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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015

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 1-33007

SPECTRA ENERGY CORP
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 20-5413139
5400 Westheimer Court
Houston, Texas 77056
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code) (IRS Employer Identification No.)
713-627-5400
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

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

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, outstanding as of March 31, 2015: 671,327,206

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This document includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements represent management’s intentions, plans, expectations, assumptions and beliefs about future events. These forward-looking statements are identified by terms and phrases such as: anticipate, believe, intend, estimate, expect, continue, should, could, may, plan, project, predict, will, potential, forecast, and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside our control and could cause actual results to differ materially from the results expressed or implied by those forward-looking statements. Factors used to develop these forward-looking statements and that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in any forward-looking statement include, but are not limited to:

- state, provincial, federal and foreign legislative and regulatory initiatives that affect cost and investment recovery, have an effect on rate structure, and affect the speed at and degree to which competition enters the natural gas and oil industries;
- outcomes of litigation and regulatory investigations, proceedings or inquiries;
- weather and other natural phenomena, including the economic, operational and other effects of hurricanes and storms;
- the timing and extent of changes in commodity prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates;
- general economic conditions, including the risk of a prolonged economic slowdown or decline, or the risk of delay in a recovery, which can affect the long-term demand for natural gas and oil and related services;
 - potential effects arising from terrorist attacks and any consequential or other hostilities;
- changes in environmental, safety and other laws and regulations;
- the development of alternative energy resources;
- results and costs of financing efforts, including the ability to obtain financing on favorable terms, which can be affected by various factors, including credit ratings and general market and economic conditions;
- increases in the cost of goods and services required to complete capital projects;
- declines in the market prices of equity and debt securities and resulting funding requirements for defined benefit pension plans;
- growth in opportunities, including the timing and success of efforts to develop U.S. and Canadian pipeline, storage, gathering, processing and other related infrastructure projects and the effects of competition;
- the performance of natural gas and oil transmission and storage, distribution, and gathering and processing facilities;
- the extent of success in connecting natural gas and oil supplies to gathering, processing and transmission systems and in connecting to expanding gas and oil markets;
- the effects of accounting pronouncements issued periodically by accounting standard-setting bodies;
- conditions of the capital markets during the periods covered by forward-looking statements; and
- the ability to successfully complete merger, acquisition or divestiture plans; regulatory or other limitations imposed as a result of a merger, acquisition or divestiture; and the success of the business following a merger, acquisition or divestiture.

In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the events described in the forward-looking statements might not occur or might occur to a different extent or at a different time than Spectra Energy Corp has described. Spectra Energy Corp undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.
SPECTRA ENERGY CORP
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)
(In millions, except per-share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Operating Revenues | | |
| Transportation, storage and processing of natural gas | \$842 | \$887 |
| Distribution of natural gas | 607 | 626 |
| Sales of natural gas liquids | 66 | 187 |
| Transportation of crude oil | 84 | 71 |
| Other | 24 | 72 |
| Total operating revenues | 1,623 | 1,843 |
| Operating Expenses | | |
| Natural gas and petroleum products purchased | 432 | 528 |
| Operating, maintenance and other | 354 | 363 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 193 | 200 |
| Property and other taxes | 103 | 113 |
| Total operating expenses | 1,082 | 1,204 |
| Operating Income | 541 | 639 |
| Other Income and Expenses | | |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | 24 | 161 |
| Other income and expenses, net | 20 | 9 |
| Total other income and expenses | 44 | 170 |
| Interest Expense | 159 | 178 |
| Earnings Before Income Taxes | 426 | 631 |
| Income Tax Expense | 101 | 164 |
| Net Income | 325 | 467 |
| Net Income—Noncontrolling Interests | 58 | 48 |
| Net Income—Controlling Interests | \$267 | \$419 |
| Common Stock Data | | |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding | | |
| Basic | 671 | 670 |
| Diluted | 673 | 672 |
| Earnings per share | | |
| Basic | \$0.40 | \$0.63 |
| Diluted | \$0.40 | \$0.62 |
| Dividends per share | \$0.37 | \$0.335 |

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SPECTRA ENERGY CORP
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 (Unaudited)
 (In millions)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net Income | \$325 | \$467 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (492 |) (248 |
| Non-cash mark-to-market net gain on hedges | — | 2 |
| Reclassification of cash flow hedges into earnings | — | 2 |
| Pension and benefits impact (net of taxes of \$3 and \$3, respectively) | 6 | 7 |
| Other | 1 | — |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss) | (485 |) (237 |
| Total Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax | (160 |) 230 |
| Less: Comprehensive Income—Noncontrolling Interests | 50 | 44 |
| Comprehensive Income (Loss)—Controlling Interests | \$(210 |) \$186 |

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SPECTRA ENERGY CORP
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (Unaudited)
 (In millions)

| | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$409 | \$ 215 |
| Receivables, net | 1,152 | 1,336 |
| Inventory | 174 | 313 |
| Fuel tracker | 58 | 102 |
| Other | 270 | 366 |
| Total current assets | 2,063 | 2,332 |
| Investments and Other Assets | | |
| Investments in and loans to unconsolidated affiliates | 2,943 | 2,966 |
| Goodwill | 4,595 | 4,714 |
| Other | 319 | 327 |
| Total investments and other assets | 7,857 | 8,007 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | | |
| Cost | 28,434 | 29,211 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | 6,790 | 6,904 |
| Net property, plant and equipment | 21,644 | 22,307 |
| Regulatory Assets and Deferred Debits | 1,356 | 1,394 |
| Total Assets | \$32,920 | \$ 34,040 |

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SPECTRA ENERGY CORP
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (Unaudited)
 (In millions, except per-share amounts)

| | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | \$420 | \$ 458 |
| Commercial paper | 615 | 1,583 |
| Taxes accrued | 125 | 91 |
| Interest accrued | 143 | 181 |
| Current maturities of long-term debt | 500 | 327 |
| Other | 914 | 1,169 |
| Total current liabilities | 2,717 | 3,809 |
| | | |
| Long-term Debt | 13,178 | 12,769 |
| | | |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | | |
| Deferred income taxes | 5,427 | 5,405 |
| Regulatory and other | 1,309 | 1,401 |
| Total deferred credits and other liabilities | 6,736 | 6,806 |
| | | |
| Commitments and Contingencies | | |
| | | |
| Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries | 258 | 258 |
| | | |
| Equity | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.001 par, 22 million shares authorized, no shares outstanding | — | — |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par, 1 billion shares authorized, 671 million shares outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 | 1 | 1 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 4,963 | 4,956 |
| Retained earnings | 2,558 | 2,541 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 185 | 662 |
| Total controlling interests | 7,707 | 8,160 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 2,324 | 2,238 |
| Total equity | 10,031 | 10,398 |
| | | |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$32,920 | \$ 34,040 |

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SPECTRA ENERGY CORP
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
(In millions)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net income | \$325 | \$467 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 196 | 203 |
| Deferred income tax expense | 61 | 153 |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | (24) | (161) |
| Distributions received from unconsolidated affiliates | 38 | 89 |
| Other | 170 | (65) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 766 | 686 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Capital expenditures | (388) | (374) |
| Investments in and loans to unconsolidated affiliates | (15) | (18) |
| Purchases of held-to-maturity securities | (145) | (198) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of held-to-maturity securities | 123 | 167 |
| Purchases of available-for-sale securities | — | (13) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities | 1 | 5 |
| Distributions received from unconsolidated affiliates | 18 | 22 |
| Other changes in restricted funds | 2 | 7 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (404) | (402) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt | 994 | 300 |
| Payments for the redemption of long-term debt | — | (284) |
| Net decrease in commercial paper | (952) | (102) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests | (44) | (39) |
| Contributions from noncontrolling interests | 58 | 6 |
| Proceeds from the issuances of Spectra Energy Partners, LP common units | 39 | 52 |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (250) | (228) |
| Other | (9) | 5 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (164) | (290) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (4) | (2) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 194 | (8) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 215 | 201 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$409 | \$193 |
| Supplemental Disclosures | | |
| Property, plant and equipment non-cash accruals | \$115 | \$107 |

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SPECTRA ENERGY CORP
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY
(Unaudited)
(In millions)

| | Common Stock | Additional Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments | Other | Noncontrolling Interests | Total |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| December 31, 2014 | \$1 | \$4,956 | \$2,541 | \$1,016 | \$(354) | \$2,238 | \$10,398 |
| Net income | — | — | 267 | — | — | 58 | 325 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | — | — | — | (484) | 7 | (8) | (485) |
| Dividends on common stock | — | — | (250) | — | — | — | (250) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — | (44) | (44) |
| Contributions from noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — | 58 | 58 |
| Spectra Energy common stock issued | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Spectra Energy Partners, LP common units issued | — | 6 | — | — | — | 29 | 35 |
| Other, net | — | — | — | — | — | (7) | (7) |
| March 31, 2015 | \$1 | \$4,963 | \$2,558 | \$532 | \$(347) | \$2,324 | \$10,031 |
| December 31, 2013 | \$1 | \$4,869 | \$2,383 | \$1,557 | \$(316) | \$1,829 | \$10,323 |
| Net income | — | — | 419 | — | — | 48 | 467 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | — | — | — | (244) | 11 | (4) | (237) |
| Dividends on common stock | — | — | (225) | — | — | — | (225) |
| Stock-based compensation | — | (2) | — | — | — | — | (2) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — | (39) | (39) |
| Contributions from noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 6 |
| Spectra Energy common stock issued | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| Spectra Energy Partners, LP common units issued | — | 10 | — | — | — | 36 | 46 |
| Transfer of interests in subsidiaries to Spectra Energy Partners, LP | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 5 |
| Other, net | — | — | — | — | — | (2) | (2) |
| March 31, 2014 | \$1 | \$4,880 | \$2,577 | \$1,313 | \$(305) | \$1,879 | \$10,345 |

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SPECTRA ENERGY CORP

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. General

The terms “we,” “our,” “us” and “Spectra Energy” as used in this report refer collectively to Spectra Energy Corp and its subsidiaries unless the context suggests otherwise. These terms are used for convenience only and are not intended as a precise description of any separate legal entity within Spectra Energy. The term “Spectra Energy Partners” refers to our Spectra Energy Partners operating segment. The term “SEP” refers to Spectra Energy Partners, LP, our master limited partnership.

Nature of Operations. Spectra Energy Corp, through its subsidiaries and equity affiliates, owns and operates a large and diversified portfolio of complementary natural gas-related energy assets, and owns and operates a crude oil pipeline system that connects Canadian and U.S. producers to refineries in the U.S. Rocky Mountain and Midwest regions. We currently operate in three key areas of the natural gas industry: gathering and processing, transmission and storage, and distribution. We provide transmission and storage of natural gas to customers in various regions of the northeastern and southeastern United States, the Maritime Provinces in Canada, the Pacific Northwest in the United States and Canada, and in the province of Ontario, Canada. We also provide natural gas sales and distribution services to retail customers in Ontario, and natural gas gathering and processing services to customers in western Canada. We also own a 50% interest in DCP Midstream, LLC (DCP Midstream), based in Denver, Colorado, one of the leading natural gas gatherers in the United States based on wellhead volumes, and one of the largest U.S. producers and marketers of natural gas liquids (NGLs).

Basis of Presentation. The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include our accounts and the accounts of our majority-owned subsidiaries, after eliminating intercompany transactions and balances. These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form

10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, and reflect all normal recurring adjustments that are, in our opinion, necessary to fairly present our results of operations and financial position. Amounts reported in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations are not necessarily indicative of amounts expected for the respective annual periods due to the effects of seasonal temperature variations on energy consumption, primarily in our gas distribution operations, as well as changing commodity prices on certain of our processing operations and other factors.

Use of Estimates. To conform with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States, we make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Although these estimates are based on our best available knowledge at the time, actual results could differ.

2. Business Segments

We manage our business in four reportable segments: Spectra Energy Partners, Distribution, Western Canada Transmission & Processing and Field Services. The remainder of our business operations is presented as “Other,” and consists of unallocated corporate costs and employee benefit plan assets and liabilities, 100%-owned captive insurance subsidiaries and other miscellaneous activities.

Our chief operating decision maker (CODM) regularly reviews financial information about each of these segments in deciding how to allocate resources and evaluate performance. There is no aggregation within our reportable business segments.

The presentation of our Spectra Energy Partners segment is reflective of the parent-level focus by our CODM, considering the resource allocation and governance provisions associated with SEP's master limited partnership structure. SEP maintains a capital and cash management structure that is separate from Spectra Energy's, is self-funding and maintains its own lines of bank credit and cash management accounts. It is in this context that our CODM evaluates the Spectra Energy Partners segment as a whole, without regard to any of SEP's individual businesses. These factors, coupled with a different cost of capital of our other businesses, serve to differentiate how our Spectra Energy Partners segment is managed as compared to how SEP is managed.

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Spectra Energy Partners provides transmission, storage and gathering of natural gas, as well as the transportation of crude oil and NGLs through interstate pipeline systems for customers in various regions of the midwestern, northeastern and southeastern United States and Canada. The natural gas transmission and storage operations are primarily subject to the rules and regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The crude oil transportation operations are primarily subject to regulation by the FERC in the United States and the National Energy Board (NEB) in Canada. Our Spectra Energy Partners segment is composed of the operations of SEP, less governance costs, which are included in "Other."

Distribution provides retail natural gas distribution service in Ontario, Canada, as well as natural gas transmission and storage services to other utilities and energy market participants. These services are provided by Union Gas Limited (Union Gas), and are primarily subject to the rules and regulations of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB).

Western Canada Transmission & Processing provides transmission of natural gas, natural gas gathering and processing services, and NGL extraction, fractionation, transportation, storage and marketing to customers in western Canada, the northern tier of the United States and the Maritime Provinces in Canada. This segment conducts business mostly through BC Pipeline, BC Field Services, and the NGL marketing and Canadian Midstream businesses, and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Limited Partnership (M&N Canada). BC Pipeline and BC Field Services and M&N Canada operations are primarily subject to the rules and regulations of the NEB.

Field Services gathers, compresses, treats, processes, transports, stores and sells natural gas, produces, fractionates, transports, stores and sells NGLs, recovers and sells condensate, and trades and markets natural gas and NGLs. It conducts operations through DCP Midstream, which is owned 50% by us and 50% by Phillips 66. DCP Midstream gathers raw natural gas through gathering systems connecting to several interstate and intrastate natural gas and NGL pipeline systems, one natural gas storage facility and one NGL storage facility. DCP Midstream operates in a diverse number of regions, including the Permian Basin, Eagle Ford, Niobrara/DJ Basin and the Midcontinent. DCP Midstream Partners, LP (DCP Partners) is a publicly traded master limited partnership, of which DCP Midstream acts as general partner. As of March 31, 2015, DCP Midstream had an approximate 21% ownership interest in DCP Partners, including DCP Midstream's limited partner and general partner interests.

Our reportable segments offer different products and services and are managed separately as business units. Management evaluates segment performance based on earnings from continuing operations before interest, taxes, and depreciation and amortization (EBITDA). Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments are managed at the parent-company levels, so the associated gains and losses from foreign currency transactions and interest and dividend income are excluded from the segments' EBITDA. Our segment EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies because other companies may not calculate EBITDA in the same manner. Transactions between reportable segments are accounted for on the same basis as transactions with unaffiliated third parties.

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Business Segment Data

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

| | Unaffiliated Revenues | Intersegment Revenues | Total Operating Revenues | Depreciation and Amortization | Segment EBITDA/ Consolidated Earnings before Income Taxes |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| (in millions) | | | | | |
| Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 | | | | | |
| Spectra Energy Partners | \$ 606 | \$— | \$ 606 | \$ 74 | \$ 455 |
| Distribution | 662 | — | 662 | 45 | 192 |
| Western Canada Transmission & Processing | 353 | 17 | 370 | 62 | 161 |
| Field Services | — | — | — | — | (17) |
| Total reportable segments | 1,621 | 17 | 1,638 | 181 | 791 |
| Other | 2 | 16 | 18 | 12 | (15) |
| Eliminations | — | (33) | (33) | — | — |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | — | — | — | 193 |
| Interest expense | — | — | — | — | 159 |
| Interest income and other | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Total consolidated | \$ 1,623 | \$— | \$ 1,623 | \$ 193 | \$ 426 |
| Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 | | | | | |
| Spectra Energy Partners | \$ 581 | \$— | \$ 581 | \$ 73 | \$ 429 |
| Distribution | 718 | — | 718 | 49 | 226 |
| Western Canada Transmission & Processing | 541 | 34 | 575 | 67 | 237 |
| Field Services | — | — | — | — | 130 |
| Total reportable segments | 1,840 | 34 | 1,874 | 189 | 1,022 |
| Other | 3 | 15 | 18 | 11 | (17) |
| Eliminations | — | (49) | (49) | — | — |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | — | — | — | 200 |
| Interest expense | — | — | — | — | 178 |
| Interest income and other | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| Total consolidated | \$ 1,843 | \$— | \$ 1,843 | \$ 200 | \$ 631 |

3. Regulatory Matters

Union Gas. In December 2014, Union Gas filed an application with the OEB for the disposition of the 2013 energy conservation deferral and variance account balances. As a result of this application, Union Gas has a receivable from customers of approximately \$8 million and \$9 million at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, which is reflected as Current Assets-Other on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. A written hearing concluded in April 2015, and an OEB decision is expected later this year.

In April 2015, the OEB issued its decision on Union Gas' application for an order approving an interruptible liquefied natural gas (LNG) service. The OEB determined that it would not regulate this service, as it was satisfied that there is LNG competition sufficient to protect the public interest and approved the proposed cross charges between the regulated and unregulated services until an application for new rates in 2019 is filed. At this time, Union Gas does not expect any material financial impact as a result of this decision.

4. Income Taxes

Income tax expense was \$101 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$164 million for the same period in 2014. The lower tax expense was primarily due to lower earnings and the effect of a weaker Canadian dollar. The effective income tax rate was 24% and 26% for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

There was no material net change in unrecognized tax benefits recorded during the three-month period ended March 31, 2015. Although uncertain, we believe it is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits could decrease by approximately \$15 million to \$20 million prior to March 31, 2016.

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5. Earnings per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share (EPS) is computed by dividing net income from controlling interests by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net income from controlling interests by the diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other agreements to issue common stock, such as stock options, stock-based performance unit awards and phantom stock awards, were exercised, settled or converted into common stock.

The following table presents our basic and diluted EPS calculations:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 2014 (in millions, except per-share amounts) | |
|--|---|--------|
| Net income—controlling interests | \$267 | \$419 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding | | |
| Basic | 671 | 670 |
| Diluted | 673 | 672 |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$0.40 | \$0.63 |
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$0.40 | \$0.62 |

6. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The following table presents the net of tax changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI) by component and amounts reclassified out of AOCI to Net Income, excluding amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests:

| | Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments | Pension and Post-retirement Benefit Plan Obligations | Gas Purchase Contract Hedges | Other | Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income |
|----------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------|--|
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| December 31, 2014 | \$ 1,016 | \$ (351) | \$ (3) | \$— | \$ 662 |
| Other AOCI activity | (484) | 6 | 3 | (2) | (477) |
| March 31, 2015 | \$ 532 | \$ (345) | \$— | \$(2) | \$ 185 |
| December 31, 2013 | \$ 1,557 | \$ (304) | \$ (11) | \$(1) | \$ 1,241 |
| Reclassified to net income | — | — | 2 | — | 2 |
| Other AOCI activity | (244) | 7 | 2 | — | (235) |
| March 31, 2014 | \$ 1,313 | \$ (297) | \$ (7) | \$(1) | \$ 1,008 |

Reclassifications to Net Income are primarily included in Other Income and Expenses, Net on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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7. Inventory

Inventory consists of natural gas and NGLs held in storage for transmission and processing, and also includes materials and supplies. Natural gas inventories primarily relate to the Distribution segment in Canada and are valued at costs approved by the OEB. The difference between the approved price and the actual cost of gas purchased is recorded as either a receivable or a current liability, as appropriate, for future disposition with customers, subject to approval by the OEB. The remaining inventory is recorded at the lower of cost or market, primarily using average cost. The components of inventory are as follows:

| | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| Natural gas | \$81 | \$ 211 |
| NGLs | 22 | 28 |
| Materials and supplies | 71 | 74 |
| Total inventory | \$174 | \$ 313 |

8. Investments in and Loans to Unconsolidated Affiliates

Our most significant investment in unconsolidated affiliates is our 50% investment in DCP Midstream, which is accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The following represents summary financial information for DCP Midstream, presented at 100%:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Operating revenues | \$2,043 | \$3,915 |
| Operating expenses | 1,991 | 3,645 |
| Operating income | 52 | 270 |
| Net income (loss) | (6) | 203 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to members' interests | (37) | 165 |

DCP Partners issues, from time to time, limited partner units to the public, which are recorded by DCP Midstream directly to its equity. Our proportionate share of gains from those issuances, totaling \$2 million and \$48 million in the first quarters of 2015 and 2014, respectively, are reflected in Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

9. Marketable Securities and Restricted Funds

We routinely invest excess cash and various restricted balances in securities such as commercial paper, banker's acceptances, corporate debt securities, treasury bills and money market funds in the United States and Canada. We do not purchase marketable securities for speculative purposes; therefore we do not have any securities classified as trading securities. While we do not routinely sell marketable securities prior to their scheduled maturity dates, some of our investments may be held and restricted for insurance purposes, so these investments are classified as available-for-sale (AFS) marketable securities as they may occasionally be sold prior to their scheduled maturity dates due to the unexpected timing of cash needs. Initial investments in securities are classified as purchases of the respective type of securities (AFS marketable securities or held-to-maturity (HTM) marketable securities). Maturities of securities are classified within proceeds from sales and maturities of securities in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

AFS Securities. AFS securities are as follows:

| | Estimated Fair Value | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Corporate debt securities | \$23 | \$23 |
| Money market funds | — | 1 |
| Total available-for-sale securities | \$23 | \$24 |

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Our AFS securities are classified on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as follows:

| | Estimated Fair Value | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Restricted funds | | |
| Investments and other assets—other | \$— | \$1 |
| Non-restricted funds | | |
| Current assets—other | 3 | 3 |
| Investments and other assets—other | 20 | 20 |
| Total available-for-sale securities | \$23 | \$24 |

At March 31, 2015, the weighted-average contractual maturity of outstanding AFS securities was less than two years.

There were no material gross unrealized holding gains or losses associated with investments in AFS securities at March 31, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

HTM Securities. All of our HTM securities are restricted funds and are as follows:

| Description | Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Caption | Estimated Fair Value | |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
| | | (in millions) | |
| Banker's acceptances | Current assets—other | \$49 | \$38 |
| Canadian government securities | Current assets—other | 27 | 30 |
| Money market funds | Current assets—other | 10 | 3 |
| Canadian government securities | Investments and other assets—other | 93 | 101 |
| Total held-to-maturity securities | | \$179 | \$172 |

All of our HTM securities are restricted funds pursuant to certain M&N Canada and Express-Platte debt agreements. The funds restricted for M&N Canada, plus future cash from operations that would otherwise be available for distribution to the partners of M&N Canada, are required to be placed in escrow until the balance in escrow is sufficient to fund all future debt service on the M&N Canada 6.90% senior secured notes. There are sufficient funds held in escrow to fund all future debt service on these M&N Canada notes as of March 31, 2015.

At March 31, 2015, the weighted-average contractual maturity of outstanding HTM securities was less than one year.

There were no material gross unrecognized holding gains or losses associated with investments in HTM securities at March 31, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

Other Restricted Funds. In addition to the portions of the AFS and HTM securities that were restricted funds as described above, we had other restricted funds totaling \$12 million at March 31, 2015 and \$13 million at December 31, 2014 classified as Current Assets—Other. These restricted funds are related to additional amounts for insurance. We also had other restricted funds totaling \$9 million at March 31, 2015 and \$6 million at December 31, 2014 classified as Investments and Other Assets—Other. These restricted funds are related to funds held and collected from customers for Canadian pipeline abandonment in accordance with the NEB's regulatory requirements.

Changes in restricted balances are presented within Cash Flows from Investing Activities on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

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10. Debt and Credit Facilities

Available Credit Facilities and Restrictive Debt Covenants

| | Expiration Date | Total Credit Facilities Capacity (in millions) | Commercial Paper Outstanding at March 31, 2015 | Available Credit Facilities Capacity |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|---|
| Spectra Energy Capital, LLC (a) | 2019 | \$1,000 | \$494 | \$506 |
| SEP (b) | 2019 | 2,000 | 121 | 1,879 |
| Westcoast Energy Inc. (c) | 2019 | 315 | — | 315 |
| Union Gas (d) | 2019 | 394 | — | 394 |
| Total | | \$3,709 | \$615 | \$3,094 |

Revolving credit facility contains a covenant requiring the Spectra Energy Corp consolidated debt-to-total (a) capitalization ratio, as defined in the agreement, to not exceed 65%. Per the terms of the agreement, collateralized debt is excluded from the calculation of the ratio. This ratio was 58% at March 31, 2015.

Revolving credit facility contains a covenant that requires SEP to maintain a ratio of total Consolidated (b) Indebtedness-to-Consolidated EBITDA, as defined in the credit agreement, of 5.0 to 1 or less. As of March 31, 2015, this ratio was 3.8 to 1.

U.S. dollar equivalent at March 31, 2015. The revolving credit facility is 400 million Canadian dollars and (c) contains a covenant that requires the Westcoast Energy Inc. non-consolidated debt-to-total capitalization ratio to not exceed 75%. The ratio was 33% at March 31, 2015.

U.S. dollar equivalent at March 31, 2015. The revolving credit facility is 500 million Canadian dollars and contains (d) a covenant that requires the Union Gas debt-to-total capitalization ratio to not exceed 75% and a provision which requires Union Gas to repay all borrowings under the facility for a period of two days during the second quarter of each year. The ratio was 64% at March 31, 2015.

The issuances of commercial paper, letters of credit and revolving borrowings reduce the amount available under the credit facilities. As of March 31, 2015, there were no letters of credit issued or revolving borrowings outstanding under the credit facilities.

Our credit agreements contain various covenants, including the maintenance of certain financial ratios. Failure to meet those covenants beyond applicable grace periods could result in accelerated due dates and/or termination of the agreements. As of March 31, 2015, we were in compliance with those covenants. In addition, our credit agreements allow for acceleration of payments or termination of the agreements due to nonpayment, or in some cases, due to the acceleration of other significant indebtedness of the borrower or some of its subsidiaries. Our debt and credit agreements do not contain provisions that trigger an acceleration of indebtedness based solely on the occurrence of a material adverse change in our financial condition or results of operations.

Debt Issuances. On March 12, 2015, SEP issued \$500 million of 3.50% unsecured notes due 2025 and \$500 million of 4.50% unsecured notes due 2045. Net proceeds from the offering were used to repay a portion of outstanding commercial paper, to fund capital expenditures and for general corporate purposes.

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11. Fair Value Measurements

The following presents, for each of the fair value hierarchy levels, assets and liabilities that are measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis:

| | | March 31, 2015 | | | |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Description | Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Caption | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| | | (in millions) | | | |
| Corporate debt securities | Cash and cash equivalents | \$191 | \$— | \$191 | \$— |
| Corporate debt securities | Current assets—other | 3 | | 3 | |
| Commodity derivatives | Current assets—other | 43 | — | — | 43 |
| Interest rate swaps | Current assets—other | 2 | — | 2 | — |
| Commodity derivatives | Investments and other assets—other | 6 | — | — | 6 |
| Corporate debt securities | Investments and other assets—other | 20 | — | 20 | — |
| Interest rate swaps | Investments and other assets—other | 35 | — | 35 | — |
| Total Assets | | \$300 | \$— | \$251 | \$49 |
| | | December 31, 2014 | | | |
| Description | Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Caption | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| | | (in millions) | | | |
| Corporate debt securities | Cash and cash equivalents | \$85 | \$— | \$85 | \$— |
| Corporate debt securities | Current assets—other | 3 | — | 3 | — |
| Commodity derivatives | Current assets—other | 57 | — | — | 57 |
| Interest rate swaps | Current assets—other | 2 | — | 2 | — |
| Commodity derivatives | Investments and other assets—other | 21 | — | — | 21 |
| Corporate debt securities | Investments and other assets—other | 20 | — | 20 | — |
| Interest rate swaps | Investments and other assets—other | 22 | — | 22 | — |
| Money market funds | Investments and other assets—other | 1 | 1 | — | — |
| Total Assets | | \$211 | \$1 | \$132 | \$78 |

The following presents changes in Level 3 assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 2014 (in millions) | |
|---|--|--------|
| Derivative assets (liabilities) | | |
| Fair value, beginning of period | \$78 | \$(3) |
| Total gains (losses): | | |
| Included in earnings | 6 | (4) |
| Included in other comprehensive income | (6) | 3 |
| Purchases | 1 | — |
| Settlements | (30) | (1) |
| Fair value, end of period | \$49 | \$(5) |
| Total gains (losses) for the period included in earnings (or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets and liabilities held at the end of the period | \$(16) | \$(3) |

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Level 1

Level 1 valuations represent quoted unadjusted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 Valuation Techniques

Fair values of our financial instruments that are actively traded in the secondary market, including our long-term debt, are determined based on market-based prices. These valuations may include inputs such as quoted market prices of the exact or similar instruments, broker or dealer quotations, or alternative pricing sources that may include models or matrix pricing tools, with reasonable levels of price transparency.

For interest rate swaps, we utilize data obtained from a third-party source for the determination of fair value. Both the future cash flows for the fixed-leg and floating-leg of our swaps are discounted to present value. In addition, credit default swap rates are used to develop the adjustment for credit risk embedded in our positions. We believe that since some of the inputs and assumptions for the calculations of fair value are derived from observable market data, a Level 2 classification is appropriate.

Level 3 Valuation Techniques

Level 3 valuation techniques include the use of pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies or similar techniques where at least one significant model assumption or input is unobservable. Level 3 financial instruments also include those for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

The derivative financial instruments reported in Level 3 at March 31, 2015 consist of NGL revenue swap contracts related to the Empress assets in Western Canada Transmission & Processing. As of March 31, 2015, we reported certain of our NGL basis swaps at fair value using Level 3 inputs due to such derivatives not having observable market prices for substantially the full term of the derivative asset or liability. For valuations that include both observable and unobservable inputs, if the unobservable input is determined to be significant to the overall inputs, the entire valuation is categorized in

Level 3. This includes derivatives valued using indicative price quotations whose contract length extends into unobservable periods.

The fair value of these NGL basis swaps is determined using a discounted cash flow valuation technique based on a forward commodity basis curve. For these derivatives, the primary input to the valuation model is the forward commodity basis curve, which is based on observable or public data sources and extrapolated when observable prices are not available.

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurements of our Level 3 derivatives are the forward NGL basis curves, for which a significant portion of the derivative's term is beyond available forward pricing. At March 31, 2015, a 10¢ per gallon movement in underlying forward NGL prices, primarily propane prices, would affect the estimated fair value of our NGL derivatives by \$15 million. This calculated amount does not take into account any other changes to the fair value measurement calculation.

Financial Instruments

The fair values of financial instruments that are recorded and carried at book value are summarized in the following table. Judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value. These estimates are not necessarily indicative of the amounts we could have realized in current markets.

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| | March 31, 2015 | | December 31, 2014 | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | Book Value (in millions) | Approximate Fair Value | Book Value | Approximate Fair Value |
| Note receivable, noncurrent (a) | \$71 | \$71 | \$71 | \$71 |
| Long-term debt, including current maturities (b) | 13,641 | 15,308 | 13,060 | 14,446 |

(a) Included within Investments in and Loans to Unconsolidated Affiliates.

(b) Excludes capital leases, unamortized items and fair value hedge carrying value adjustments.

The fair value of our long-term debt is determined based on market-based prices as described in the Level 2 valuation technique described above and is classified as Level 2.

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The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, short-term investments, accounts receivable, note receivable-noncurrent, accounts payable and commercial paper are not materially different from their carrying amounts because of the short-term nature of these instruments or because the stated rates approximate market rates.

During the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no material adjustments to assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

12. Risk Management and Hedging Activities

We are exposed to the impact of market fluctuations in the prices of NGLs and natural gas purchased as a result of our investment in DCP Midstream, the ownership of the NGL marketing operations in western Canada and processing operations associated with our U.S. pipeline assets. Exposure to interest rate risk exists as a result of the issuance of variable and fixed-rate debt and commercial paper. We are exposed to foreign currency risk from our Canadian operations. We employ established policies and procedures to manage our risks associated with these market fluctuations, which may include the use of derivatives, mostly around interest rate and commodity exposures.

DCP Midstream manages their direct exposure to market prices separate from Spectra Energy, and utilizes various risk management strategies, including the use of commodity derivatives.

Other than interest rate swaps and commodity derivatives as described below, we did not have significant derivatives outstanding during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Interest Rate Swaps

At March 31, 2015, we had “pay floating—receive fixed” interest rate swaps outstanding with a total notional amount of \$1,199 million to hedge against changes in the fair value of our fixed-rate debt that arise as a result of changes in market interest rates. These swaps also allow us to transform a portion of the underlying interest payments related to our long-term fixed-rate debt securities into variable-rate interest payments in order to achieve our desired mix of fixed and variable-rate debt.

Information about our interest rate swaps that had netting or rights of offset arrangements are as follows:

| Description | March 31, 2015 | | | December 31, 2014 | | |
|-------------|--|---|------------|--|---|------------|
| | Gross Amounts Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions) | Amounts Not Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets | Net Amount | Gross Amounts Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets | Amounts Not Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets | Net Amount |
| Assets | \$37 | \$ — | \$37 | \$24 | \$ — | \$24 |

Commodity Derivatives

At March 31, 2015, we had commodity mark-to-market derivatives outstanding with a total notional amount of 151 million gallons. The longest dated commodity derivative contract we currently have expires in 2017.

Information about our commodity derivatives that had netting or rights of offset arrangements are as follows:

| March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Gross | Gross |

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| Description | Gross Amounts | Amounts Offset | Net Amount Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets | Gross Amounts | Amounts Offset | Net Amount Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|---|
| | (in millions) | | | | | |
| Assets | \$134 | \$85 | \$49 | \$169 | \$91 | \$78 |
| Liabilities | 85 | 85 | — | 91 | 91 | — |

Substantially all of our commodity derivative agreements outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 have provisions that require collateral to be posted in the amount of the net liability position if one of our credit ratings falls below investment grade.

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Information regarding the impacts of commodity derivatives on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations are as follows:

| Derivatives | Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations Caption | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------|
| | | 2015 | 2014 |
| | | (in millions) | |
| Commodity derivatives | Sales of natural gas liquids | \$7 | \$(3) |

13. Commitments and Contingencies

Environmental

We are subject to various U.S. federal, state and local laws and regulations, as well as Canadian federal and provincial laws, regarding air and water quality, hazardous and solid waste disposal and other environmental matters. These laws and regulations can change from time to time, imposing new obligations on us.

Like others in the energy industry, we and our affiliates are responsible for environmental remediation at various contaminated sites. These include some properties that are part of our ongoing operations, sites formerly owned or used by us, and sites owned by third parties. Remediation typically involves management of contaminated soils and may involve groundwater remediation. Managed in conjunction with relevant federal, state/provincial and local agencies, activities vary with site conditions and locations, remedial requirements, complexity and sharing of responsibility. If remediation activities involve statutory joint and several liability provisions, strict liability, or cost recovery or contribution actions, we or our affiliates could potentially be held responsible for contamination caused by other parties. In some instances, we may share liability associated with contamination with other potentially responsible parties, and may also benefit from contractual indemnities that cover some or all cleanup costs. All of these sites generally are managed in the normal course of business or affiliated operations.

Litigation

Litigation and Legal Proceedings. We are involved in legal, tax and regulatory proceedings in various forums arising in the ordinary course of business, including matters regarding contract and payment claims, some of which involve substantial monetary amounts. We have insurance coverage for certain of these losses should they be incurred. We believe that the final disposition of these proceedings will not have a material effect on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

Legal costs related to the defense of loss contingencies are expensed as incurred. We had no material reserves for legal matters recorded as of March 31, 2015 or December 31, 2014 related to litigation.

Other Commitments and Contingencies

See Note 14 for a discussion of guarantees and indemnifications.

14. Guarantees and Indemnifications

We have various financial guarantees and indemnifications which are issued in the normal course of business. As discussed below, these contracts include financial guarantees, stand-by letters of credit, debt guarantees, surety bonds and indemnifications. We enter into these arrangements to facilitate a commercial transaction with a third party by enhancing the value of the transaction to the third party. To varying degrees, these guarantees involve elements of performance and credit risk, which are not included on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The possibility of having to perform under these guarantees and indemnifications is largely dependent upon future operations of various subsidiaries, investees and other third parties, or the occurrence of certain future events.

We have issued performance guarantees to customers and other third parties that guarantee the payment and performance of other parties, including certain non-100%-owned entities. In connection with our spin-off from Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy) in 2007, certain guarantees that were previously issued by us were assigned to, or replaced by, Duke Energy as guarantor in 2006. For any remaining guarantees of other Duke Energy obligations, Duke Energy has indemnified us against any losses incurred under these guarantee arrangements. The maximum potential amount of future payments we could have been required to make under these performance guarantees as of

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March 31, 2015 was approximately \$406 million, which has been indemnified by Duke Energy as discussed above. One of these outstanding performance guarantees, which has a maximum potential amount of future payment of \$201 million, expires in 2028. The remaining guarantees have no contractual expirations.

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We have also issued joint and several guarantees to some of the Duke/Fluor Daniel (D/FD) project owners, guaranteeing the performance of D/FD under its engineering, procurement and construction contracts and other contractual commitments in place at the time of our spin-off from Duke Energy. D/FD is one of the entities transferred to Duke Energy in connection with our spin-off. Substantially all of these guarantees have no contractual expiration and no stated maximum amount of future payments that we could be required to make. Fluor Enterprises Inc., as 50% owner in D/FD, issued similar joint and several guarantees to the same D/FD project owners.

Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast), a 100%-owned subsidiary, has issued performance guarantees to third parties guaranteeing the performance of unconsolidated entities, such as equity method investments, and of entities previously sold by Westcoast to third parties. Those guarantees require Westcoast to make payment to the guaranteed third party upon the failure of such unconsolidated or sold entity to make payment under some of its contractual obligations, such as debt agreements, purchase contracts and leases. Certain guarantees that were previously issued by Westcoast for obligations of entities that remained a part of Duke Energy are considered guarantees of third party performance; however, Duke Energy has indemnified us against any losses incurred under these guarantee arrangements.

We have entered into various indemnification agreements related to purchase and sale agreements and other types of contractual agreements with vendors and other third parties. These agreements typically cover environmental, litigation and other matters, as well as breaches of representations, warranties and covenants. Typically, claims may be made by third parties for various periods of time depending on the nature of the claim. Our potential exposure under these indemnification agreements can range from a specified amount, such as the purchase price, to an unlimited dollar amount, depending on the nature of the claim and the particular transaction. We are unable to estimate the total potential amount of future payments under these indemnification agreements due to several factors, such as the unlimited exposure under certain guarantees.

As of March 31, 2015, the amounts recorded for the guarantees and indemnifications described above are not material, both individually and in the aggregate.

15. Issuances of SEP Units

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, SEP issued 0.8 million common units to the public under its at-the-market program and approximately 16,000 general partner units to Spectra Energy. Total net proceeds to SEP were \$40 million (net proceeds to Spectra Energy were \$39 million). In connection with the issuances of the units, a \$10 million gain (\$6 million net of tax) to Additional Paid-in Capital and a \$29 million increase in Equity-Noncontrolling Interests were recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2015. Spectra Energy's ownership in SEP remained approximately 82% following the issuances.

The following table presents the effects of the issuances of SEP units:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 2014 (in millions) | |
|--|--|-------|
| Net income-controlling interests | \$267 | \$419 |
| Increase in additional paid-in capital resulting from issuances of SEP units | 6 | 10 |
| Total net income-controlling interests and changes in equity-controlling interests | \$273 | \$429 |

16. Employee Benefit Plans

Retirement Plans. We have a qualified non-contributory defined benefit (DB) retirement plan for U.S. employees and non-qualified, non-contributory, unfunded defined benefit plans which cover certain current and former U.S. executives. Our Westcoast subsidiary maintains qualified and non-qualified, contributory and non-contributory, DB and defined contribution (DC) retirement plans covering substantially all employees of our Canadian operations.

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Our policy is to fund our retirement plans, where applicable, on an actuarial basis to provide assets sufficient to meet benefits to be paid to plan participants or as required by legislation or plan terms. We made contributions of \$5 million to our U.S. retirement plans in both of the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. We made total contributions to the Canadian DC and DB plans of \$9 million in the three months ended March 31, 2015 and \$16 million in the same period in 2014. We anticipate that we will make total contributions of approximately \$22 million to the U.S. plans and approximately \$30 million to the Canadian plans in 2015.

Qualified and Non-Qualified Pension Plans—Components of Net Periodic Pension Cost

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 2014 (in millions) | |
|---|---|------|
| U.S. | | |
| Service cost benefit earned | \$5 | \$5 |
| Interest cost on projected benefit obligation | 6 | 6 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (10) | (10) |
| Amortization of loss | 2 | 3 |
| Net periodic pension cost | \$3 | \$4 |
| Canada | | |
| Service cost benefit earned | \$8 | \$7 |
| Interest cost on projected benefit obligation | 11 | 13 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (17) | (17) |
| Amortization of loss | 7 | 6 |
| Net periodic pension cost | \$9 | \$9 |

Other Post-Retirement Benefit Plans. We provide certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees on a contributory and non-contributory basis. Employees are eligible for these benefits if they have met age and service requirements at retirement, as defined in the plans.

Other Post-Retirement Benefit Plans—Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 2014 (in millions) | |
|---|---|-----|
| U.S. | | |
| Interest cost on accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation | \$2 | \$2 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (1) | (1) |
| Net periodic other post-retirement benefit cost | \$1 | \$1 |
| Canada | | |
| Service cost benefit earned | \$1 | \$1 |
| Interest cost on accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation | 1 | 1 |
| Net periodic other post-retirement benefit cost | \$2 | \$2 |
| Retirement/Savings Plan | | |

In addition to the retirement plans described above, we also have defined contribution employee savings plans available to both U.S. and Canadian employees. Employees may participate in a matching contribution where we match a certain percentage of before-tax employee contributions of up to 6% of eligible pay per pay period for U.S. employees and up to 5% of eligible pay per pay period for Canadian employees. We expensed pre-tax employer matching contributions of \$3 million in both of the three month periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 for U.S.

employees and \$3 million in both of the three month periods for Canadian employees.

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17. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

Spectra Energy Corp has agreed to fully and unconditionally guarantee the payment of principal and interest under all series of notes outstanding under the Senior Indenture of Spectra Energy Capital, LLC (Spectra Capital), a 100%-owned, consolidated subsidiary. In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules, the following condensed consolidating financial information is presented. The information shown for Spectra Energy Corp and Spectra Capital is presented utilizing the equity method of accounting for investments in subsidiaries, as required. The non-guarantor subsidiaries column represents all consolidated subsidiaries of Spectra Capital. This information should be read in conjunction with our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto.

Spectra Energy Corp
Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations
(Unaudited)
(In millions)

| | Spectra Energy Corp | Spectra Capital | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 | | | | | |
| Total operating revenues | \$— | \$— | \$ 1,624 | \$(1) | \$1,623 |
| Total operating expenses | 2 | — | 1,081 | (1) | 1,082 |
| Operating income (loss) | (2) | — | 543 | — | 541 |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | 24 | — | 24 |
| Equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries | 263 | 421 | — | (684) | — |
| Other income and expenses, net | (2) | — | 22 | — | 20 |
| Interest expense | — | 61 | 98 | — | 159 |
| Earnings before income taxes | 259 | 360 | 491 | (684) | 426 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | (8) | 97 | 12 | — | 101 |
| Net income | 267 | 263 | 479 | (684) | 325 |
| Net income—noncontrolling interests | — | — | 58 | — | 58 |
| Net income—controlling interests | \$267 | \$263 | \$ 421 | \$(684) | \$267 |
| Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 | | | | | |
| Total operating revenues | \$— | \$— | \$ 1,844 | \$(1) | \$1,843 |
| Total operating expenses | 4 | — | 1,201 | (1) | 1,204 |
| Operating income (loss) | (4) | — | 643 | — | 639 |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | 161 | — | 161 |
| Equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries | 415 | 635 | — | (1,050) | — |
| Other income and expenses, net | (1) | 1 | 9 | — | 9 |
| Interest expense | — | 65 | 113 | — | 178 |
| Earnings before income taxes | 410 | 571 | 700 | (1,050) | 631 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | (9) | 156 | 17 | — | 164 |
| Net income | 419 | 415 | 683 | (1,050) | 467 |
| Net income—noncontrolling interests | — | — | 48 | — | 48 |
| Net income—controlling interests | \$419 | \$415 | \$ 635 | \$(1,050) | \$419 |

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Spectra Energy Corp
Condensed Consolidating Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Unaudited)
(In millions)

| | Spectra Energy Corp | Spectra Capital | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 | | | | | |
| Net income | \$267 | \$263 | \$ 479 | \$(684) | \$325 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | 1 | — | (486) | — | (485) |
| Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 268 | 263 | (7) | (684) | (160) |
| Less: comprehensive income—noncontrolling interests | — | — | 50 | — | 50 |
| Comprehensive income (loss)—controlling interests | \$268 | \$263 | \$(57) | \$(684) | \$(210) |
| Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 | | | | | |
| Net income | \$419 | \$415 | \$ 683 | \$(1,050) | \$467 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | 2 | — | (239) | — | (237) |
| Total comprehensive income, net of tax | 421 | 415 | 444 | (1,050) | 230 |
| Less: comprehensive income—noncontrolling interests | — | — | 44 | — | 44 |
| Comprehensive income—controlling interests | \$421 | \$415 | \$ 400 | \$(1,050) | \$186 |

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Spectra Energy Corp
Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet
March 31, 2015
(Unaudited)
(In millions)

| | Spectra Energy Corp | Spectra Capital | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$— | \$1 | \$ 408 | \$— | \$ 409 |
| Receivables—consolidated subsidiaries | 60 | — | 25 | (85) | — |
| Receivables—other | 2 | 2 | 1,148 | — | 1,152 |
| Other current assets | 11 | 1 | 490 | — | 502 |
| Total current assets | 73 | 4 | 2,071 | (85) | 2,063 |
| Investments in and loans to unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | 2,943 | — | 2,943 |
| Investments in consolidated subsidiaries | 14,393 | 20,590 | — | (34,983) | — |
| Advances receivable—consolidated subsidiaries | — | 4,772 | 1,160 | (5,932) | — |
| Notes receivable—consolidated subsidiaries | — | — | 3,198 | (3,198) | — |
| Goodwill | — | — | 4,595 | — | 4,595 |
| Other assets | 37 | 26 | 256 | — | 319 |
| Net property, plant and equipment | — | — | 21,644 | — | 21,644 |
| Regulatory assets and deferred debits | 2 | 15 | 1,339 | — | 1,356 |
| Total Assets | \$14,505 | \$25,407 | \$37,206 | \$(44,198) | \$32,920 |
| Accounts payable | \$2 | \$1 | \$ 417 | \$— | \$ 420 |
| Accounts payable—consolidated subsidiaries | — | 85 | — | (85) | — |
| Commercial paper | — | 494 | 121 | — | 615 |
| Short-term borrowings—consolidated subsidiaries | — | 398 | — | (398) | — |
| Taxes accrued | 4 | 18 | 103 | — | 125 |
| Current maturities of long-term debt | — | — | 500 | — | 500 |
| Other current liabilities | 58 | 48 | 951 | — | 1,057 |
| Total current liabilities | 64 | 1,044 | 2,092 | (483) | 2,717 |
| Long-term debt | — | 2,906 | 10,272 | — | 13,178 |
| Advances payable—consolidated subsidiaries | 5,932 | — | — | (5,932) | — |
| Notes payable—consolidated subsidiaries | — | 2,800 | — | (2,800) | — |
| Deferred credits and other liabilities | 802 | 4,264 | 1,670 | — | 6,736 |
| Preferred stock of subsidiaries | — | — | 258 | — | 258 |
| Equity | | | | | |
| Controlling interests | 7,707 | 14,393 | 20,590 | (34,983) | 7,707 |
| Noncontrolling interests | — | — | 2,324 | — | 2,324 |
| Total equity | 7,707 | 14,393 | 22,914 | (34,983) | 10,031 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$14,505 | \$25,407 | \$37,206 | \$(44,198) | \$32,920 |

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Spectra Energy Corp
Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet
December 31, 2014
(Unaudited)
(In millions)

| | Spectra Energy Corp | Spectra Capital | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$— | \$1 | \$ 214 | \$— | \$ 215 |
| Receivables—consolidated subsidiaries | 18 | — | 11 | (29) | — |
| Receivables—other | 2 | — | 1,334 | — | 1,336 |
| Other current assets | 71 | 2 | 708 | — | 781 |
| Total current assets | 91 | 3 | 2,267 | (29) | 2,332 |
| Investments in and loans to unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | 2,966 | — | 2,966 |
| Investments in consolidated subsidiaries | 14,531 | 20,562 | — | (35,093) | — |
| Advances receivable—consolidated subsidiaries | — | 4,683 | 898 | (5,581) | — |
| Notes receivable—consolidated subsidiaries | — | — | 3,198 | (3,198) | — |
| Goodwill | — | — | 4,714 | — | 4,714 |
| Other assets | 38 | 22 | 267 | — | 327 |
| Net property, plant and equipment | — | — | 22,307 | — | 22,307 |
| Regulatory assets and deferred debits | 4 | 15 | 1,375 | — | 1,394 |
| Total Assets | \$14,664 | \$25,285 | \$37,992 | \$(43,901) | \$34,040 |
| Accounts payable | \$3 | \$— | \$455 | \$— | \$458 |
| Accounts payable—consolidated subsidiaries | — | 17 | 12 | (29) | — |
| Commercial paper | — | 398 | 1,185 | — | 1,583 |
| Short-term borrowings—consolidated subsidiaries | — | 398 | — | (398) | — |
| Taxes accrued | 5 | — | 86 | — | 91 |
| Current maturities of long-term debt | — | — | 327 | — | 327 |
| Other current liabilities | 96 | 54 | 1,200 | — | 1,350 |
| Total current liabilities | 104 | 867 | 3,265 | (427) | 3,809 |
| Long-term debt | — | 2,900 | 9,869 | — | 12,769 |
| Advances payable—consolidated subsidiaries | 5,581 | — | — | (5,581) | — |
| Notes payable—consolidated subsidiaries | — | 2,800 | — | (2,800) | — |
| Deferred credits and other liabilities | 819 | 4,187 | 1,800 | — | 6,806 |
| Preferred stock of subsidiaries | — | — | 258 | — | 258 |
| Equity | | | | | |
| Controlling interests | 8,160 | 14,531 | 20,562 | (35,093) | 8,160 |
| Noncontrolling interests | — | — | 2,238 | — | 2,238 |
| Total equity | 8,160 | 14,531 | 22,800 | (35,093) | 10,398 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$14,664 | \$25,285 | \$37,992 | \$(43,901) | \$34,040 |

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Spectra Energy Corp
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows
Three Months Ended March 31, 2015
(Unaudited)
(In millions)

| | Spectra Energy Corp | Spectra Capital | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| Net income | \$267 | \$263 | \$479 | \$(684) | \$325 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | — | 196 | — | 196 |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | (24) |) — | (24) |
| Equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries | (263) |) (421) | — | 684 | — |
| Distributions received from unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | 38 | — | 38 |
| Other | 90 | 16 | 125 | — | 231 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 94 | (142) |) 814 | — | 766 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | — | — | (388) |) — | (388) |
| Investments in and loans to unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | (15) |) — | (15) |
| Purchases of held-to-maturity securities | — | — | (145) |) — | (145) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of held-to-maturity securities | — | — | 123 | — | 123 |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities | — | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Distributions received from unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | 18 | — | 18 |
| Advances to affiliates | (135) |) (21) | — | 156 | — |
| Other changes in restricted funds | — | — | 2 | — | 2 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (135) |) (21) |) (404) |) 156 | (404) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt | — | — | 994 | — | 994 |
| Net increase (decrease) in commercial paper | — | 95 | (1,047) |) — | (952) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests | — | — | (44) |) — | (44) |
| Contributions from noncontrolling interests | — | — | 58 | — | 58 |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (250) |) — | — | — | (250) |
| Proceeds from the issuance of SEP common units | — | — | 39 | — | 39 |
| Distributions and advances from (to) affiliates | 290 | 68 | (202) |) (156) |) — |
| Other | 1 | — | (10) |) — | (9) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 41 | 163 | (212) |) (156) |) (164) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | — | — | (4) |) — | (4) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | — | — | 194 | — | 194 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | — | 1 | 214 | — | 215 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$— | \$1 | \$408 | \$— | \$409 |

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Spectra Energy Corp
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows
Three Months Ended March 31, 2014
(Unaudited)
(In millions)

| | Spectra Energy Corp | Spectra Capital | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 419 | \$ 415 | \$ 683 | \$ (1,050) | \$ 467 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | — | 203 | — | 203 |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | (161) | — | (161) |
| Equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries | (415) | (635) | — | 1,050 | — |
| Distributions received from unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | 89 | — | 89 |
| Other | (35) | 146 | (23) | — | 88 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | (31) | (74) | 791 | — | 686 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | — | — | (374) | — | (374) |
| Investments in and loans to unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | (18) | — | (18) |
| Purchases of held-to-maturity securities | — | — | (198) | — | (198) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of held-to-maturity securities | — | — | 167 | — | 167 |
| Purchases of available-for-sale securities | — | — | (13) | — | (13) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities | — | — | 5 | — | 5 |
| Distributions received from unconsolidated affiliates | — | — | 22 | — | 22 |
| Advances from (to) affiliates | 108 | (30) | — | (78) | — |
| Other changes in restricted funds | — | — | 7 | — | 7 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 108 | (30) | (402) | (78) | (402) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt | — | 300 | — | — | 300 |
| Payments for the redemption of long-term debt | — | (148) | (136) | — | (284) |
| Net decrease in commercial paper | — | (55) | (47) | — | (102) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests | — | — | (39) | — | (39) |
| Contributions from noncontrolling interests | — | — | 6 | — | 6 |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (228) | — | — | — | (228) |
| Proceeds from the issuance of SEP common units | — | — | 52 | — | 52 |
| Distributions and advances from (to) affiliates | 146 | (1) | (223) | 78 | — |
| Other | 5 | — | — | — | 5 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (77) | 96 | (387) | 78 | (290) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | — | — | (2) | — | (2) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | — | (8) | — | — | (8) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | — | 12 | 189 | — | 201 |

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| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$— | \$4 | \$ 189 | \$— | \$ 193 |
|--|-----|-----|--------|-----|--------|

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18. New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" which supersedes the revenue recognition requirements of "Revenue Recognition (Topic 605)" and clarifies the principles of recognizing revenue. This ASU is effective for us January 1, 2017. In April 2015, the FASB tentatively decided to defer the effective date of the new revenue standard for one year and to permit entities to early adopt the standard as of the original effective date. We are currently evaluating this ASU and its potential impact on us.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02, "Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis", which makes changes to both the variable interest model and the voting model. These changes will require re-evaluation of certain entities for consolidation and will require us to revise our documentation regarding the consolidation or deconsolidation of such entities. ASU No. 2015-02 is effective for us January 1, 2016. We are currently evaluating this ASU and its potential impact on us.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, "Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs," which requires that debt issuance costs be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the related debt liability, rather than as a deferred charge asset. ASU No. 2015-03 is effective for us January 1, 2016 and is to be applied retrospectively. This ASU is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flow.

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

INTRODUCTION

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Executive Overview

For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we reported net income from controlling interests of \$267 million and \$419 million, respectively.

The highlights for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the same period in 2014 include the following:

Spectra Energy Partners' earnings increased mainly due to expansion projects, primarily at Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) and higher equity earnings from DCP Sand Hills Pipeline, LLC (Sand Hills) as a result of higher volumes.

Distribution's earnings decreased mainly due to the effect of a weaker Canadian dollar and the first quarter 2014 results including regulatory decisions from the OEB that, in aggregate, provided a benefit to the segment.

Western Canada Transmission & Processing's earnings decreased mainly due to lower NGL sales prices at the Empress operations and the effect of a weaker Canadian dollar.

Field Services' earnings decreased mainly due to lower commodity prices and a decrease in gains associated with the issuance of partnership units by DCP Partners. These decreases were partially offset by asset growth, improved operating efficiencies and other cost savings initiatives.

In the first quarter of 2015, we had \$403 million of capital and investment expenditures. We currently project \$3.5 billion of capital and investment expenditures for the full year, including expansion capital expenditures of \$2.8 billion.

We are committed to an investment-grade balance sheet and continued prudent financial management of our capital structure. Therefore, financing these growth activities will continue to be based on our strong and growing fee-based earnings and cash flows as well as the issuances of debt and equity securities. As of March 31, 2015, our revolving credit facilities included Spectra Capital's \$1.0 billion facility, SEP's \$2.0 billion facility, Westcoast's 400 million Canadian dollar facility and Union Gas' 500 million Canadian dollar facility. These facilities are used principally as

back-stops for commercial paper programs.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Operating revenues | \$ 1,623 | \$ 1,843 |
| Operating expenses | 1,082 | 1,204 |
| Operating income | 541 | 639 |
| Other income and expenses | 44 | 170 |
| Interest expense | 159 | 178 |
| Earnings before income taxes | 426 | 631 |
| Income tax expense | 101 | 164 |
| Net income | 325 | 467 |
| Net income—noncontrolling interests | 58 | 48 |
| Net income—controlling interests | \$ 267 | \$ 419 |

Operating Revenues. The \$220 million, or 12%, decrease was driven by: lower NGL prices and sales volumes, lower sales volumes of residual natural gas and non-cash mark-to-market losses, net of an increase from settlement gains associated with the risk management program at the Empress operations at Western Canada Transmission & Processing, and the effects of a weaker Canadian dollar at Distribution and Western Canada Transmission & Processing, partially offset by higher natural gas prices passed through to customers, net of higher utility earnings to be shared with customers in accordance with the incentive regulation framework and the first quarter 2014 results including regulatory decisions from the OEB that, in aggregate, provided a benefit at Distribution, and revenues from expansion projects primarily at Texas Eastern, higher crude oil transportation revenues mainly as a result of higher contracted volumes and increased tariff rates for both Express and Platte pipelines, and an increase in recoveries of electric power and other costs passed through to customers, net of lower processing revenues primarily due to lower prices, lower natural gas transportation revenues from lower firm demand and commodity revenues on Texas Eastern and 2014 tank oil sales on the Platte pipeline at Spectra Energy Partners.

Operating Expenses. The \$122 million, or 10%, decrease was driven by: decreased volumes of natural gas purchases for extraction and make-up and lower costs of sales at the Empress operations and lower costs passed through to customers at M&N Canada, net of higher repair, maintenance and plant turnaround costs at Western Canada Transmission & Processing, and the effects of a weaker Canadian dollar at Distribution and Western Canada Transmission & Processing, partially offset by higher natural gas prices passed through to customers at Distribution, and increased electric power and other costs passed through to customers and a non-cash impairment charge on Ozark Gas Gathering, L.L.C. (Ozark Gas Gathering) at Spectra Energy Partners.

Other Income and Expenses. The \$126 million, or 74%, decrease was attributable to lower equity earnings from Field Services mainly due to decreased commodity prices and lower gains associated with the issuance of partnership units by DCP Partners, net of increased gathering and processing margins as a result of asset growth and improved performance in certain geographic regions. These decreases were partially offset by higher allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC) resulting from higher capital spending and higher equity earnings from Sand Hills as a result of higher volumes at Spectra Energy Partners.

Interest Expense. The \$19 million, or 11%, decrease was mainly due to a weaker Canadian dollar and lower average long-term debt balances.

Income Tax Expense. The \$63 million decrease was primarily due to lower earnings and the effect of a weaker Canadian dollar. The effective tax rate for income from continuing operations was 24% and 26% for the three-month

periods ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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Net Income—Noncontrolling Interests. The \$10 million increase was driven primarily by higher earnings from Spectra Energy Partners.

For a more detailed discussion of earnings drivers, see the segment discussions that follow.

Segment Results

Management evaluates segment performance based on EBITDA. Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments are managed at the parent-company levels, so the gains and losses from foreign currency transactions and interest and dividend income are excluded from the segments' EBITDA. We consider segment EBITDA to be a good indicator of each segment's operating performance from its continuing operations, as it represents the results of our operations without regard to financing methods or capital structures. Our segment EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies because other companies may not calculate EBITDA in the same manner.

Segment EBITDA is summarized in the following table. Detailed discussions follow.

EBITDA by Business Segment

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Spectra Energy Partners | \$455 | \$429 |
| Distribution | 192 | 226 |
| Western Canada Transmission & Processing | 161 | 237 |
| Field Services | (17) |) 130 |
| Total reportable segment EBITDA | 791 | 1,022 |
| Other | (15) |) (17) |
| Total reportable segment and other EBITDA | 776 | 1,005 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 193 | 200 |
| Interest expense | 159 | 178 |
| Interest income and other | 2 | 4 |
| Earnings before income taxes | \$426 | \$631 |

The amounts discussed below include intercompany transactions that are eliminated in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Spectra Energy Partners

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | Increase (Decrease) |
| | (in millions, except where noted) | | |
| Operating revenues | \$606 | \$581 | \$ 25 |
| Operating expenses | | | |
| Operating, maintenance and other | 207 | 185 | 22 |
| Other income and expenses | 56 | 33 | 23 |
| EBITDA | \$455 | \$429 | \$ 26 |
| Express pipeline revenue receipts, MBbl/d (a) | 246 | 225 | 21 |
| Platte PADD II deliveries, MBbl/d | 169 | 166 | 3 |

(a) Thousand barrels per day.

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Operating Revenues. The \$25 million increase was driven by:

- a \$33 million increase due to expansion projects, primarily on Texas Eastern,
- a \$15 million increase in crude oil transportation revenues mainly as a result of higher contracted volumes and increased tariff rates for both of the Express and Platte pipelines, and
- a \$14 million increase in recoveries of electric power and other costs passed through to customers, partially offset by
- an \$11 million decrease in processing revenues primarily due to lower prices,
- a \$10 million decrease in natural gas transportation revenues from lower firm demand and commodity revenues on Texas Eastern,
- a \$6 million decrease due to tank oil sales on the Platte pipeline in 2014,
- a \$4 million decrease in inventory settlement revenues due to timing of inventory changes and lower oil prices on the Express and Platte pipelines, and
- a \$4 million decrease in gas storage revenues due to lower rates.

Operating, Maintenance and Other. The \$22 million increase was driven by:

- a \$14 million increase in electric power and other costs passed through to customers, and
- a \$9 million increase due to an impairment charge on Ozark Gas Gathering.

Other Income and Expenses. The \$23 million increase was primarily due to higher AFUDC resulting from higher capital spending and higher equity earnings from Sand Hills as a result of higher volumes and the dropdown of an additional 24.95% interest in Southeast Supply Header, LLC (SESH).

Distribution

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | Increase (Decrease) |
| | (in millions, except where noted) | | |
| Operating revenues | \$662 | \$718 | \$ (56) |
| Operating expenses | | | |
| Natural gas purchased | 383 | 388 | (5) |
| Operating, maintenance and other | 86 | 103 | (17) |
| Other income and expenses | (1) | (1) | — |
| EBITDA | \$192 | \$226 | \$ (34) |
| Number of customers, thousands | 1,422 | 1,401 | 21 |
| Heating degree days, Fahrenheit | 4,259 | 4,251 | 8 |
| Pipeline throughput, TBtu (a) | 328 | 294 | 34 |
| Canadian dollar exchange rate, average | 1.24 | 1.10 | 0.14 |

(a) Trillion British thermal units.

Operating Revenues. The \$56 million decrease was driven by:

- an \$82 million decrease resulting from a weaker Canadian dollar,
- a \$12 million decrease from higher utility earnings to be shared with customers in accordance with the incentive regulation framework, and
- a \$10 million decrease, net of 2012 earnings sharing, primarily as a result of the first quarter 2014 results including regulatory decisions from the OEB that, in aggregate, provided a benefit, partially offset by
- a \$46 million increase from higher natural gas prices passed through to customers. Prices charged to customers are adjusted quarterly based on the 12 month New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) forecast.

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Natural Gas Purchased. The \$5 million decrease was driven by:

- \$47 million decrease resulting from a weaker Canadian dollar, mostly offset by
- \$46 million increase from higher natural gas prices passed through to customers.

Operating, Maintenance and Other. The \$17 million decrease was driven by a weaker Canadian dollar.

Western Canada Transmission & Processing

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Increase (Decrease) |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | |
| | (in millions, except where noted) | | |
| Operating revenues | \$370 | \$575 | \$ (205) |
| Operating expenses | | | |
| Natural gas and petroleum products purchased | 67 | 174 | (107) |
| Operating, maintenance and other | 147 | 165 | (18) |
| Other income and expenses | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| EBITDA | \$161 | \$237 | \$ (76) |
| Pipeline throughput, TBtu | 256 | 242 | 14 |
| Volumes processed, TBtu | 180 | 177 | 3 |
| Canadian dollar exchange rate, average | 1.24 | 1.10 | 0.14 |

Operating Revenues. The \$205 million decrease was driven by:

- an \$82 million decrease due to lower NGL prices associated with the Empress operations,
- a \$46 million decrease as a result of a weaker Canadian dollar,
- a \$43 million decrease due primarily to lower sales volumes of residual natural gas at the Empress operations,
- a \$41 million decrease in sales volumes of NGLs at the Empress operations,
- a \$22 million decrease arising from non-cash mark-to-market losses associated with the risk management program implemented in 2014 at the Empress operations, and
- a \$9 million decrease in transmission revenues due to lower interruptible transmission revenues and lower tolls charged to customers at M&N Canada, partially offset by
- a \$32 million increase from settlement gains associated with the risk management program at the Empress operations,
- and
- an \$8 million increase in gathering and processing revenues due primarily to higher volumes.

Natural Gas and Petroleum Products Purchased. The \$107 million decrease was driven by:

- a \$76 million decrease due primarily to lower volumes of natural gas purchases for extraction and make-up at the Empress operations,
- a \$24 million decrease primarily as a result of lower costs of sales at the Empress facility,
- and
- an \$8 million decrease as a result of a weaker Canadian dollar.

Operating, Maintenance and Other. The \$18 million decrease was driven by:

- an \$18 million decrease as a result of a weaker Canadian dollar,
- an \$8 million decrease primarily in costs passed through to customers at M&N Canada, and
- a \$3 million decrease in Empress plant fuel costs due primarily to lower prices, partially offset by
- a \$6 million increase in repair and maintenance costs, and
- a \$4 million increase in plant turnaround costs.

Other Income and Expenses. The \$4 million increase was driven primarily by higher earnings from equity investments.

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Field Services

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Increase (Decrease) |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | |
| | (in millions, except where noted) | | |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | \$(17) | \$130 | \$ (147) |
| EBITDA | \$(17) | \$130 | \$ (147) |
| Natural gas gathered and processed/transported, TBtu/d (a,b) | 7.1 | 7.2 | (0.1) |
| NGL production, MBbl/d (a) | 399 | 445 | (46) |
| Average natural gas price per MMBtu (c,d) | \$2.98 | \$4.94 | \$ (1.96) |
| Average NGL price per gallon (e) | \$0.49 | \$1.06 | \$ (0.57) |
| Average crude oil price per barrel (f) | \$48.63 | \$98.68 | \$ (50.05) |

(a) Reflects 100% of volumes.

(b) Trillion British thermal units per day.

(c) Average price based on NYMEX Henry Hub.

(d) Million British thermal units.

(e) Does not reflect results of commodity hedges.

(f) Average price based on NYMEX calendar month.

EBITDA. Lower equity earnings of \$147 million were mainly the result of the following variances, each representing our 50% ownership portion of the earnings drivers at DCP Midstream:

• a \$128 million decrease from commodity-sensitive processing arrangements due to decreased commodity prices, and a \$46 million decrease in gains associated with the issuance of partnership units by DCP Partners in 2015 compared to 2014, partially offset by

• a \$21 million increase in gathering and processing margins as a result of asset growth and improved performance in certain of our geographic regions,

• a \$5 million increase primarily as a result of a gain on sale of assets in 2015 related to the sale of our interest in Dover-Hennessey, and

• a \$5 million increase primarily attributable to lower operating expenses as a result of cost savings initiatives in operations.

Other

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Increase (Decrease) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | |
| | (in millions) | | |
| Operating revenues | \$18 | \$18 | \$ — |
| Operating expenses | | | |
| Operating, maintenance and other | 32 | 38 | (6) |
| Other income and expenses | (1) | 3 | (4) |
| EBITDA | \$(15) | \$(17) | \$ 2 |

EBITDA. The \$2 million increase reflects lower corporate costs, including employee benefit costs.

Table of Contents**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

As of March 31, 2015, we had negative working capital of \$654 million. This balance includes commercial paper liabilities totaling \$615 million and current maturities of long-term debt of \$500 million. We will rely upon cash flows from operations and various financing transactions, which may include debt and/or equity issuances, to fund our liquidity and capital requirements for the next 12 months. SEP is expected to be self-funding through its cash flows from operations, use of its revolving credit facility and its access to capital markets. We receive cash distributions from SEP in accordance with the partnership agreement, which considers our level of ownership and incentive distribution rights.

As of March 31, 2015, our revolving credit facilities included Spectra Capital's \$1.0 billion facility, SEP's \$2.0 billion facility, Westcoast's 400 million Canadian dollar facility and Union Gas' 500 million Canadian dollar facility, with available capacity of \$1,879 million under SEP's credit facility and \$1,215 million under our other subsidiaries' credit facilities. These facilities are used principally as back-stops for commercial paper programs. At Spectra Capital, SEP and Westcoast, we primarily use commercial paper for temporary funding of capital expenditures. At Union Gas, we primarily use commercial paper to support short-term working capital fluctuations. We also utilize commercial paper, other variable-rate debt and interest rate swaps to achieve our desired mix of fixed and variable-rate debt. See Note 10 of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of available credit facilities and Financing Cash Flows and Liquidity for a discussion of effective shelf registrations.

Cash Flow Analysis

The following table summarizes the changes in cash flows for each of the periods presented:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Net cash provided by (used in): | | |
| Operating activities | \$766 | \$686 |
| Investing activities | (404) | (402) |
| Financing activities | (164) | (290) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (4) | (2) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 194 | (8) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 215 | 201 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period | \$409 | \$193 |

Operating Cash Flows

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$80 million to \$766 million in the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the same period in 2014, driven mostly by changes in working capital, partially offset by lower earnings.

Investing Cash Flows

Net cash used in investing activities increased \$2 million to \$404 million in the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. This change was driven by:

- a \$11 million net increase in capital and investment expenditures, and
- a \$4 million decrease in distributions received from unconsolidated affiliates, partially offset by
- a \$9 million decrease of net purchases of held-to-maturity securities, and
- a \$8 million decrease of net purchases of available-for-sale securities.

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| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Capital and Investment Expenditures | (in millions) | |
| Spectra Energy Partners | \$255 | \$199 |
| Distribution | 89 | 44 |
| Western Canada Transmission & Processing | 45 | 140 |
| Total reportable segments | 389 | 383 |
| Other | 14 | 9 |
| Total consolidated | \$403 | \$392 |

Capital and investment expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2015 consisted of \$316 million for expansion projects and \$87 million for maintenance.

We project 2015 capital and investment expenditures of approximately \$3.5 billion, consisting of approximately \$2.5 billion for Spectra Energy Partners, \$0.6 billion for Distribution and \$0.4 billion for Western Canada Transmission & Processing. Total projected 2015 capital and investment expenditures include approximately \$2.8 billion of expansion capital expenditures and \$0.7 billion for maintenance and upgrades of existing plants, pipelines and infrastructure to serve growth.

Financing Cash Flows and Liquidity

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$126 million to \$164 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. This change was driven by:

- \$994 million of net proceeds from the issuances of SEP long-term debt in 2015, and
- a \$52 million increase in contributions from noncontrolling interest, partially offset by
- an \$850 million increase in net repayments of commercial paper.

On March 12, 2015, SEP issued \$500 million of 3.50% unsecured notes due 2025 and \$500 million of 4.50% unsecured notes due 2045. Net proceeds from the offering were used to repay a portion of outstanding commercial paper, to fund capital expenditures and for general corporate purposes.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, SEP issued 0.8 million common units to the public under its at-the-market program and approximately 16,000 general partner units to Spectra Energy. Total net proceeds to SEP were \$40 million (net proceeds to Spectra Energy were \$39 million). The net proceeds were used for SEP's general partnership purposes, which may have included debt repayments, capital expenditures and/or additions to working capital. In 2015 through the date of this report, SEP has issued 0.9 million common units to the public and 19,000 general partner units to Spectra Energy, for total net proceeds to SEP of \$48 million (net proceeds to Spectra Energy were \$47 million).

Available Credit Facilities and Restrictive Debt Covenants. See Note 10 of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of available credit facilities and related financial and other covenants.

The terms of our Spectra Capital credit agreement and term loan require our consolidated debt-to-total-capitalization ratio, as defined in the agreements, to be 65% or lower. Per the terms of the agreements, collateralized debt is excluded from the calculation of the ratio. As of March 31, 2015, this ratio was 58%. Our equity and, as a result, this ratio, is sensitive to significant movements of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar due to the significance of our Canadian operations. Based on the strength of our total capitalization as of March 31, 2015, however, it is not likely that a material adverse effect would occur as a result of a weakened Canadian dollar.

Dividends. Our near-term objective is to increase our cash dividend by \$0.14 per year through 2017. We expect to continue our policy of paying regular cash dividends. The declaration and payment of dividends are subject to the sole discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon many factors, including the financial condition, earnings and capital requirements of our operating subsidiaries, covenants associated with certain debt obligations, legal requirements, regulatory constraints and other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors. We declared a

quarterly cash dividend of \$0.37 per common share on April 28, 2015 payable on June 9, 2015 to shareholders at close of business on May 13, 2015.

Other Financing Matters. Spectra Energy Corp and Spectra Capital have an effective shelf registration statement on file with the SEC to register the issuance of unspecified amounts of various equity and debt securities. SEP has an effective shelf

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registration statement on file with the SEC to register the issuance of unspecified amounts of limited partner common units. SEP also has \$499 million available as of March 31, 2015 for the issuance of limited partner common units under another effective shelf registration statement on file with the SEC related to its continuous offering program. Westcoast and Union Gas have an aggregate 2.5 billion Canadian dollars (approximately \$2.0 billion) available as of March 31, 2015 for the issuance of debt securities in the Canadian market under debt shelf prospectuses.

OTHER ISSUES

New Accounting Pronouncements. See Note 18 of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for discussion.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

Our exposure to market risk is described in Item 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. We believe our exposure to market risk has not changed materially since then.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of March 31, 2015, and, based upon this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these controls and procedures are effective at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated changes in internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2015 and found no change that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

We have no material pending legal proceedings that are required to be disclosed hereunder. For information regarding other legal proceedings, including regulatory and environmental matters, see Notes 3 and 13 of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which information is incorporated by reference into this Part II.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, careful consideration should be given to the factors discussed in Part I, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 which could materially affect our financial condition or future results. There have been no material changes to those risk factors.

Item 6. Exhibits.

Any agreements included as exhibits to this Form 10-Q may contain representations and warranties by each of the parties to the applicable agreement. These representations and warranties have been made solely for the benefit of the other parties to the applicable agreement and:

- were not intended to be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk to one of the parties if those statements prove to be inaccurate;
- may have been qualified by disclosures that were made to the other party in connection with the negotiation of the applicable agreement;
- may apply contract standards of "materiality" that are different from "materiality" under the applicable securities laws; and
- were made only as of the date of the applicable agreement or such other date or dates as may be specified in the agreement.

We acknowledge that, notwithstanding the inclusion of the foregoing cautionary statements, we are responsible for considering whether additional specific disclosures of material information regarding material contractual provisions are required to make the statements in this Form 10-Q not misleading.

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(a) Exhibits

Exhibit
Number

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| *10.1 | Form of Phantom Stock Award Agreement (2015) pursuant to the Spectra Energy Corp 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan. |
| *10.2 | Form of Performance Award Agreement (2015) pursuant to the Spectra Energy Corp 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan. |
| *31.1 | Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| *31.2 | Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| *32.1 | Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| *32.2 | Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| *101.INS | XBRL Instance Document. |
| *101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema. |
| *101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase. |
| *101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase. |
| *101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase. |
| *101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase. |

* Filed herewith.

The total amount of securities of the registrant or its subsidiaries authorized under any instrument with respect to long-term debt not filed as an exhibit does not exceed 10% of the total assets of the registrant and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. The registrant agrees, upon request of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to furnish copies of any or all of such instruments to it.

SIGNATURES

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

SPECTRA ENERGY CORP

Date: May 7, 2015

/s/ Gregory L. Ebel
Gregory L. Ebel
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 7, 2015

/s/ J. Patrick Reddy
J. Patrick Reddy
Chief Financial Officer