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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

x Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the quarterly period ended March 24, 2012

March 24, 2012

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# SUBURBAN PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

22-3410353 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

**Identification No.)** 

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,

including area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

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 x No "

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

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

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer " (do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

# SUBURBAN PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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#### **DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements (Forward-Looking Statements) as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, relating to future business expectations and predictions and financial condition and results of operations of Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. (the Partnership). Some of these statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as prospects, outlook, believes, estimates, intends, may, will, should, expects or plans or the negative or other variation of these or similar words, or by discussion of trends and conditions, strategies or risks and uncertainties. These Forward-Looking Statements involve certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed or implied in such Forward-Looking Statements (statements contained in this Quarterly Report identifying such risks and uncertainties are referred to as Cautionary Statements). The risks and uncertainties and their impact on the Partnership's results include, but are not limited to, the following risks:

The impact of weather conditions on the demand for propane, fuel oil and other refined fuels, natural gas and electricity;

Volatility in the unit cost of propane, fuel oil and other refined fuels and natural gas, the impact of the Partnership s hedging and risk management activities, and the adverse impact of price increases on volumes as a result of customer conservation;

The ability of the Partnership to compete with other suppliers of propane, fuel oil and other energy sources;

The impact on the price and supply of propane, fuel oil and other refined fuels from the political, military or economic instability of the oil producing nations, global terrorism and other general economic conditions;

The ability of the Partnership to acquire and maintain reliable transportation for its propane, fuel oil and other refined fuels;

The ability of the Partnership to retain customers or acquire new customers;

The impact of customer conservation, energy efficiency and technology advances on the demand for propane, fuel oil and other refined fuels, natural gas and electricity;

The ability of management to continue to control expenses;

The impact of changes in applicable statutes and government regulations, or their interpretations, including those relating to the environment and global warming, derivative instruments and other regulatory developments on the Partnership s business;

The impact of changes in tax regulations that could adversely affect the tax treatment of the Partnership for federal income tax purposes;

The impact of legal proceedings on the Partnership s business;

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The impact of operating hazards that could adversely affect the Partnership s operating results to the extent not covered by insurance;

The Partnership s ability to make strategic acquisitions and successfully integrate them;

The impact of current conditions in the global capital and credit markets, and general economic pressures; and

Other risks referenced from time to time in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and those factors listed or incorporated by reference into the Partnership's Annual Report under Risk Factors.

In addition, cautionary statements include statements regarding the timing and expected benefits of the Inergy Propane Acquisition (defined in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included herein), and also include statements relating to or regarding:

the cost savings, transaction costs or integration costs that the Partnership anticipates to arise from the Inergy Propane Acquisition;

various actions to be taken or requirements to be met in connection with completing the Inergy Propane Acquisition or integrating the acquired operations into the Partnership s operations;

revenue, income and operations of the combined company after the Inergy Propane Acquisition is consummated;

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future issuances of debt and equity securities and the Partnership s ability to achieve financing in connection with the Inergy Propane Acquisition or otherwise; and

other objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts.

The following factors, among others, including those discussed above could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements:

expected cost savings from the Inergy Propane Acquisition may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frame;

the Partnership s revenue following the Inergy Propane Acquisition may be lower than expected;

weather conditions resulting in reduced demand;

costs or difficulties related to obtaining regulatory approvals for completing the Inergy Propane Acquisition and, following the consummation of the Inergy Propane Acquisition, the integration of the acquired businesses and the Partnership may be greater than expected;

general economic conditions, either internationally or nationally or in the jurisdictions in which the Partnership is doing business, may be less favorable than expected;

inability to retain key personnel after the Inergy Propane Acquisition; and

operating, legal and regulatory risks.

Some of these Forward-Looking Statements are discussed in more detail in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in this Quarterly Report. Reference is also made to the risk factors discussed in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 24, 2011. On different occasions, the Partnership or its representatives have made or may make Forward-Looking Statements in other filings with the SEC, press releases or oral statements made by or with the approval of one of the Partnership s authorized executive officers. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on Forward-Looking Statements, which reflect management s view only as of the date made. The Partnership undertakes no obligation to update any Forward-Looking Statement or Cautionary Statement except as otherwise required by law. All subsequent written and oral Forward-Looking Statements attributable to the Partnership or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the Cautionary Statements in this Quarterly Report and in future SEC reports.

# SUBURBAN PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

# (unaudited)

	March 24, 2012	Sep	otember 24, 2011
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 96,202	\$	149,553
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$6,263 and \$6,960, respectively	106,843		66,630
Inventories	67,287		65,907
Other current assets	12,199		15,732
Total current assets	282,531		297,822
Property, plant and equipment, net	330,452		338,125
Goodwill	277,651		277,651
Other assets	40,844		42,861
Total assets	\$ 931,478	\$	956,459
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS CAPITAL Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 34,208	\$	37,456
Accrued employment and benefit costs	14,832		22,951
Customer deposits and advances	34,968		57,476
Other current liabilities	27,241		33,631
Total current liabilities	111,249		151,514
Long-term borrowings	348,277		348,169
Accrued insurance	41,218		42,891
Other liabilities	54,501		55,667
Total liabilities	555,245		598,241
Commitments and contingencies			
Partners capital:			
Common Unitholders (35,501 and 35,429 units issued and outstanding at March 24, 2012 and September 24,			
2011, respectively)	432,799		418,134
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(56,566)		(59,916)
Total partners capital	376,233		358,218
Total liabilities and partners capital	\$ 931,478	\$	956,459

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

# SUBURBAN PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per unit amounts)

# (unaudited)

	Three Mon March 24, 2012	nths Ended March 26, 2011
Revenues		
Propane	\$ 283,759	\$ 358,309
Fuel oil and refined fuels	43,748	63,518
Natural gas and electricity	21,708	32,689
All other	8,411	9,586
	357,626	464,102
Costs and expenses		
Cost of products sold	208,401	259,832
Operating	71,293	76,007
General and administrative	14,158	10,576
Severance charges		2,000
Depreciation and amortization	7,649	8,454
	301,501	356,869
Operating income	56,125	107,233
Loss on debt extinguishment	507	
Interest expense, net	6,425	6,819
Income before (benefit from) provision for income taxes	49,193	100,414
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(380)	98
Net income	\$ 49,573	\$ 100,316
Income per Common Unit basic	\$ 1.39	\$ 2.82
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Weighted average number of Common Units outstanding basic	35,600	35,513
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Income per Common Unit diluted	\$ 1.38	\$ 2.81
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Weighted average number of Common Units outstanding diluted	35,839	35,757

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

# SUBURBAN PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per unit amounts)

# (unaudited)

	Six Mont March 24, 2012	hs Ended March 26, 2011
Revenues		
Propane	\$ 524,115	\$ 617,710
Fuel oil and refined fuels	74,729	101,920
Natural gas and electricity	39,759	51,657
All other	18,909	21,122
	657,512	792,409
Costs and expenses		
Cost of products sold	391,975	446,336
Operating	137,235	145,084
General and administrative	26,453	24,781
Severance charges		2,000
Depreciation and amortization	15,434	16,634
	571,097	634,835
Operating income	86,415	157,574
Loss on debt extinguishment	507	
Interest expense, net	13,263	13,665
Income before (benefit from) provision for income taxes	72,645	143,909
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(160)	464
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Net income	\$ 72,805	\$ 143,445
Income per Common Unit basic	\$ 2.05	\$ 4.04
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Weighted average number of Common Units outstanding basic	35,588	35,494
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Income per Common Unit diluted	\$ 2.03	\$ 4.02
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Weighted average number of Common Units outstanding diluted	35,808	35,717
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# SUBURBAN PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

# (unaudited)

	March 24,	hs Ended March 26,
Cash flows from operating activities:	2012	2011
Net income	\$ 72,805	\$ 143,445
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operations:	\$ 72,803	\$ 143,443
Depreciation and amortization	15,434	16,634
Loss on debt extinguishment	507	10,034
Other, net	5,153	570
Changes in assets and liabilities:	0,000	
Accounts receivable	(40,213)	(81,669)
Inventories	(1,380)	1,384
Other current and noncurrent assets	5,139	2,617
Accounts payable	(3,248)	10,427
Accrued employment and benefit costs	(8,119)	(4,854)
Customer deposits and advances	(22,508)	(32,543)
Accrued insurance	(2,983)	(5,208)
Other current and noncurrent liabilities	(3,539)	(965)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	17,048	49,838
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(9,367)	(11,417)
Acquisition of business		(3,195)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	1,878	5,028
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(7,489)	(9,584)
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Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(100,000)	
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	100,000	
Issuance costs associated with long-term borrowings	(2,420)	
Partnership distributions	(60,490)	(60,239)
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Net cash (used in) financing activities	(62,910)	(60,239)
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Net (decrees) in each and each assistants	(52.251)	(10.005)
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(53,351)	(19,985)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	149,553	156,908
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 96,202	\$ 136,923

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

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# SUBURBAN PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PARTNERS CAPITAL

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Number of Common Units	Common Unitholders	 Other nprehensive (Loss)	Total Partners Capital	nprehensive Income
Balance at September 24, 2011	35,429	\$ 418,134	\$ (59,916)	\$ 358,218	
Net income	·	72,805		72,805	\$ 72,805
Other comprehensive income:					
Unrealized losses on cash flow hedges			(378)	(378)	(378)
Reclassification of realized losses on cash flow hedges into					
earnings			1,338	1,338	1,338
Amortization of net actuarial losses and prior service credits					
into earnings			2,390	2,390	2,390
Comprehensive income					\$ 76,155
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Partnership distributions		(60,490)		(60,490)	
Common Units issued under Restricted Unit Plans	72				
Compensation cost recognized under Restricted Unit Plans, net of forfeitures		2,350		2,350	
Balance at March 24, 2012	35,501	\$ 432,799	\$ (56,566)	\$ 376,233	

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

#### SUBURBAN PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(dollars in thousands, except per unit amounts)

(unaudited)

#### 1. Partnership Organization and Formation

Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. (the Partnership ) is a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership principally engaged, through its operating partnership and subsidiaries, in the retail marketing and distribution of propane, fuel oil and refined fuels, as well as the marketing of natural gas and electricity in deregulated markets. In addition, to complement its core marketing and distribution businesses, the Partnership services a wide variety of home comfort equipment, particularly for heating and ventilation. The publicly traded limited partner interests in the Partnership are evidenced by common units traded on the New York Stock Exchange (Common Units), with 35,500,806 Common Units outstanding at March 24, 2012. The holders of Common Units are entitled to participate in distributions and exercise the rights and privileges available to limited partners under the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (the Partnership Agreement), as amended. Rights and privileges under the Partnership Agreement include, among other things, the election of all members of the Board of Supervisors and voting on the removal of the general partner.

Suburban Propane, L.P. (the Operating Partnership), a Delaware limited partnership, is the Partnership s operating subsidiary formed to operate the propane business and assets. In addition, Suburban Sales & Service, Inc. (the Service Company), a subsidiary of the Operating Partnership, was formed to operate the service work and appliance and parts businesses of the Partnership. The Operating Partnership, together with its direct and indirect subsidiaries, accounts for substantially all of the Partnership s assets, revenues and earnings. The Partnership, the Operating Partnership and the Service Company commenced operations in March 1996 in connection with the Partnership s initial public offering.

The general partner of both the Partnership and the Operating Partnership is Suburban Energy Services Group LLC (the General Partner), a Delaware limited liability company, the sole member of which is the Partnership s Chief Executive Officer. Other than as a holder of 784 Common Units that will remain in the General Partner, the General Partner does not have any economic interest in the Partnership or the Operating Partnership.

The Partnership s fuel oil and refined fuels, natural gas and electricity and services businesses are structured as corporate entities (collectively referred to as the Corporate Entities ) and, as such, are subject to corporate level federal and state income tax.

Suburban Energy Finance Corporation, a direct 100%-owned subsidiary of the Partnership, was formed on November 26, 2003 to serve as co-issuer, jointly and severally, with the Partnership of the Partnership s senior notes.

#### 2. Basis of Presentation

**Principles of Consolidation.** The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Partnership, the Operating Partnership and all of its direct and indirect subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions and account balances have been eliminated. The Partnership consolidates the results of operations, financial condition and cash flows of the Operating Partnership as a result of the Partnership s 100% limited partner interest in the Operating Partnership.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). They include all adjustments that the Partnership considers necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented. Such adjustments consist only of normal recurring items, unless otherwise disclosed. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements included in the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 24, 2011. Due to the seasonal nature of the Partnership's operations, the results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for a full year.

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**Fiscal Period.** The Partnership uses a 52/53 week fiscal year which ends on the last Saturday in September. The Partnership s fiscal quarters are generally 13 weeks in duration. When the Partnership s fiscal year is 53 weeks long, the corresponding fourth quarter is 14 weeks in duration.

**Revenue Recognition.** Sales of propane, fuel oil and refined fuels are recognized at the time product is delivered to the customer. Revenue from the sale of appliances and equipment is recognized at the time of sale or when installation is complete, as applicable. Revenue from repairs, maintenance and other service activities is recognized upon completion of the service. Revenue from service contracts is recognized ratably over the service period. Revenue from the natural gas and electricity business is recognized based on customer usage as determined by meter readings for amounts delivered, some of which may be unbilled at the end of each accounting period. Revenue from annually billed tank fees is deferred at the time of billing and recognized on a straight-line basis over one year.

**Fair Value Measurements.** The Partnership measures certain of its assets and liabilities at fair value, which is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in either the principal market or the most advantageous market. The principal market is the market with the greatest level of activity and volume for the asset or liability.

The common framework for measuring fair value utilizes a three-level hierarchy to prioritize the inputs used in the valuation techniques to derive fair values. The basis for fair value measurements for each level within the hierarchy is described below with Level 1 having the highest priority and Level 3 having the lowest.

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

Level 2: Quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable in active markets.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates have been made by management in the areas of depreciation and amortization of long-lived assets, insurance and litigation reserves, severance benefits, pension and other postretirement benefit liabilities and costs, purchase accounting, valuation of derivative

instruments, asset valuation assessments, tax valuation allowances, as well as the allowance for doubtful accounts. Actual results could differ from those estimates, making it reasonably possible that a change in these estimates could occur in the near term.

Level 3: Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs are unobservable.

#### 3. Financial Instruments and Risk Management

**Cash and Cash Equivalents.** The Partnership considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

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#### **Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities.**

Commodity Price Risk. Given the retail nature of its operations, the Partnership maintains a certain level of priced physical inventory to ensure its field operations have adequate supply commensurate with the time of year. The Partnership s strategy is to keep its physical inventory priced relatively close to market for its field operations. The Partnership enters into a combination of exchange-traded futures and options contracts and, in certain instances, over-the-counter options contracts (collectively, derivative instruments) to hedge price risk associated with propane and fuel oil physical inventories, as well as anticipated future purchases of propane or fuel oil to be used in its operations and to ensure adequate supply during periods of high demand. Under this risk management strategy, realized gains or losses on derivative instruments will typically offset losses or gains on the physical inventory once the product is sold. All of the Partnership's derivative instruments are reported on the condensed consolidated balance sheet at their fair values. In addition, in the course of normal operations, the Partnership routinely enters into contracts such as forward priced physical contracts for the purchase or sale of propane and fuel oil that qualify for and are designated as normal purchase or normal sale contracts. Such contracts are exempted from the fair value accounting requirements and are accounted for at the time product is purchased or sold under the related contract. The Partnership does not use derivative instruments for speculative trading purposes.

Market risks associated with futures, options and forward contracts are monitored daily for compliance with the Partnership's Hedging and Risk Management Policy which includes volume limits for open positions. Priced on-hand inventory is also reviewed and managed daily as to exposures to changing market prices.

On the date that derivative instruments are entered into, the Partnership makes a determination as to whether the derivative instrument qualifies for designation as a hedge. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments are recorded each period in current period earnings or other comprehensive income (OCI), depending on whether the derivative instrument is designated as a hedge and, if so, the type of hedge. For derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges, the Partnership formally assesses, both at the hedge contract is inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the hedge contract is highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of hedged items. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges are reported in OCI to the extent effective and reclassified into earnings during the same period in which the hedged item affects earnings. The mark-to-market gains or losses on ineffective portions of cash flow hedges are recognized in earnings immediately. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments that are not designated as cash flow hedges, and that do not meet the normal purchase and normal sale exemption, are recorded within earnings as they occur. Cash flows associated with derivative instruments are reported as operating activities within the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows.

Interest Rate Risk. A portion of the Partnership s borrowings bear interest at prevailing interest rates based upon, at the Operating Partnership s option, LIBOR plus an applicable margin or the base rate, defined as the higher of the Federal Funds Rate plus 1/2 of 1% or the agent bank s prime rate, or LIBOR plus 1%, plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin is dependent on the level of the Partnership s total leverage (the ratio of total debt to income before deducting interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)). Therefore, the Partnership is subject to interest rate risk on the variable component of the interest rate. The Partnership manages part of its variable interest rate risk by entering into interest rate swap agreements. The interest rate swaps have been designated as, and are accounted for as, cash flow hedges. The fair value of the interest rate swaps are determined using an income approach, whereby future settlements under the swaps are converted into a single present value, with fair value being based on the value of current market expectations about those future amounts. Changes in the fair value are recognized in OCI until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. However, due to changes in the underlying interest rate environment, the corresponding value in OCI is subject to change prior to its impact on earnings.

Valuation of Derivative Instruments. The Partnership measures the fair value of its exchange-traded options and futures contracts using quoted market prices found on the New York Mercantile Exchange (Level 1 inputs), the fair value of its interest rate swaps using model-derived valuations driven by observable projected movements of the 3-month LIBOR (Level 2 inputs) and the fair value of its over-the-counter options contracts using Level 3 inputs. The Partnership s over-the-counter options contracts are valued based on an internal option model. The inputs utilized in the model are based on publicly available information as well as broker quotes. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurements of the Partnership s over-the-counter options contracts are interest rate and market volatility.

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The following summarizes the gross fair value of the Partnership s derivative instruments and their location in the condensed consolidated balance sheet as of March 24, 2012 and September 24, 2011, respectively:

	As of March 24, 2012 As of September 24			201	1	
Asset Derivatives	Location	Fai	r Value	Location	Fa	ir Value
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:						
Commodity options	Other current assets	\$	1,083	Other current assets	\$	3,710
	Other assets			Other assets		612
Commodity futures	Other current assets		199	Other current assets		1,132
		\$	1,282		\$	5,454
Liability Derivatives	Location		Fair Value	Location		Fair Value
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:						
Interest rate swaps	Other current liabilities	\$	2,638	Other current liabilities	\$	2,662
	Other liabilities		999	Other liabilities		1,934
		\$	3,637		\$	4,596
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:						
Commodity options	Other current liabilities	\$	31	Other current liabilities	\$	2,407
	Other liabilities			Other liabilities		69
		\$	31		\$	2,476

The following summarizes the reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs:

	Fair	Value Measurem	ent Using Signif	ïcant
		Unobservable I	nputs (Level 3)	
	Six Mon	ths Ended	Six Mont	ths Ended
	March 2	24, 2012	March 2	26, 2011
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Opening balance of over-the-counter options	\$ 1,780	\$ 118	\$ 1,509	\$ 29
Beginning balance realized during the period	(398)		(833)	(11)
Contracts purchased during the period	330		475	
Change in the fair value of beginning balance	(770)	(97)	(41)	(18)
Closing balance of over-the-counter options	\$ 942	\$ 21	\$ 1,110	\$

As of March 24, 2012 and September 24, 2011, the Partnership s outstanding commodity-related derivatives had a weighted average maturity of approximately 5 months and 4 months, respectively.

The effect of the Partnership  $\,$ s derivative instruments on the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and six months ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011 are as follows:

Derivatives in  Cash Flow		Three months of	Gains (Losses) Refrom Accumulated Income (Effective	eclassified d OCI into		Three months	ended March 26, 201 Gains (Losses) F from Accumulate Income (Effective	Reclassified ed OCI into
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**Bank Debt and Senior Notes.** The fair value of the Revolving Credit Facility (defined below) approximates the carrying value since the interest rates are periodically adjusted to reflect market conditions. Based upon quoted market prices, qualifying as a Level 1 fair value input, the fair value of the Partnership s 2020 senior notes was \$270,000 and \$248,500 as of March 24, 2012 and September 24, 2011, respectively.

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#### 4. Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using a weighted average method for propane, fuel oil and refined fuels and natural gas, and a standard cost basis for appliances, which approximates average cost. Inventories consist of the following:

	A	As of			
	March 24, 2012	Sept	tember 24, 2011		
Propane, fuel oil and refined fuels and natural gas	\$ 65,879	\$	64,601		
Appliances and related parts	1,408		1,306		
	\$ 67,287	\$	65,907		

#### 5. Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired. Goodwill is subject to an impairment review at a reporting unit level, on an annual basis in August of each year, or when an event occurs or circumstances change that would indicate potential impairment. The Partnership assesses the carrying value of goodwill at a reporting unit level based on an estimate of the fair value of the respective reporting unit. Fair value of the reporting unit is estimated using discounted cash flow analyses taking into consideration estimated cash flows in a ten-year projection period and a terminal value calculation at the end of the projection period. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, the goodwill associated with the reporting unit is not considered to be impaired. If the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount of the associated goodwill, if any, exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill.

The carrying values of goodwill assigned to the Partnership s operating segments are as follows:

	Α	As of			
	March 24, 2012	Sep	tember 24, 2011		
Propane	\$ 265,313	\$	265,313		
Fuel oil and refined fuels	4,438		4,438		
Natural gas and electricity	7,900		7,900		
	\$ 277,651	\$	277,651		

#### 6. Net Income Per Common Unit

Computations of basic income per Common Unit are performed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of outstanding Common Units, and restricted units granted under the restricted unit plans to retirement-eligible grantees. Computations of diluted income per Common Unit are performed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of outstanding Common Units and unvested restricted units granted under the restricted unit plans. In computing diluted net income per Common Unit, weighted average units outstanding used to compute basic net income per Common Unit were increased by 235,661 and 219,269 units for the three and six months ended March 24, 2012, respectively, and 244,092 and 223,057 units for the three and six months ended March 26, 2011, respectively, to reflect the potential dilutive effect of the unvested restricted units outstanding using the treasury stock method.

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#### 7. Long-Term Borrowings

Long-term borrowings consist of the following:

	As of		
	March 24, 2012	Sep	tember 24, 2011
7.375% senior notes, due March 15, 2020, net of unamortized discount			
of \$1,723 and \$1,831, respectively	\$ 248,277	\$	248,169
Revolving credit facility, due January 5, 2017	100,000		100,000
	\$ 348,277	\$	348,169

On March 23, 2010, the Partnership and its 100%-owned subsidiary, Suburban Energy Finance Corporation, issued \$250,000 in aggregate principal amount of 7.375% senior notes due 2020 (the 2020 Senior Notes). The 2020 Senior Notes were issued at 99.136% of the principal amount. The Partnership is obligations under the 2020 Senior Notes are unsecured and rank senior in right of payment to any future subordinated indebtedness and equally in right of payment with any future senior indebtedness. The 2020 Senior Notes are structurally subordinated to, which means they rank effectively behind, any debt and other liabilities of the Operating Partnership. The 2020 Senior Notes mature on March 15, 2020 and require semi-annual interest payments in March and September. The Partnership is permitted to redeem some or all of the 2020 Senior Notes any time at redemption prices specified in the indenture governing the 2020 Senior Notes. In addition, the 2020 Senior Notes have a change of control provision that would require the Partnership to offer to repurchase the notes at 101% of the principal amount repurchased, if a change of control as defined in the indenture occurs and is followed by a rating decline (a decrease in the rating of the notes by either Moody is Investors Service or Standard and Poor is Rating Group by one or more gradations) within 90 days of the consummation of the change of control.

The Operating Partnership has a credit agreement, as amended on January 5, 2012 (the Amended Credit Agreement ) that provides for a five-year \$250,000 revolving credit facility (the Revolving Credit Facility ) of which, \$100,000 was outstanding as of March 24, 2012 and September 24, 2011. The Amended Credit Agreement amends the previous credit agreement to, among other things, extend the maturity date from June 25, 2013 to January 5, 2017, reduce the borrowing rate and commitment fees, and amend certain affirmative and negative covenants. Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility may be used for general corporate purposes, including working capital, capital expenditures and acquisitions. The Operating Partnership has the right to prepay any borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility, in whole or in part, without penalty at any time prior to maturity.

At the time the amendment was entered into, the Operating Partnership had existing borrowings of \$100,000 under the revolving credit facility of the previous credit agreement, which borrowings have been rolled into the Revolving Credit Facility of the Amended Credit Agreement. In addition, at the time the amendment was entered into, the Operating Partnership had letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facility of the previous credit agreement primarily in support of retention levels under its self-insurance programs, all of which have been rolled into the Revolving Credit Facility of the Amended Credit Agreement. As of March 24, 2012, the Partnership had standby letters of credit issued under the Revolving Credit Facility in the aggregate amount of \$46,926 which expire periodically through April 15, 2013. Therefore, as of March 24, 2012 the Partnership had available borrowing capacity of \$103,074 under the Revolving Credit Facility.

In connection with the previous revolving credit facility, the Operating Partnership entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$100,000 and an effective date of March 31, 2010 and termination date of June 25, 2013. Under the interest rate swap agreement, the Operating Partnership will pay a fixed interest rate of 3.12% to the issuing lender on the notional principal amount outstanding, effectively fixing the LIBOR portion of the interest rate at 3.12%. In return, the issuing lender will pay to the Operating Partnership a floating rate, namely LIBOR, on the same notional principal amount. The interest rate swap has been designated as a cash flow hedge.

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In connection with the Amended Credit Agreement, the Operating Partnership entered into a forward starting interest rate swap agreement with a June 25, 2013 effective date, which is commensurate with the maturity of the existing interest rate swap agreement, and a termination date of January 5, 2017. Under this forward starting interest rate swap agreement, the Operating Partnership will pay a fixed interest rate of 1.63% to the issuing lender on the notional principal amount outstanding, effectively fixing the LIBOR portion of the interest rate at 1.63%. In return, the issuing lender will pay to the Operating Partnership a floating rate, namely LIBOR, on the same notional principal amount. The forward starting interest rate swap has been designated as a cash flow hedge.

Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility bear interest at prevailing interest rates based upon, at the Operating Partnership s option, LIBOR plus the applicable margin or the base rate, defined as the higher of the Federal Funds Rate plus <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of 1%, the agent bank s prime rate, or LIBOR plus 1%, plus in each case the applicable margin. The applicable margin is dependent upon the Partnership s ratio of total debt to EBITDA on a consolidated basis, as defined in the Revolving Credit Facility. As of March 24, 2012, the interest rate for the Revolving Credit Facility was approximately 2.3%. The interest rate and the applicable margin will be reset at the end of each calendar quarter.

The Partnership acts as a guarantor with respect to the obligations of the Operating Partnership under the Amended Credit Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein. The obligations under the Amended Credit Agreement are secured by liens on substantially all of the personal property of the Partnership, the Operating Partnership and their subsidiaries, as well as mortgages on certain real property.

The Amended Credit Agreement and the 2020 Senior Notes both contain various restrictive and affirmative covenants applicable to the Operating Partnership and the Partnership, respectively, including (i) restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, and (ii) restrictions on certain liens, investments, guarantees, loans, advances, payments, mergers, consolidations, distributions, sales of assets and other transactions. The Amended Credit Agreement contains certain financial covenants (a) requiring the Partnership s consolidated interest coverage ratio, as defined, to be not less than 2.5 to 1.0 as of the end of any fiscal quarter; (b) prohibiting the total consolidated leverage ratio, as defined, of the Partnership from being greater than 4.75 to 1.0 as of the end of any fiscal quarter; and (c) prohibiting the Operating Partnership s senior secured consolidated leverage ratio, as defined, from being greater than 3.0 to 1.0 as of the end of any fiscal quarter. Under the indenture governing the 2020 Senior Notes, the Partnership is generally permitted to make cash distributions equal to available cash, as defined, as of the end of the immediately preceding quarter, if no event of default exists or would exist upon making such distributions, and the Partnership s consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio, as defined, is greater than 1.75 to 1. The Partnership and the Operating Partnership were in compliance with all covenants and terms of the 2020 Senior Notes and the Amended Credit Agreement as of March 24, 2012.

Debt origination costs representing the costs incurred in connection with the placement of, and the subsequent amendment to, long-term borrowings are capitalized within other assets and amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the respective debt agreements. In connection with the execution of the Amendment Credit Agreement, the Partnership recognized a non-cash charge of \$507 to write-off a portion of unamortized debt origination costs associated with the previous credit agreement, and capitalized \$2,420 for origination costs incurred with the amendment. Other assets at March 24, 2012 and September 24, 2011 include debt origination costs with a net carrying amount of \$8,292 and \$7,207, respectively.

The aggregate amounts of long-term debt maturities subsequent to March 24, 2012 are as follows: fiscal 2012 through fiscal 2016: \$-0-; and thereafter: \$350,000.

### 8. Distributions of Available Cash

The Partnership makes distributions to its limited partners no later than 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the Partnership in an aggregate amount equal to its Available Cash for such quarter. Available Cash, as defined in the Partnership Agreement, generally means all cash on hand at the end of the respective fiscal quarter less the amount of cash reserves established by the Board of Supervisors in its reasonable discretion for future cash requirements. These reserves are retained for the proper conduct of the Partnership s business, the payment of debt principal and interest and for distributions during the next four quarters.

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On April 19, 2012, the Partnership announced a quarterly distribution of \$0.8525 per Common Unit, or \$3.41 per Common Unit on an annualized basis, in respect of the second quarter of fiscal 2012, payable on May 8, 2012 to holders of record on May 1, 2012.

#### 9. Unit-Based Compensation Arrangements

The Partnership recognizes compensation cost over the respective service period for employee services received in exchange for an award of equity or equity-based compensation based on the grant date fair value of the award. The Partnership measures liability awards under an equity-based payment arrangement based on remeasurement of the award s fair value at the conclusion of each interim and annual reporting period until the date of settlement, taking into consideration the probability that the performance conditions will be satisfied.

Restricted Unit Plans. In fiscal 2000 and fiscal 2009, the Partnership adopted the Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. 2000 Restricted Unit Plan and 2009 Restricted Unit Plan (collectively, the Restricted Unit Plans), respectively, which authorize the issuance of Common Units to executives, managers and other employees and members of the Board of Supervisors of the Partnership. The total number of Common Units authorized for issuance under the Restricted Unit Plans was 1,903,406 as of March 24, 2012. Unless otherwise stipulated by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Supervisors on or before the grant date, restricted units issued under the Restricted Unit Plans vest over time with 25% of the Common Units vesting on each of the third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date and the remaining 50% of the Common Units vesting on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The Restricted Unit Plans participants are not eligible to receive quarterly distributions with respect to or vote their respective restricted units until vested. Because each restricted unit represents a promise to issue a Common Unit at a future date, restricted units cannot be sold or transferred prior to vesting. The fair value of the restricted unit is established by the market price of the Common Unit on the date of grant, net of estimated future distributions and forfeitures during the vesting period. Restricted units are subject to forfeiture in certain circumstances as defined in the Restricted Unit Plans. Compensation expense for the unvested awards is recognized ratably over the vesting periods and is net of estimated forfeitures.

During the six months ended March 24, 2012, the Partnership awarded 108,674 restricted units under the Restricted Unit Plans at an aggregate grant date fair value of \$3,543. The following is a summary of activity for the Restricted Unit Plans for the six months ended March 24, 2012:

	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Unit		
Outstanding September 24, 2011	485,423	\$	32.71	
Awarded	108,674		32.60	
Forfeited	(8,165)		(29.79)	
Issued	(71,951)		(29.95)	
Outstanding March 24, 2012	513,981	\$	33.19	

As of March 24, 2012, unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted units awarded under the Restricted Unit Plans amounted to \$7,302. Compensation cost associated with unvested awards is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.8 years. Compensation expense recognized under the Restricted Unit Plans, net of forfeitures, for the three and six months ended March 24, 2012 was \$1,147 and \$2,350, respectively, and \$1,067 and \$2,399 for the three and six months ended March 26, 2011, respectively.

Long-Term Incentive Plan. The Partnership has a non-qualified, unfunded long-term incentive plan for officers and key employees (the LTIP) which provides for payment, in the form of cash, of an award of equity-based compensation at the end of a three-year performance period. The level of compensation earned under the LTIP is based on the market performance of the Partnership's Common Units on the basis of total return to Unitholders (TRU) compared to the TRU of a predetermined peer group consisting solely of other master limited partnerships, approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Supervisors, over the same three-year performance period. As a result of the quarterly remeasurement of the liability for awards under the LTIP, compensation expense for the three and six months ended March 24, 2012 was \$102 and \$691, respectively, and \$645 and \$1,501 for the three and six months ended March 26, 2011, respectively. As of March 24, 2012 and September 24, 2011, the Partnership had a liability included within accrued employment and benefit costs (or other liabilities, as applicable) of \$2,520 and \$5,164, respectively, related to estimated future payments under the LTIP.

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#### 10. Commitments and Contingencies

Self-Insurance. The Partnership is self-insured for general and product, workers—compensation and automobile liabilities up to predetermined thresholds above which third party insurance applies. As of March 24, 2012 and September 24, 2011, the Partnership had accrued insurance liabilities of \$49,858 and \$52,841, respectively, representing the total estimated losses under these self-insurance programs. For the portion of the estimated self-insurance liability that exceeds insurance deductibles, the Partnership records an asset within other assets (or other current assets, as applicable) related to the amount of the liability expected to be covered by insurance which amounted to \$16,543 and \$17,513 as of March 24, 2012 and September 24, 2011, respectively.

Legal Matters. The Partnership s operations are subject to all operating hazards and risks normally incidental to handling, storing and delivering combustible liquids such as propane. The Partnership has been, and will continue to be, a defendant in various legal proceedings and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, both as a result of these operating hazards and risks, and as a result of other aspects of its business. In this last regard, the Partnership currently is a defendant in suits in several states, including two putative class actions in which no class has yet been certified. The complaints allege a number of commercial claims, including as to the Partnership s pricing, fee disclosure and tank ownership, under various consumer statutes, the Uniform Commercial Code, common law and antitrust law. Based on the nature of the allegations under these commercial suits, the Partnership believes that the suits are without merit and the Partnership is contesting each of these suits vigorously. With respect to the pending commercial suits, other than for legal defense fees and expenses, based on the merits of the allegations and discovery to date, no liability for a loss contingency is required.

#### 11. Guarantees

The Partnership has residual value guarantees associated with certain of its operating leases, related primarily to transportation equipment, with remaining lease periods scheduled to expire periodically through fiscal 2019. Upon completion of the lease period, the Partnership guarantees that the fair value of the equipment will equal or exceed the guaranteed amount, or the Partnership will pay the lessor the difference. Although the fair value of equipment at the end of its lease term has historically exceeded the guaranteed amounts, the maximum potential amount of aggregate future payments the Partnership could be required to make under these leasing arrangements, assuming the equipment is deemed worthless at the end of the lease term, was \$10,456 as of March 24, 2012. The fair value of residual value guarantees for outstanding operating leases was de minimis as of March 24, 2012 and September 24, 2011.

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#### 12. Pension Plans and Other Postretirement Benefits

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit costs:

	Pension Benefits					
	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		Six Months Ended			
	March 24, 2012	March 26, 2011	March 24, 2012	March 26, 2011		
Interest cost	\$ 1,577	\$ 1,705	\$ 3,155	\$ 3,411		
Expected return on plan assets	(1,416)	(1,573)	(2,833)	(3,147)		
Recognized net actuarial loss	1,318	1,180	2,636	2,360		
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 1,479	\$ 1,312	\$ 2,958	\$ 2,624		

	Postretirement Benefits							
	T	Three Months Ended Six Months En				ths End	ed	
	Ma	ırch	Ma	rch	M	arch	M	arch
		4, 012		6, 11		24, 012		26, 011
Service Cost	\$	2	\$	2	\$	3	\$	4
Interest cost		200		213		401		427
Amortization of prior service costs		(122)		(122)		(244)		(244)
Recognized net actuarial loss				(9)				(18)
Net periodic benefit cost	\$	80	\$	84	\$	160	\$	169

There are no projected minimum employer cash contribution requirements under ERISA laws for fiscal 2012 under our defined benefit pension plan. The projected annual contribution requirements related to the Partnership s postretirement health care and life insurance benefit plan for fiscal 2012 is \$1,669, of which \$812 has been contributed during the six months ended March 24, 2012.

#### 13. Income Taxes

For federal income tax purposes, as well as for state income tax purposes in the majority of the states in which the Partnership operates, the earnings attributable to the Partnership, as a separate legal entity, and the Operating Partnership are not subject to income tax at the Partnership level. Rather, the taxable income or loss attributable to the Partnership, as a separate legal entity, and to the Operating Partnership, which may vary substantially from the income before income taxes, reported by the Partnership in the condensed consolidated statement of operations, are includable in the federal and state income tax returns of the individual partners. The aggregate difference in the basis of the Partnership s net assets for financial and tax reporting purposes cannot be readily determined as the Partnership does not have access to information regarding each partner s basis in the Partnership.

As described in Note 1, the earnings of the Corporate Entities are subject to corporate level federal and state income tax. However, based upon past performance, the Corporate Entities are currently reporting an income tax provision composed primarily of alternative minimum tax. A full valuation allowance has been provided against the deferred tax assets based upon an analysis of all available evidence, both negative and positive at the balance sheet date, which, taken as a whole, indicates that it is more likely than not that sufficient future taxable income will not be available to utilize the assets. Management s periodic reviews include, among other things, the nature and amount of the taxable income and expense items, the expected timing of when assets will be used or liabilities will be required to be reported and the reliability of historical profitability of businesses expected to provide future earnings. Furthermore, management considered tax-planning strategies it could use to increase the likelihood that the deferred assets will be realized.

#### 14. Segment Information

The Partnership manages and evaluates its operations in five operating segments, three of which are reportable segments: Propane, Fuel Oil and Refined Fuels and Natural Gas and Electricity. The chief operating decision maker evaluates performance of the operating segments using a number of performance measures, including gross margins and income before interest expense and provision for income taxes (operating profit). Costs excluded from these profit measures are captured in Corporate and include corporate overhead expenses not allocated to the operating segments. Unallocated corporate overhead expenses include all costs of back office support functions that are reported as general and administrative expenses within the condensed consolidated statements of operations, including purchasing, training and safety, are not allocated to the individual operating segments. Thus, operating profit for each operating segment includes only the costs that are directly attributable to the operations of the individual segment. The accounting policies of the operating segments are otherwise the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies Note in the Partnership s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 24, 2011.

The propane segment is primarily engaged in the retail distribution of propane to residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers and, to a lesser extent, wholesale distribution to large industrial end users. In the residential and commercial markets, propane is used primarily for space heating, water heating, cooking and clothes drying. Industrial customers use propane generally as a motor fuel burned in internal combustion engines that power over-the-road vehicles, forklifts and stationary engines, to fire furnaces and as a cutting gas. In the agricultural markets, propane is primarily used for tobacco curing, crop drying, poultry brooding and weed control.

The fuel oil and refined fuels segment is primarily engaged in the retail distribution of fuel oil, diesel, kerosene and gasoline to residential and commercial customers for use primarily as a source of heat in homes and buildings.

The natural gas and electricity segment is engaged in the marketing of natural gas and electricity to residential and commercial customers in the deregulated energy markets of New York and Pennsylvania. Under this operating segment, the Partnership owns the relationship with the end consumer and has agreements with the local distribution companies to deliver the natural gas or electricity from the Partnership suppliers to the customer.

Activities in the all other category include the Partnership s service business, which is primarily engaged in the sale, installation and servicing of a wide variety of home comfort equipment, particularly in the areas of heating and ventilation, and activities from the Partnership s HomeTown Hearth & Grill and Suburban Franchising subsidiaries.

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The following table presents certain relevant financial information by reportable segment and provides a reconciliation of total operating segment information to the corresponding consolidated amounts for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended		Six Month	hs Ended
	March 24, 2012	March 26, 2011	March 24, 2012	March 26, 2011
Revenues:				
Propane	\$ 283,759	\$ 358,309	\$ 524,115	\$ 617,710
Fuel oil and refined fuels	43,748	63,518	74,729	101,920
Natural gas and electricity	21,708	32,689	39,759	51,657
All other	8,411	9,586	18,909	21,122
Total revenues	\$ 357,626	\$ 464,102	\$ 657,512	\$ 792,409
Operating income:				
Propane	\$ 70,483	\$ 108,128	\$ 113,981	\$ 173,266
Fuel oil and refined fuels	3,465	13,033	5,931	14,755
Natural gas and electricity	1,639	5,375	4,343	8,620
All other	(3,732)	(2,951)	(6,329)	(5,514)
Corporate	(15,730)	(16,352)	(31,511)	(33,553)
Total operating income	56,125	107,233	86,415	157,574
Reconciliation to net income:				
Loss on debt extinguishment	507		507	
Interest expense, net	6,425	6,819	13,263	13,665
Provision for income taxes	(380)	98	(160)	464
Net income	\$ 49,573	\$ 100,316	\$ 72,805	\$ 143,445
Depreciation and amortization:				
Propane	\$ 4,942			