(In millions)			
<u>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018:</u>				
Revenues				
Oil	\$1,249	\$ 93	\$1,342	
Gas	282	—	282	
NGL	341	—	341	
Oil, gas and NGL revenues	1,872	93	1,965	
Lease operating	174	23	197	
Transportation and processing	253	—	253	
Production and other taxes	88	2	90	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	429	18	447	
Results of operations for oil and gas producing activities before tax	928	50	978	
Other revenues	5	—	5	
General and administrative	155	4	159	
Other expense (income)	(3) —	(3)
Allocated income tax (benefit) ⁽¹⁾	199	21		
Net income (loss) from oil and gas properties	\$582	\$ 25		
Total revenues			\$1,970	
Total operating expenses			1,143	
Income (loss) from operations			827	
Interest expense, net of interest income, capitalized interest and other			(64)
Commodity derivative income (expense)			(313)
Income (loss) from operations before income taxes			\$450	
Total assets	\$5,603	\$ 73	\$5,676	
Additions to long-lived assets	\$1,164	\$ —	\$1,164	

(1) Allocated income tax based on estimated combined federal and state statutory tax rates in effect during the period, comprised of 25.5% for domestic and 46% for China.

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	Domestic	China	Total
	(In millions)		
<u>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017:</u>			
Revenues:			
Oil	\$712	\$ 86	\$798
Gas	247	—	247
NGL	212	—	212
Oil, gas and NGL revenues	1,171	86	1,257
Lease operating	142	25	167
Transportation and processing	223	—	223
Production and other taxes	43	—	43
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	316	24	340
Results of operations for oil and gas producing activities before tax	447	37	484
Other revenues	1	—	1
General and administrative	146	5	151
Other expense (income)	2	—	2
Allocated income tax (benefit) ⁽¹⁾	111	19	
Net income (loss) from oil and gas properties	\$189	\$ 13	
Total revenues			\$1,258
Total operating expenses			926
Income (loss) from operations			332
Interest expense, net of interest income, capitalized interest and other			(61)
Commodity derivative income (expense)			58
Income (loss) from operations before income taxes			\$329
Total assets	\$4,658	\$ 86	\$4,744
Additions to long-lived assets	\$853	\$ —	\$853

(1) Allocated income tax based on estimated combined federal and state statutory tax rates in effect during the period, comprised of 37% for domestic and 60% for China.

15. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

The following table presents information about investing and financing activities that affect recognized assets and liabilities but do not result in cash receipts or payments for the indicated periods.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
	(In millions)	
Non-cash investing and financing activities excluded from the statement of cash flows:		
(Increase) decrease in accrued capital expenditures	\$(15)	\$(86)
(Increase) decrease in asset retirement costs	(1)	2

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Overview

Significant third quarter 2018 highlights include:

• Domestic production was 18.3 MMBOE in the third quarter of 2018, up 27% over the same period of 2017;

• Anadarko Basin production was 13.2 MMBOE in the third quarter of 2018, up 37% over the same period of 2017;

• Anadarko Basin net liquids production averaged 87 MBBL/D in the third quarter of 2018, up 27% over the same period of 2017;

• Year-to-date Anadarko Basin net oil production averages approximately 42 MBOPD, up 31% versus the same period of 2017; and

• Optimized NGL realizations during the quarter with approximately two-thirds of the record 48 MBBL/D net NGL production subject to Mont Belvieu pricing.

Results of Operations

Consolidated Revenues and Production. Consolidated oil, gas and NGL revenues for the third quarter of 2018 increased \$270 million compared to the same period in 2017, mainly driven by stronger oil prices coupled with a 27% increase in total domestic production. Our revenues continue to benefit from the recovery in oil prices as represented by a \$22.22 per barrel period over period increase to the average price we realized for our domestic oil production. The combination of increased domestic oil production and higher realized oil prices contributed \$187 million to the overall increase in consolidated revenues period over period. The remaining change is primarily attributable to higher natural gas and NGL production, partially offset by lower realized natural gas prices. China revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2018 increased \$7 million compared to the same period in 2017, primarily driven by a \$23.75 per barrel oil price increase.

Consolidated oil, gas and NGL revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 increased \$708 million compared to the same period in 2017, mainly driven by stronger domestic oil prices coupled with a 24% increase in domestic oil production. The combination of increased domestic oil production and higher realized oil prices contributed \$537 million to the overall increase in consolidated revenues period over period. The remaining change is primarily attributable to higher natural gas and NGL production, partially offset by lower realized natural gas prices.

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The following table reflects our production/liftings and average realized commodity prices (excluding the impact of commodity derivative gains and losses):

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2017	Price Variance	Volume Variance	2018	2017	Price Variance	Volume Variance	2018
Domestic:								
Crude oil and condensate								
Price (per Bbl)	\$43.79	\$ 22.22		\$66.01	\$44.06	\$ 18.43		\$62.49
Production (MBbls)	6,028		811	6,839	16,148		3,838	19,986
Crude oil and condensate revenues	\$265	\$ 152	\$ 35	\$452	\$712	\$ 368	\$ 169	\$1,249
Natural gas								
Price (per Mcf)	\$2.58	\$ (0.24)		\$2.34	\$2.75	\$ (0.34)		\$2.41
Production (Bcf)	30.6		11.9	42.5	90.0		27.0	117.0
Natural gas revenues	\$78	\$ (10)	\$ 31	\$99	\$247	\$ (39)	\$ 74	\$282
Natural gas liquids								
Price (per Bbl)	\$25.72	\$ 6.01		\$31.73	\$25.75	\$ 3.97		\$29.72
Production (MBbls)	3,279		1,131	4,410	8,224		3,237	11,461
Natural gas liquids revenues	\$85	\$ 26	\$ 29	\$140	\$212	\$ 46	\$ 83	\$341
Total Domestic								
Price (per BOE)	\$29.64	\$ 8.04		\$37.68	\$29.73	\$ 7.01		\$36.74
Production (MBOE)	14,419		3,913	18,332	39,379		11,564	50,943
Total domestic oil, gas and NGL revenues	\$428	\$ 168	\$ 95	\$691	\$1,171	\$ 375	\$ 326	\$1,872
China:⁽¹⁾								
Crude oil and condensate								
Price (per Bbl)	\$48.22	\$ 23.75		\$71.97	\$50.47	\$ 21.32		\$71.79
Production/liftings (MBbls)	239		22	261	1,712		(408)	1,304
China oil and condensate revenues	\$11	\$ 6	\$ 1	\$18	\$86	\$ 28	\$ (21)	\$93
Consolidated:								
Crude oil and condensate								
Price (per Bbl)	\$43.96	\$ 22.26		\$66.22	\$44.68	\$ 18.38		\$63.06
Production/liftings (MBbls)	6,267		833	7,100	17,860		3,430	21,290
Crude oil and condensate revenues	\$276	\$ 158	\$ 36	\$470	\$798	\$ 396	\$ 148	\$1,342
Natural gas								
Price (per Mcf)	\$2.58	\$ (0.24)		\$2.34	\$2.75	\$ (0.34)		\$2.41
Production (Bcf)	30.6		11.9	42.5	90.0		27.0	117.0
Natural gas revenues	\$78	\$ (10)	\$ 31	\$99	\$247	\$ (39)	\$ 74	\$282
Natural gas liquids								
Price (per Bbl)	\$25.72	\$ 6.01		\$31.73	\$25.75	\$ 3.97		\$29.72
Production (MBbls)	3,279		1,131	4,410	8,224		3,237	11,461
Natural gas liquids revenues	\$85	\$ 26	\$ 29	\$140	\$212	\$ 46	\$ 83	\$341
Total consolidated								
Price (per BOE)	\$29.94	\$ 8.22		\$38.16	\$30.60	\$ 7.02		\$37.62
Production/liftings (MBOE)	14,658		3,935	18,593	41,091		11,156	52,247
Total consolidated oil, gas and NGL revenues	\$439	\$ 174	\$ 96	\$709	\$1,257	\$ 403	\$ 305	\$1,965

(1) Represents our net share of volumes sold regardless of when produced.

Operating Expenses.

The following table presents information about our operating expenses:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2017		2018		2017		2018	
	Total Amount (In millions)	Unit-of-Production (Per BOE)	Total Amount (In millions)	Unit-of-Production (Per BOE)	Total Amount (In millions)	Unit-of-Production (Per BOE)	Total Amount (In millions)	Unit-of-Production (Per BOE)
Domestic:								
Lease operating	\$49	\$ 3.35	\$60	\$ 3.29	\$142	\$ 3.59	\$174	\$ 3.42
Transportation and processing	80	5.55	92	5.03	223	5.67	253	4.96
Production and other taxes	16	1.12	38	2.08	43	1.09	88	1.72
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	120	8.33	160	8.67	316	8.02	429	8.41
General and administrative	51	3.63	53	2.88	146	3.73	155	3.05
Other expenses (income)	1	0.05	2	0.12	2	0.05	(3)	(0.06)
Total operating expenses	\$317	\$ 22.03	\$405	\$ 22.07	\$872	\$ 22.15	\$1,096	\$ 21.50
China:								
Lease operating	\$4	\$ 19.35	\$6	\$ 20.90	\$25	\$ 14.89	\$23	\$ 17.34
Production and other taxes	—	—	1	1.71	—	—	2	1.25
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	4	14.36	3	14.23	24	13.91	18	14.16
General and administrative	2	6.11	1	4.75	5	2.66	4	2.96
Other expenses (income)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.43
Total operating expenses	\$10	\$ 39.82	\$11	\$ 41.59	\$54	\$ 31.46	\$47	\$ 36.14
Consolidated:								
Lease operating	\$53	\$ 3.60	\$66	\$ 3.54	\$167	\$ 4.05	\$197	\$ 3.77
Transportation and processing	80	5.46	92	4.96	223	5.44	253	4.84
Production and other taxes	16	1.11	39	2.08	43	1.05	90	1.71
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	124	8.43	163	8.75	340	8.27	447	8.56
General and administrative	53	3.67	54	2.90	151	3.68	159	3.04
Other expenses (income)	1	0.05	2	0.12	2	0.05	(3)	(0.05)
Total operating expenses	\$327	\$ 22.32	\$416	\$ 22.35	\$926	\$ 22.54	\$1,143	\$ 21.87

Our consolidated operating expenses have increased 27% and 23% for the comparative three and nine-month periods ending September 30, 2018, respectively. The increase in operating expenses is primarily driven by increased production in our domestic operations, which drove incremental DD&A and transportation and processing expenses, while the impact of higher revenues also increased production taxes in 2018. On a per unit basis, consolidated operating expenses were flat over the comparative three-month period and decreased 3% over the comparative nine-month period.

On a per BOE basis, domestic LOE decreased 1% and 5% over the three-month and nine-month comparative periods, respectively, primarily due to an increased concentration of total production in STACK where unit operating costs are lower. Total domestic LOE has increased 25% and 23%, respectively, over the comparative three and nine-month periods, respectively, due to increased production.

China LOE per BOE has increased 9% and 18%, respectively, over the comparative three and nine-month periods, primarily due to significantly higher production handling fees per BOE, which increase as oil prices increase. Total

China LOE decreased 10% over the comparative nine-month period due to the sale of our interest in the Bohai Bay field in May 2017.

Transportation and processing expense per BOE decreased over the comparative three and nine-month periods primarily due to lower oil deficiency fees of \$6 million and \$18 million, respectively. Total transportation and processing expense increased over the comparative three and nine-month periods primarily due to a 27% and 29% increase in domestic production, respectively.

Production taxes have increased significantly over the comparative three and nine-month periods primarily due to increased revenues of 62% and 57%, respectively, as a result of increased production and higher prices for oil and NGLs. In addition, Oklahoma legislation has increased production tax rates in 2018, leading to increased production tax expense and higher domestic production tax rates period over period.

Our domestic DD&A increased significantly for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same periods in 2017 due to a 27% and 29% increase in production, respectively. Our DD&A rate was lower in 2017 due to the impact of the 2016 ceiling test write-downs which significantly lowered the amounts subject to depletion. As expected, our 2018 rate increased, a trend we expect to continue as we increase the amount subject to depletion through future drilling and development expenditures.

Domestic G&A increased 5% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 primarily due to lower capitalized internal costs in 2018. Capitalized internal costs decreased \$10 million in the first nine months of 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017 due to reduced employee-related expenses that can be capitalized.

Other income for the nine-month period of 2018 was impacted by a legal settlement received during the year.

Interest Expense.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(In millions)			
Gross interest expense:				
Credit arrangements	\$3	\$2	\$8	\$7
Senior notes	35	35	105	105
Total gross interest expense	38	37	113	112
Capitalized interest	(15)	(15)	(45)	(46)
Net interest expense	\$23	\$22	\$68	\$66

Gross interest expense was relatively flat period over period for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Commodity Derivative Income (Expense). The fluctuations in commodity derivative income (expense) from period to period are due to the volatility of oil and natural gas prices and changes in our outstanding derivative contracts during these periods. The amount of unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives is the result of the change in the total fair value of our derivative positions from the prior period.

Three months ended September 30, 2018

The \$57 million loss recognized in “Commodity derivative income (expense)” in our consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income is comprised of a \$77 million realized loss and a \$20 million unrealized gain. The unrealized gain is attributable to the settlement of our derivative positions during the three months ended September 30, 2018, and is partially offset by the increase in forward curve oil prices as of September 30, 2018 compared to the forward curve oil prices as of June 30, 2018. The components of the change in the fair value of our net derivative asset (liability) follow:

	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Natural Gas Liquids (Propane)	Total
(In millions)				
Net derivative asset (liability) at June 30, 2018	\$(263)	\$ 2	\$ (4)	\$(265)
Realized settlement payments (receipts)	75	(2)	4	77
Change in fair value of settled positions	15	1	(1)	15
Change in fair value of outstanding positions	(67)	(1)	(4)	(72)
Total unrealized gain (loss)	23	(2)	(1)	20
Net derivative asset (liability) at September 30, 2018	\$(240)	\$ —	\$ (5)	\$(245)

Nine months ended September 30, 2018

The \$313 million loss recognized in “Commodity derivative income (expense)” in our consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income is comprised of a \$176 million realized loss and a \$137 million unrealized loss. The unrealized loss is primarily attributable to the increase in forward curve oil prices as of September 30, 2018 compared to the forward curve oil prices as of December 31, 2017. The components of the change in the fair value of our net derivative asset (liability) follow:

	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Natural Gas Liquids (Propane)	Total
(In millions)				
Net derivative asset (liability) at December 31, 2017	\$(122)	\$ 16	\$ (2)	\$(108)
Realized settlement payments (receipts)	183	(12)	5	176
Change in fair value of settled positions	(106)	(1)	(3)	(110)
Change in fair value of outstanding positions	(195)	(3)	(5)	(203)
Total unrealized gain (loss)	(118)	(16)	(3)	(137)
Net derivative asset (liability) at September 30, 2018	\$(240)	\$ —	\$ (5)	\$(245)

Three months ended September 30, 2017

The \$23 million loss recognized in “Commodity derivative income (expense)” in our consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income is comprised of a \$11 million realized gain and a \$34 million unrealized loss. The unrealized loss is primarily attributable to the increase in forward curve commodity prices as of September 30, 2017 compared to the forward curve commodity prices as of June 30, 2017. The components of the change in the fair value of our net derivative asset (liability) follow:

	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Natural Gas Liquids (Propane)	Total
(In millions)				
Net derivative asset (liability) at June 30, 2017	\$26	\$ (5)	\$	—\$21
Realized settlement payments (receipts)	(13)	2	—	(11)
Change in fair value of settled positions	(3)	1	—	(2)
Change in fair value of outstanding positions	(22)	1	—	(21)
Total unrealized gain (loss)	(38)	4	—	(34)
Net derivative asset (liability) at September 30, 2017	\$(12)	\$ (1)	\$	—\$(13)

Nine months ended September 30, 2017

The \$58 million gain recognized in “Commodity derivative income (expense)” in our consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income is comprised of a \$46 million realized gain and a \$12 million unrealized gain. The gains are primarily attributable to the decrease in forward curve commodity prices as of September 30, 2017 compared to the forward curve commodity prices as of December 31, 2016. The components of the change in the fair value of our net derivative asset (liability) follow:

	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Natural Gas Liquids (Propane)	Total
(In millions)				
Net derivative asset (liability) at December 31, 2016	\$29	\$(54)	\$	—\$(25)
Realized settlement payments (receipts)	(58)	12	—	(46)
Change in fair value of settled positions	25	26	—	51
Change in fair value of outstanding positions	(8)	15	—	7
Total unrealized gain (loss)	(41)	53	—	12
Net derivative asset (liability) at September 30, 2017	\$(12)	\$ (1)	\$	—\$(13)

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Taxes. Our effective tax rate differs from the federal statutory rate of 21% primarily due to the change in valuation allowances, and state income taxes. Our future effective tax rates may also be impacted by additional ceiling test impairments or other items which generate deferred tax assets, deferred tax asset valuation allowances, and potential reversal of such valuation allowances.

Due to the ceiling test impairments of our oil and gas properties in 2015, we moved from a deferred tax liability position to a deferred tax asset position in all taxing jurisdictions, except the state of Oklahoma. Because of the commodity price levels at the time, we considered it more likely than not that the related tax benefits would not be realized and therefore, we recorded a full valuation allowance on our domestic and China deferred tax assets. We have been releasing a portion of the valuation allowance equal to the deferred tax expense, if any, generated during each reporting period. During the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 we reduced the valuation allowance by \$54 million and \$174 million, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 we reduced the valuation allowance by \$105 million and \$268 million, respectively. Given the rebound in oil prices during 2018 and improved outlook for 2019, we believe the reversal of the remaining allowance may be warranted in future periods. A release of the valuation allowance would result in the recognition of certain deferred tax assets and a decrease to income tax expense in the period the release is recorded. The exact timing and amount of the valuation allowance release are subject to change on the basis of our forecasted pre-tax earnings which we continue to assess based on available information each reporting period.

The effective tax rates for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 were (2.4)% and (29.3)%, respectively, and the effective tax rates for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 were 4.8% and (1.0)%, respectively. The income tax benefit for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily driven by a deferred tax benefit of \$16 million for an Oklahoma provision to return adjustment. The income tax provision for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily driven by Oklahoma state taxes of \$32 million, partially offset by a \$16 million deferred income tax benefit recognized in the third quarter and the current cash tax for China of \$5 million. See the components of our income tax provision (benefit) below:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018
	(In millions)	
China in country tax expense (benefit)	\$(1)	\$ 5
Current income tax provision (benefit)	(1)) 5
Oklahoma deferred tax	11	32
Oklahoma provision to return adjustment	(16)	(16)
Deferred income tax provision (benefit)	(5)) 16
Total income tax provision (benefit)	\$(6)	\$ 21

See Note 8, "Income Taxes," to our consolidated financial statements earlier in this report for additional disclosures.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We establish a capital budget at the beginning of each calendar year and review it during the course of the year. Our capital budgets (excluding acquisitions) are based upon our estimate of internally generated sources of cash, as well as cash on hand and the available borrowing capacity of our revolving credit facility and money market lines of credit.

We expect to finance our 2018 capital budget with cash flows from operations and cash on hand. Our 2018 capital budget, excluding estimated capitalized interest and direct internal costs of approximately \$120 million, is \$1.40 billion. Our annual capital investments reflect commodity prices and our estimates for cash flow. From time to time investment levels are increased or decreased based on our near-term outlook.

Actual capital expenditure levels may vary significantly due to many factors, including drilling results; oil, natural gas and NGL prices; industry conditions; the prices and availability of goods and services; and the extent to which properties are acquired or non-strategic assets are sold. We continue to screen for attractive acquisition opportunities; however, the timing and

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size of acquisitions is unpredictable. We believe we have the operational flexibility to react quickly with our capital expenditures to changes in circumstances or fluctuations in our cash flows.

We continuously monitor our liquidity needs, coordinate our capital expenditure program with our expected cash flows and projected debt-repayment schedule, and evaluate our available alternative sources of liquidity, including accessing debt and equity capital markets in light of current and expected economic conditions. We believe that our liquidity position and ability to generate cash flows from our operations will be adequate to fund 2018 operations and continue to meet our other obligations. We may from time to time seek to retire or purchase our outstanding debt through cash purchases and/or exchanges for other debt or equity securities, in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Such repurchases or exchanges, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors. The amounts involved may be material.

Credit Arrangements and Other Financing Activities. On March 23, 2018, we amended our Credit Agreement. This amendment extended the maturity date of the revolving credit facility from June 25, 2020 to May 1, 2023 and increased the borrowing capacity from \$1.8 billion to \$2.0 billion. The amendment also added an accordion feature providing the option to further increase the borrowing capacity by up to an additional \$750 million. We incurred \$8 million of deferred financing costs related to this amendment, which will be amortized over the term of the agreement. We also have money market lines of credit which, subject to compliance with restrictive covenants in our credit facility, have available borrowing capacity of \$125 million at September 30, 2018.

At September 30, 2018, we had no borrowings under our money market lines of credit or revolving credit facility and had no letters of credit outstanding. We have no scheduled maturities of senior notes until 2022. For a more detailed description of the terms of our credit arrangements and senior notes, as well as a description of restrictive financial covenants, see Note 10, "Debt," to our consolidated financial statements appearing earlier in this report.

As of October 25, 2018, we had no borrowings under our money market lines of credit or revolving credit facility and had no letters of credit outstanding.

Working Capital. Our working capital balance fluctuates primarily as a result of changes in the fair value of our outstanding commodity derivative instruments, as well as the timing of receiving reimbursement of amounts paid by us for the benefit of joint venture partners. At September 30, 2018, we had negative working capital of \$294 million compared to negative working capital of \$72 million at December 31, 2017. The increase in negative working capital primarily relates to the \$123 million increase in our net current derivative liability position and a \$95 million increase in our accrued liabilities associated with revenues payable.

Cash Flows from Operations. Our primary source of capital and liquidity is cash flows provided by operations, which are primarily affected by the quantities of oil, natural gas and NGLs sold, as well as commodity prices.

Our net cash flows provided by operations were \$1,097 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, which increased from \$651 million for the same period in 2017. The primary drivers of higher operating cash flows were higher revenues as a result of higher commodity prices and production, partially offset by realized derivative losses.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities. Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$1,131 million compared to \$754 million for the same period in 2017.

During the first nine months of 2018, we:

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spent \$1,119 million for capital additions to oil and gas properties and \$19 million for other property and equipment, a total increase of \$295 million compared to the same period of 2017. The increased capital activity is associated with our development program in the Anadarko Basin, as well as increased capital activity in Williston and Central Basin;

acquired additional interest in oil and gas properties of \$26 million; and

divested \$33 million of non-core acreage.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities. Net cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$21 million compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$13 million for the same period in 2017. The increase

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in financing activities period over period is primarily the result of \$8 million in costs incurred to amend our credit facility in the first quarter of 2018.

Contractual Obligations

We have various contractual obligations in the normal course of our operations. For further information, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Contractual Obligations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. There have been no material changes to the disclosure since year-end 2017.

Commitments under Joint Operating Agreements. Most of our properties are operated through joint ventures under joint operating or similar agreements. Typically, the operator under a joint operating agreement enters into contracts, such as drilling contracts, for the benefit of all joint venture partners. Through the joint operating agreement, the non-operators reimburse, and in some cases advance, the funds necessary to meet the contractual obligations entered into by the operator. These obligations are typically shared on a "working interest" basis. The joint operating agreement provides remedies to the operator if a non-operator does not satisfy its share of the contractual obligations. Occasionally, the operator is permitted by the joint operating agreement to enter into lease obligations and other contractual commitments that are then passed on to the non-operating joint interest owners as lease operating expenses, frequently without any identification as to the long-term nature of any commitments underlying such expenses.

Oil, Natural Gas and NGL Derivatives

For a further discussion of our derivative activities, see "Oil, Natural Gas and NGL Prices" in Item 3 of this report. See the discussion and tables in Note 4, "Derivative Financial Instruments," and Note 5, "Fair Value Measurements," to our consolidated financial statements appearing earlier in this report for additional information regarding the accounting applicable to our oil, gas and NGL derivative contracts, a listing of open contracts and the estimated fair market value of those contracts as of September 30, 2018.

Between October 1, 2018 and October 25, 2018, we did not enter into additional derivative contracts.

Accounting for Derivative Activities. As our derivative contracts are not designated as hedges, they are accounted for on a mark-to-market basis. We have in the past experienced, and are likely in the future to experience non-cash volatility in our reported earnings during periods of commodity price volatility. As of September 30, 2018, we had a net derivative liability of \$245 million, of which 69%, based on total contracted volumes, was measured based upon a modified Black-Scholes valuation model. The model considers various inputs including the following:

- forward prices for commodities;
- time value;
- volatility factors;
- counterparty credit risk; and
- current market and contractual prices for the underlying instruments.

As a result, the value of these contracts at their respective settlement dates could be significantly different than their fair value as of September 30, 2018. We use counterparty rate of default values to assess the impact of non-performance risk when evaluating both our liabilities to and receivables from counterparties. See "— Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates — *Commodity Derivative Activities*" in Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and Note 4, "Derivative Financial Instruments," and Note 5, "Fair Value Measurements," to our consolidated financial statements appearing earlier in this report for additional discussion of

the accounting applicable to our oil and gas derivative contracts.

New Accounting Requirements

See Note 1, "Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," to our consolidated financial statements in Item 1 of this report for a discussion of new accounting requirements.

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Forward-Looking Information

This report contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Examples include discussions as to our expectations, beliefs, plans, goals, objectives and future financial or other performance. These statements, by their nature, involve estimates, projections, forecasts and uncertainties that could cause actual results or outcomes to differ substantially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical facts included in this report, are forward-looking, including information relating to anticipated future events or results, such as planned capital expenditures, the availability and sources of capital resources to fund capital expenditures, estimates of reserves, projected production timing and targets, estimates of future operating costs and other expenses and other financial measures, acquisitions and divestitures, planned exploratory or developed drilling, projected cash flows and liquidity, estimated future tax rates, business strategy and other plans and objectives for future operations. By making forward-looking statements, we are not intending to become obligated to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or other changes. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement, which speaks only as of the date on which such statement was made. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by use of terms such as "may," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "prospective," "project," "target," "goal," "plan," "should," "will," "predict," "guidance," "potential," "forecast," "outlook," "could," "budget," "objectives," "strategy" and similar expressions that convey the uncertainty of future events or outcomes. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable as of the date of this report, this information is based upon assumptions and anticipated results that are subject to numerous uncertainties and risks and no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct. Actual results may vary significantly from those anticipated due to many factors, including but not limited to, the following:

- oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids prices;
- actions of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), its members and other state-controlled oil companies relating to oil price and production controls;
- environmental liabilities that are not covered by an effective indemnity or insurance;
- legislation or regulatory initiatives intended to address seismic activity;
- the timing and our success in discovering, producing and estimating reserves;
- sustained decline in commodity prices resulting in impairments of assets;
- ability to develop existing reserves or acquire new reserves;
- the availability and volatility of the securities, capital or credit markets and the cost of capital;
- maintaining sufficient liquidity to fund our operations and business strategies;
- the accuracy of and fluctuations in our reserves estimates due to sustained low commodity prices, incorrect assumptions and other causes;
- operating hazards inherent in the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas;
- general economic, financial, industry or business trends or conditions;
- the impact of, and changes in, legislation, law and governmental regulations, including the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act") and those related to hydraulic fracturing, the environment, natural resources, climate change, and over-the-counter derivatives;
- land, legal, regulatory, and ownership complexities inherent in the U.S. and Chinese oil and gas industries;
- the impact of regulatory approvals;

the ability and willingness of current or potential lenders, derivative contract counterparties, customers and working interest owners to fulfill their obligations to us or to enter into transactions with us in the future on terms that are acceptable to us, including the creditworthiness of such counterparties;

the prices and quantities of commodities reflected in our commodity derivative arrangements as compared to the actual prices or quantities of commodities we produce or use;

the volatility, instrument terms and liquidity in the commodity futures and commodity and financial derivatives markets;

drilling risks and results;

the prices and availability of goods and services;

the cost and availability of drilling rigs and other oilfield services;

global events that may impact our domestic and international operating contracts, markets and prices;

our ability to monetize non-strategic assets, repay or refinance our existing indebtedness and the impact of changes in our investment ratings;

labor conditions;

severe weather conditions;

competitive conditions;

terrorism or civil or political unrest in a region or country;

electronic, cyber or physical security breaches;

changes in federal or state tax rates;

inflation rates;

the effect of worldwide energy conservation measures;

the price and availability of, and demand for, competing energy sources;

our ability to successfully execute our business and financial plans and strategies;

the availability (or lack thereof) of acquisition, disposition or combination opportunities; and

the other factors affecting our business described under the caption "*Risk Factors*" and "*Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates*" included in our 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Should one or more of the risks described above occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements in this report, as well as all other written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained in this section and elsewhere in this report and our Annual Report on Form 10-K. These factors are not necessarily all of the important factors that could affect us. Use caution and common sense when considering these forward-looking statements. Unless securities laws require us to do so, we do not undertake any obligation to publicly correct or update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of changes in internal estimates or expectations, new information, subsequent events or circumstances or otherwise.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to market risk from changes in oil, natural gas and NGL prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates as discussed below.

Oil, Natural Gas and NGL Prices

Our decision on the quantity and price at which we choose to enter into derivative contracts is based in part on our view of current and future market conditions. While the use of derivative instruments may limit or partially reduce the downside risk of adverse commodity price movements, their use also may limit future income from favorable commodity price movements. In addition, the use of derivative contracts may involve basis risk. All of our derivative transactions have been carried out in the over-the-counter market. The use of derivative contracts also involves the risk that the counterparties, which generally are financial institutions, will be unable to meet the financial terms of such transactions. Our derivative contracts are with multiple counterparties to minimize our exposure to any individual counterparty. At September 30, 2018, 10 of our 16 counterparties accounted for approximately 81% of our contracted volumes with the largest counterparty accounting for approximately 11%.

As of September 30, 2018, 4,830 MBbls of our expected 2018 and 10,931 MBbls of our expected 2019 crude oil production were protected against price volatility using collars and fixed-price swaps, over 80% of which have associated sold puts. The sold puts limit our downward price protection below the weighted average of our sold puts of \$40.82 per barrel. If the market price remains below \$40.82 per barrel, we receive the market price for our associated production plus the difference between our sold puts and the associated floors or fixed-price swaps, which averages \$9.89 per barrel.

For further discussion of our derivative activities, see the discussion and tables in Note 4, "Derivative Financial Instruments," and Note 5, "Fair Value Measurements," to our consolidated financial statements appearing earlier in this report. For further discussion of the types of derivative positions, refer to Note 4, "Derivative Financial Instruments," within Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Interest Rates

We consider our interest rate exposure to be minimal as 100% of our outstanding debt was at fixed rates at September 30, 2018. A 10% increase in LIBOR would not impact our interest costs on debt outstanding at September 30, 2018, but would decrease the fair value of our outstanding debt, as well as increase interest costs associated with future debt issuances or borrowings under our revolving credit facility and money market lines of credit.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rates

The functional currency for our China operations is the U.S. dollar. To the extent that business transactions in a foreign country are not denominated in the U.S. dollar, we are exposed to foreign currency exchange risk. We consider our current risk exposure to exchange rate movements, based on net cash flows, to be immaterial. We did not have any open derivative contracts related to foreign currencies at September 30, 2018.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure

controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2018.

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Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of our internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any changes occurred during the third quarter of 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II

Item 1. *Legal Proceedings*

We have been named as a defendant in a number of lawsuits and are involved in various other disputes, all arising in the ordinary course of our business, such as (a) claims from royalty owners for disputed royalty payments, (b) commercial disputes, (c) personal injury claims and (d) property damage claims. Although the outcome of these lawsuits and disputes cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not expect these matters to have a material adverse effect on our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

On October 19, 2017, we received notice of a request for arbitration from Sapura Energy Berhad, formerly known as SapuraKencana Petroleum Berhad, and Sapura Exploration and Production Inc., formerly known as SapuraKencana Energy Inc. (collectively, Sapura), the purchaser of our Malaysian business in February 2014. Sapura alleges that the Company owes approximately \$81 million in damages for breach of contract, and further alleges, in the alternative, that Newfield owes approximately \$30 million for a tax indemnity, plus interest and legal and other costs. We filed our response to the request for arbitration in December 2017 and have filed our statement of defense and cross-claim and other filings in the first half of 2018. We continue to be committed to fully contesting the claims and intend to vigorously defend the Company's interest.

In August 2016, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDH) announced its intent to resolve alleged systemic violations of the North Dakota air pollution control laws, N.D.C.C. ch. 23-25, N.D. Admin. Code art. 33-15, the North Dakota State Implementation Plan, and those provisions of the federal Clean Air Act and its body of implementing regulations for which the NDDH has been delegated authority by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, at certain facilities in North Dakota, including facilities owned and operated by the Company, through a voluntary Consent Decree process. The Company entered into a Consent Decree in February 2017 that includes a payment of civil penalties, imposes additional facility design review and, potentially, air permitting obligations, as well as enhanced maintenance and inspection program obligations, but that does not contain any admission of liability. The Consent Decree was approved by the North Dakota District Court in Burleigh County on March 14, 2017. The Consent Decree is subject to termination upon consent from the NDDH that all obligations of the Consent Decree have been completed or after two years, the company may petition the court for termination. The Company paid the penalty in September of 2017, which was less than \$1 million.

In addition, from time to time we receive notices of violation from governmental and regulatory authorities in areas in which we operate related to alleged violations of environmental statutes or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. We cannot predict with certainty whether these notices of violation will result in fines or penalties, or if such fines or penalties are imposed, that they would individually or in the aggregate exceed \$100,000. If any federal government fines or penalties are in fact imposed that are greater than \$100,000, then we will disclose such fact in our subsequent filings. For a further discussion of our legal proceedings, see Note 11, "Commitments and Contingencies," to our consolidated financial statements appearing earlier in this report.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes with respect to the risk factors previously reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

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

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to repurchases of our common stock during the three months ended September 30, 2018.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased ⁽¹⁾	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet be Purchased under the Plans or Programs
July 1 — July 31, 2018	2,397	\$30.40	—	—
August 1 — August 31, 2018	268,311	25.98	—	—
September 1 — September 30, 2018	5,490	27.21	—	—
Total	276,198	\$26.04	—	—

All of the shares repurchased were surrendered by employees to pay tax withholding upon the vesting of restricted (1) stock awards and restricted stock units. These repurchases were not part of a publicly announced program to repurchase shares of our common stock.

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Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	<u>Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Newfield Exploration Company dated July 22, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Newfield's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 27, 2015 (File No. 1-12534))</u>
3.2	<u>Amended and Restated Bylaws of Newfield Exploration Company, as amended effective July 26, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Newfield's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2018 (File No. 1-12534))</u>
*31.1	<u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Newfield Exploration Company pursuant to 15 U.S.C. Section 7241, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>
*31.2	<u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer of Newfield Exploration Company pursuant to 15 U.S.C. Section 7241, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>
*32.1	<u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Newfield Exploration Company pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>
*32.2	<u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer of Newfield Exploration Company pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>
*101.SCH	XBRL Schema Document
*101.CAL	XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document
*101.LAB	XBRL Label Linkbase Document
*101.PRE	XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document
*101.DEF	XBRL Definition Linkbase Document

* Filed or furnished herewith.

† Identifies management contracts and compensatory plans or arrangements.

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SIGNATURE

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

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date: October 31, 2018 By: /s/ LAWRENCE S. MASSARO

Lawrence S. Massaro

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

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