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	FORM 10-Q
C QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUA! ACT OF 1934.	NT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
For	r the quarterly period ended June 30, 2014
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUA ACT OF 1934.	ANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
	Commission file number 1-10447
САВОТ (	OIL & GAS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### **DELAWARE**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

04-3072771 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

#### **Three Memorial City Plaza**

840 Gessner Road, Suite 1400, Houston, Texas 77024

(Address of principal executive offices including ZIP code)

(281) 589-4600

(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 and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

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

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

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company o

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

As of July 21, 2014, there were 417,294,125 shares of Common Stock, Par Value \$.10 Per Share, outstanding.

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### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. Financial Statements

### **CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION**

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share amounts)	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 45,610	\$ 23,400
Restricted cash		28,094
Accounts receivable, net	212,100	222,476
Inventories	11,914	17,468
Deferred income taxes	32,947	81,855
Other current assets	3,525	5,606
Total current assets	306,096	378,899
Properties and equipment, net (Successful efforts method)	4,825,524	4,546,227
Equity method investments	49,854	26,892
Other assets	27,448	29,062
	\$ 5,208,922	\$ 4,981,080
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 255,681	\$ 288,801
Accrued liabilities	59,734	73,601
Derivative instruments	38,493	13,912
Income taxes payable	8,239	31,591
Total current liabilities	362,147	407,905
Postretirement benefits	35,212	33,554
Long-term debt	1,193,000	1,147,000
Deferred income taxes	1,101,326	1,067,912
Asset retirement obligation	77,459	73,853
Other liabilities	37,839	46,254
Total liabilities	2,806,983	2,776,478
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders equity		
Common stock:		
Authorized 960,000,000 and 480,000,000 shares of \$0.10 par value in 2014 and 2013,		
respectively		
Issued 422,911,309 and 422,014,681 shares in 2014 and 2013, respectively	42,291	42,201
Additional paid-in capital	723,218	710,940

Retained earnings	1,836,577	1,627,805
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(32,164)	(8,361)
Less treasury stock, at cost:		
5,618,166 shares in 2014 and 2013	(167,983)	(167,983)
Total stockholders equity	2,401,939	2,204,602
	\$ 5,208,922 \$	4,981,080

### **CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION**

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Mont June		ded	
(In thousands, except per share amounts)		2014	,	2013		2014	,	2013	
OPERATING REVENUES									
Natural gas	\$	437,761	\$	368,391	\$	870,571	\$	662,184	
Crude oil and condensate		86,341		70,226		145,485		135,881	
Gain (loss) on derivative instruments		(2,329)				(2,329)			
Brokered natural gas		8,140		8,244		21,293		19,137	
Other		3,274		2,819		7,970		5,763	
		533,187		449,680		1,042,990		822,965	
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Direct operations		35,605		36,978		71,439		68,475	
Transportation and gathering		83,976		52,648		161,741		98,869	
Brokered natural gas		7,031		6,704		18,891		15,093	
Taxes other than income		12,816		11,364		25,860		23,051	
Exploration		4,676		4,529		11,150		8,553	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		157,563		151,389		304,981		300,042	
General and administrative		20,127		21,608		41,763		57,312	
		321,794		285,220		635,825		571,395	
Earnings (loss) on equity method investments		756		290		756		336	
Gain (loss) on sale of assets		(1,496)		276		(2,781)		180	
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS		210,653		165,026		405,140		252,086	
Interest expense		16,334		16,991		32,891		33,292	
Income before income taxes		194,319		148,035		372,249		218,794	
Income tax expense		75,899		58,921		146,798		86,856	
NET INCOME	\$	118,420	\$	89,114	\$	225,451	\$	131,938	
Earnings per share									
Basic	\$	0.28	\$	0.21	\$	0.54	\$	0.32	
Diluted	\$	0.28	\$	0.21	\$	0.54	\$	0.31	
Weighted-average common shares outstanding									
Basic		417,291		420,698		417,097		420,500	
Diluted		419,092		423,490		418,742		422,984	
Dividends per common share	\$	0.02	\$	0.01	\$	0.04	\$	0.02	

#### **CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION**

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Montl June	 d
(In thousands)	2014		2013		2014	2013
Net income	\$ 118,420	\$	89,114	\$	225,451	\$ 131,938
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of						
taxes:						
Reclassification adjustment for settled cash						
flow hedge contracts(1)	13,807		(1,105)		56,372	(10,430)
Changes in fair value of cash flow hedge						
contracts(2)			69,839		(80,175)	32,864
Postretirement benefits:						
Amortization of net loss(3)			124			249
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	13,807		68,858		(23,803)	22,683
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Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 132,227	\$	157,972	\$	201,648	\$ 154,621

<sup>(1)</sup> Net of income taxes of \$(9,149) and \$717 for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and \$(37,359) and \$6,762 for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net of income taxes of \$(45,274) for the three months ended June 30, 2013 and \$53,135 and \$(21,303) for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

<sup>(3)</sup> Net of income taxes of \$(81) and \$(161) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively.

### **CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION**

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,					
(In thousands)		2014		2013		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Net income	\$	225,451	\$	131,938		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:						
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		304,981		300,042		
Deferred income tax expense		118,453		69,662		
(Gain) loss on sale of assets		2,781		(180)		
Exploration expense		2,154		806		
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative instruments		(12,933)				
Amortization of debt issuance costs		2,252		1,842		
Stock-based compensation and other		8,689		27,355		
Changes in assets and liabilities:						
Accounts receivable, net		9,588		(32,551)		
Income taxes		(23,352)		(4,971)		
Inventories		5,554		(4,103)		
Other current assets		15		(2,733)		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(39,084)		9,661		
Other assets and liabilities		753		547		
Stock-based compensation tax benefit		(20,354)		(7,348)		
Net cash provided by operating activities		584,948		489,967		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Capital expenditures		(617,613)		(524,056)		
Proceeds from sale of assets		(755)		906		
Restricted cash		28,094				
Investment in equity method investments		(22,230)		(4,250)		
Net cash used in investing activities		(612,504)		(527,400)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Borrowings from debt		611,000		325,000		
Repayments of debt		(565,000)		(270,000)		
Dividends paid		(16,679)		(8,407)		
Stock-based compensation tax benefit		20,354		7,348		
Other		91		33		
Net cash provided by financing activities		49,766		53,974		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		22,210		16,541		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		23,400		30,736		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	45,610	\$	47,277		

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#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

#### 1. Financial Statement Presentation

During interim periods, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (the Company) follows the same accounting policies disclosed in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (Form 10-K) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements and information presented in the Form 10-K. In management s opinion, the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements contain all material adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement. The results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the expected results for the entire year.

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year statements to conform with the current year presentation. These reclassifications have no impact on previously reported net income.

With respect to the unaudited financial information of the Company as of June 30, 2014 and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate report dated July 25, 2014 appearing herein states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that unaudited financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their report on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 for their report on the unaudited financial information because that report is not a report or a part of a registration statement prepared or certified by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-08, Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity. The guidance applies prospectively to new disposals and new classifications of disposal groups as held for sale after the effective date. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014. The Company does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, issued as a new Topic, Accounting Standards Codification Topic 606. The new revenue recognition standard provides a five-step analysis of transactions to determine when and how revenue is recognized. The core principle of the guidance is that a company should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This ASU is effective beginning in fiscal year 2017 and can be adopted either retrospectively or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of

adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that adopting this guidance will have on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

### 2. Properties and Equipment, Net

Properties and equipment, net are comprised of the following:

(In thousands)	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Proved oil and gas properties	\$ 6,954,493	\$ 6,362,570
Unproved oil and gas properties	352,182	375,428
Gathering and pipeline systems	240,201	239,958
Land, buildings and other equipment	101,026	94,243
	7,647,902	7,072,199
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(2,822,378)	(2,525,972)
	\$ 4,825,524	\$ 4,546,227

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At June 30, 2014, the Company did not have any projects that had exploratory well costs that were capitalized for a period of greater than one year after drilling.

#### 3. Equity Method Investments

For further information regarding the Company s equity method investments, refer to Note 4 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K.

#### Meade Pipeline Co LLC

In February 2014, the Company acquired a 20% equity interest in Meade Pipeline Co LLC (Meade). Meade was formed to participate in the development and construction of a 177-mile pipeline (Central Penn Line) that will transport natural gas from Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania to an interconnect with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC s (Transco) mainline in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The new pipeline will be constructed and operated by Transco and will be owned by Transco and Meade in proportion to their respective ownership percentages of approximately 61% and 39%, respectively. Under the terms of the Meade LLC agreement, the Company agreed to invest its proportionate share of Meade s anticipated costs associated with the new pipeline of \$149 million, which is expected to occur over the next three to four years. The expected in-service date for the new pipeline is scheduled for the second half of 2017. During 2014, the Company made contributions of approximately \$1.2 million to Meade.

#### 4. Debt and Credit Agreements

The Company s debt and credit agreements consisted of the following:

(In thousands)	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Long-Term Debt		
7.33% weighted-average fixed rate notes	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
6.51% weighted-average fixed rate notes	425,000	425,000
9.78% notes	67,000	67,000
5.58% weighted-average fixed rate notes	175,000	175,000
Revolving Credit facility	506,000	460,000
	\$ 1,193,000	\$ 1,147,000

Effective April 15, 2014, the lenders under the Company s revolving credit facility approved an increase in the Company s borrowing base from \$2.3 billion to \$3.1 billion as part of the annual redetermination under the terms of the revolving credit facility agreement. The commitments under the revolving credit facility remain unchanged at \$1.4 billion. At June 30, 2014, the Company had \$506.0 million of borrowings outstanding under its revolving credit facility at a weighted-average interest rate of 1.9% and \$893.0 million available for future borrowings.

The Company was in compliance with all restrictive financial covenants for both the revolving credit facility and fixed rate notes as of June 30, 2014.

#### 5. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company periodically enters into commodity derivatives to manage its exposure to price fluctuations on natural gas and crude oil production. The Company s credit agreement restricts the ability of the Company to enter into commodity derivatives other than to hedge or mitigate risks to which the Company has actual or projected exposure or as permitted under the Company s risk management policies and where such derivatives do not subject the Company to material speculative risks. All of the Company s derivatives are used for risk management purposes and are not held for trading purposes.

Effective April 1, 2014, the Company elected to discontinue hedge accounting for its commodity derivatives on a prospective basis. Through March 31, 2014, the Company elected to designate its commodity derivatives as cash flow hedges for accounting purposes. Accordingly, the change in the fair value of derivatives designated as hedges that are effective is recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders—equity in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. The ineffective portion of the change in the fair value of derivatives designated as hedges and the change in fair value of realized cash settlements of derivatives not designated as hedges are recorded as a component of operating revenues in gain (loss) on derivative instruments in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

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As a result of discontinuing hedge accounting, the unrealized loss included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) as of April 1, 2014 of \$73.4 million (\$44.2 million net of tax) was frozen and will be reclassified into natural gas and crude oil revenues in the Statement of Operations in future periods as the underlying hedge transactions occur. As of June 30, 2014, the Company expects to reclassify \$30.4 million in after-tax losses associated with its commodity derivatives from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to natural gas and crude oil revenues in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations over the next six months.

As of June 30, 2014, the Company had the following outstanding commodity derivatives:

				Collars						
				Floor Ceilin						
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Type of Contract	Vol	ume	Contract Period	Range	Weight	ted-Average	Range	Weighte	d-AverageA	verage
Natural gas	169.8	Bcf	Jul. 2014 - Dec. 2014	\$3.60-\$4.37	\$	4.13	\$4.22-\$4.80	\$	4.51	
Natural gas	53.6	Bcf	Jul. 2014 - Dec. 2014						\$	4.05
Crude oil	368.0	Mbbl	Jul. 2014 - Dec. 2014						\$	97.00

Natural gas prices are stated per Mcf and crude oil prices are stated per barrel.

### Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

	Fair Values of Derivative Instruments							
		Derivati	ve Asset	s		Derivative	Liabili	ties
		June 30,	Dec	ember 31,		June 30,	De	cember 31,
Balance Sheet Location		2014		2013		2014		2013
Other current assets	\$		\$	3,019	\$		\$	
Derivative instruments								
(current liabilites)								13,912
Other current assets		954						
Derivative instruments								
(current liabilites)						38,493		
	\$	954	\$	3,019	\$	38,493	\$	13,912
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#### Offsetting of Derivative Assets and Liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(In thousands)	June 30, 2014	D	December 31, 2013
Derivative Assets			
Gross amounts of recognized assets	\$ 13,312	\$	13,792
Gross amounts offset in the statement of financial position	(12,358)		(10,773)

Net amounts of assets presented in the statement of financial position	954	3,019
Gross amounts of financial instruments not offset in the statement of financial position		373
Net amount	\$ 954 \$	3,392
Derivative Liabilities		
Gross amounts of recognized liabilities	\$ 50,851 \$	24,685
Gross amounts offset in the statement of financial position	(12,358)	(10,773)
Net amounts of liabilities presented in the statement of financial position	38,493	13,912
Gross amounts of financial instruments not offset in the statement of financial position	490	
Net amount	\$ 38,983 \$	13,912

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#### Effect of Derivative Instruments on Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The amount of gain (loss) recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on derivatives (effective portion) is as follows:

	Three	Months En	ded	Six Months Ended				
		June 30,		June 30,				
(In thousands)	2014		2013	2014		2013		
Commodity contracts	\$	\$	115,113	\$ (133,310)	\$	54,167		

The amount of gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into income (effective portion) is as follows:

		Three Mon June	ed	Six Months Ended June 30,			
(In thousands)	2	2014 (1)	2013	2014	<b>(1</b> )		2013
Natural gas revenues	\$	(22,320)	\$ (272)	\$	(92,877)	\$	13,056
Crude oil and condensate revenues		(636)	2,094		(854)		4,136
	\$	(22,956)	\$ 1,822	\$	(93,731)	\$	17,192

<sup>(1)</sup> The Company ceased hedge accounting effective April 1, 2014. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, approximately \$23.0 million related to amounts previously frozen in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) were reclassified into income.

#### Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations

The amount of gain (loss) recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations on derivative instruments is as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,			
(In thousands)	2014		2013			2014		2013	
<b>Derivatives Designated as Hedges</b>									
Realized									
Natural gas	\$		\$	(272)	\$	(70,557)	\$	13,056	
Crude oil and condensate				2,094		(218)		4,136	
	\$		\$	1,822	\$	(70,775)	\$	17,192	
<b>Derivatives Not Designated as</b>									
Hedges									
Realized									
Natural gas	\$	(22,320)	\$		\$	(22,320)	\$		
Crude oil and condensate		(636)				(636)			
Gain (loss) on derivative									
instruments		(15,262)				(15,262)			

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Unrealized				
Gain (loss) on derivative				
instruments	12,933		12,933	
	\$ (25,285)	\$ \$	(25,285)	\$
	\$ (25,285)	\$ 1,822 \$	(96,060)	\$ 17,192

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, there was no ineffectiveness recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations related to derivative instruments designated as hedges.

#### Additional Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The use of derivative instruments involves the risk that the counterparties will be unable to meet their obligations under the agreements. The Company enters into derivative contracts with multiple counterparties in order to limit its exposure to individual counterparties. The Company also has netting arrangements with each of its counterparties that allow it to offset assets and liabilities from separate derivative contracts with that counterparty.

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Certain counterparties to the Company s derivative instruments are also lenders under its revolving credit facility. The Company s revolving credit facility and derivative instruments contain certain cross default and acceleration provisions that may require immediate payment of its derivative liabilities in certain situations.

#### 6. Fair Value Measurements

The Company follows the authoritative guidance for measuring fair value of assets and liabilities in its financial statements. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). This guidance also established a formal fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 measurements and the lowest priority to Level 3 measurements. The Company has classified its assets and liabilities into these levels depending upon the data relied on to determine the fair values. For further information regarding the fair value hierarchy, refer to Note 7 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K.

#### Non-Financial Assets and Liabilities

The Company discloses or recognizes its non-financial assets and liabilities, such as impairments of oil and gas properties and other assets, at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. As none of the Company s non-financial assets and liabilities were impaired as of June 30, 2014 and 2013 and no other assets or liabilities were required to be recognized at fair value on a non-recurring basis, additional disclosures were not provided.

The estimated fair value of the Company s asset retirement obligation at inception is determined by utilizing the income approach by applying a credit-adjusted risk-free rate, which takes into account the Company s credit risk, the time value of money, and the current economic state, to the undiscounted expected abandonment cash flows. Given the unobservable nature of the inputs, the measurement of the asset retirement obligation was classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

#### Financial Assets and Liabilities

The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Company s financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

(In thousands)	Activ Ide	ted Prices in e Markets for ntical Assets (Level 1)	-	gnificant Other servable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobse	gnificant ervable Inputs Level 3)	June 30, 2014
Assets							
Deferred compensation plan	\$	13,152	\$		\$		\$ 13,152
Derivative contracts						13,312	13,312
Total assets	\$	13,152	\$		\$	13,312	\$ 26,464

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Liabilities				
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 31,388 \$	\$	\$	31,388
Derivative contracts		10,624	40,227	50,851
Total liabilities	\$ 31,388 \$	10,624 \$	40,227 \$	82,239

(In thousands)	Active Iden	ted Prices in Markets for tical Assets Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	December 31, 2013		
Assets							
Deferred compensation plan	\$	12,507	\$	\$	\$ 12,507		
Derivative contracts				13,792	13,792		
Total assets	\$	12,507	\$	\$ 13,792	\$ 26,299		
Liabilities							
Deferred compensation plan	\$	33,211	\$	\$	\$ 33,211		
Derivative contracts			6,983	17,702	24,685		
Total liabilities	\$	33,211	\$ 6,983	\$ 17,702	\$ 57,896		

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The Company s investments associated with its deferred compensation plan consist of mutual funds and deferred shares of the Company s common stock that are publicly traded and for which market prices are readily available.

The derivative instruments were measured based on quotes from the Company s counterparties. Such quotes have been derived using an income approach that considers various inputs including current market and contractual prices for the underlying instruments, quoted forward prices for natural gas and crude oil, basis differentials, volatility factors and interest rates, such as a LIBOR curve for a similar length of time as the derivative contract term as applicable. Estimates are verified using relevant NYMEX futures contracts and/or are compared to multiple quotes obtained from counterparties for reasonableness. The determination of the fair values presented above also incorporates a credit adjustment for non-performance risk. The Company measured the non-performance risk of its counterparties by reviewing credit default swap spreads for the various financial institutions with which it has derivative transactions, while non-performance risk of the Company is evaluated using a market credit spread provided by the Company s bank.

The most significant unobservable inputs relative to the Company s Level 3 derivative contracts are basis differentials and volatility factors. An increase (decrease) in these unobservable inputs would result in an increase (decrease) in fair value, respectively. The Company does not have access to the specific assumptions used in its counterparties valuation models. Consequently, additional disclosures regarding significant Level 3 unobservable inputs were not provided.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of net financial assets (liabilities) classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

	Six Months Ended June 30,						
(In thousands)		2014	2013				
Balance at beginning of period	\$	(3,910)	\$	41,159			
Total gains (losses) (realized or unrealized):							
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings		(77,935)		13,056			
Included in other comprehensive income		(38,412)		42,719			
Settlements		93,342		(13,056)			
Transfers in and/or out of level 3							
Balance at end of period	\$	(26,915)	\$	83,878			
Change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to assets and liabilities still held at							
the end of the period	\$	15,407	\$				

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 measurements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

#### Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments

The estimated fair value of financial instruments is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged currently between willing parties. The carrying amounts reported in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

The Company uses available market data and valuation methodologies to estimate the fair value of debt. The fair value of long-term debt is the estimated amount the Company would have to pay a third party to assume the debt, including a credit spread for the difference between the issue rate and the period end market rate. The credit spread is the Company s default or repayment risk. The credit spread (premium or discount) is determined by comparing the Company s fixed-rate notes and revolving credit facility to new issuances (secured and unsecured) and secondary trades of similar size and credit statistics for both public and private debt. The fair value of all fixed-rate notes and the revolving credit facility is based on interest rates currently available to the Company. The Company s long-term debt is valued using an income approach and classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy due to the unobservable nature of the inputs.

The carrying amounts and fair values of long-term debt are as follows:

		June 3	0, 2014			13			
	(	Carrying	rrying Estimat		timated Fair		<b>Estimated Fair</b>		
(In thousands)		Amount		Value		Amount		Value	
Long-term debt	\$	1.193,000	\$	1,297,569	\$	1.147.000	\$	1.224.273	

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#### 7. Asset Retirement Obligation

Activity related to the Company s asset retirement obligation is as follows:

(In thousands)	·-	x Months Ended June 30, 2014
Balance at beginning of period	\$	75,853
Liabilities incurred		2,517
Liabilities settled		(36)
Liabilities divested		(899)
Accretion expense		2,024
Balance at end of period	\$	79,459

As of both June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, approximately \$2.0 million is included in accrued liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, which represents the current portion of the Company s asset retirement obligation.

#### 8. Commitments and Contingencies

#### **Contractual Obligations**

The Company has various contractual obligations in the normal course of its operations. Except for certain new and amended transportation agreements described below, there have been no material changes to the Company s contractual obligations described under Transportation and Gathering Agreements, Drilling Rig Commitments and Lease Commitments as disclosed in Note 9 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Form 10-K.

Transportation and Gathering Agreements

During the first six months of 2014, the Company entered into or amended certain natural gas transportation agreements associated with the Company s production in Pennsylvania. These agreements increased the Company s future aggregate obligations under its transportation commitments by approximately \$184.3 million over the next 10 years compared to those amounts disclosed in Note 9 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Form 10-K.

### Legal Matters

The Company is a defendant in various legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business. All known liabilities are accrued when management determines they are probable based on its best estimate of the potential loss. While the outcome and impact of these legal proceedings on the Company cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the resolution of these proceedings will not have a material effect on the Company s financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Contingency Reserves

When deemed necessary, the Company establishes reserves for certain legal proceedings. The establishment of a reserve is based on an estimation process that includes the advice of legal counsel and subjective judgment of management. While management believes these reserves to be adequate, it is reasonably possible that the Company could incur additional losses with respect to those matters in which reserves have been established. The Company believes that any such amount above the amounts accrued is not material to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Future changes in facts and circumstances not currently foreseeable could result in the actual liability exceeding the estimated ranges of loss and amounts accrued.

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#### 9. Postretirement Benefits

The components of net periodic benefit costs, included in general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations, were as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,			
(In thousands)	2014		2013		2014		2013		
Service cost	\$ 456	\$	415	\$	912	\$	830		
Interest cost	407		395		814		790		
Amortization of net loss			205				410		
	\$ 863	\$	1,015	\$	1,726	\$	2,030		

The guidance for retirement benefits provides that the net actuarial loss is not amortized if it is less than 10% of the postretirement obligation. Accordingly, the Company does not expect to amortize its net actuarial loss from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) during 2014.

#### 10. Stock-based Compensation

#### General

Stock-based compensation expense during the first six months of 2014 and 2013 was \$9.4 million and \$28.7 million, respectively, and is included in general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. Stock-based compensation expense in the second quarter of 2014 and 2013 was \$6.3 million and \$10.0 million, respectively.

During the first six months of 2014 and 2013, the Company realized a \$20.4 million and \$7.3 million tax benefit, respectively, related to the federal tax deduction in excess of book compensation cost for employee stock-based compensation. The Company is able to recognize this tax benefit only to the extent it reduces the Company s income taxes payable.

#### Restricted Stock Awards

During the first six months of 2014, 46,000 restricted stock awards were granted to employees with a weighted-average grant date per share value of \$34.96. The fair value of restricted stock grants is based on the average of the high and low stock price on the grant date. The Company used an annual forfeiture rate assumption of 5.0% for purposes of recognizing stock-based compensation expense for restricted stock awards.

#### Restricted Stock Units

During the first six months of 2014, 34,071 restricted stock units were granted to non-employee directors of the Company with a weighted-average grant date per unit value of \$38.97. The fair value of these units is measured based on the average of the high and low stock price on grant date and compensation expense is recorded immediately. These units immediately vest and are issued when the director ceases to be a director of the Company.

#### Performance Share Awards

The performance period for the awards granted in 2014 commenced on January 1, 2014 and ends on December 31, 2016. The Company used an annual forfeiture rate assumption ranging from 0% to 5% for purposes of recognizing stock-based compensation expense for its performance share awards. Refer to Note 13 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K for further description of the various types of performance share awards and the applicable award terms.

Performance Share Awards Based on Internal Performance Metrics

The fair value of performance award grants based on internal performance metrics is based on the average of the high and low stock price on the grant date and represents the right to receive up to 100% of the award in shares of common stock.

Employee Performance Share Awards. During the first six months of 2014, 241,130 Employee Performance Share Awards were granted at a grant date per share value of \$39.43. The performance metrics are set by the Company s Compensation Committee and are based on the Company s average production, average finding costs and average reserve replacement over a three-year performance period. Based on the Company s probability assessment at June 30, 2014, it is considered probable that the criteria for the performance awards based on performance conditions will be met.

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Hybrid Performance Share Awards. During the first six months of 2014, 123,257 Hybrid Performance Share Awards were granted at a grant date per share value of \$39.43, which is based on the average of the high and low stock price on the grant date. The 2014 awards vest 25% on each of the first and second anniversary dates and 50% on the third anniversary, provided that the Company has \$100 million or more of operating cash flow for the year preceding the vesting date, as set by the Company's Compensation Committee. If the Company does not meet the performance metric for the applicable period, then the portion of the performance shares that would have been issued on that anniversary date will be forfeited. Based on the Company's probability assessment at June 30, 2014, it is considered probable that the criteria for the performance awards based on performance conditions will be met.

Performance Share Awards Based on Market Conditions

These awards have both an equity and liability component, with the right to receive up to the first 100% of the award in shares of common stock and the right to receive up to an additional 100% of the value of the award in excess of the equity component in cash. The equity portion of these awards is valued on the grant date and is not marked to market, while the liability portion of the awards is valued as of the end of each reporting period on a mark-to-market basis. The Company calculates the fair value of the equity and liability portions of the awards using a Monte Carlo simulation model.

TSR Performance Share Awards. During the first six months of 2014, 184,885 TSR Performance Share Awards were granted and are earned, or not earned, based on the comparative performance of the Company s common stock measured against fourteen other companies in the Company s peer group over a three-year performance period.

The following assumptions were used to determine the grant date fair value of the equity component (February 20, 2014) and the period-end fair value of the liability component of the TSR Performance Share Awards:

	Gra	nt Date	June 30, 2014
Fair value per performance share award	\$	32.04	\$5.94 - \$21.77
Assumptions:			
Stock price volatility		41.3%	29.7% - 102.7%
Risk free rate of return		0.7%	0.1% - 0.7%
Expected dividend yield		0.2%	0.2%

### Supplemental Employee Incentive Plan

The Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$1.6 million and \$1.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and \$3.1 million and \$5.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, related to the Supplemental Employee Incentive Plan (the Plan), which is included in general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. Refer to Note 13 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K for additional information on the provisions of the Plan.

The following assumptions were used determine the period-end fair value of the Supplemental Employee Incentive Plan IV liability using a Monte Carlo model:

June 30, 2014
36.0%
1.0%
4.0%
4.6%

### 11. Earnings per Common Share

Basic EPS is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is similarly calculated except that the common shares outstanding for the period is increased using the treasury stock method to reflect the potential dilution that could occur if outstanding stock appreciation rights were exercised and stock awards were vested at the end of the applicable period.

	Three Month June 3		Six Month June	
(In thousands)	2014	2013	2014	2013
Weighted-average shares - basic	417,291	420,698	417,097	420,500
Dilution effect of stock appreciation rights and stock				
awards at end of period	1,801	2,792	1,645	2,484
Weighted-average shares - diluted	419,092	423,490	418,742	422,984
Weighted-average stock awards and shares excluded				
from diluted earnings per share due to the anti-dilutive				
effect	2	2	409	574

#### 12. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) by component, net of tax, were as follows:

(In thousands)	Net Gain (Loss) on Cash Flow Hedges	]	Postretirement Benefits	Total
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ (6,551)	\$	(1,810)	\$ (8,361)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	(80,175)			(80,175)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	56,372			56,372
Net current-period other comprehensive income	(23,803)			(23,803)
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$ (30,354)	\$	(1,810)	\$ (32,164)

Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations were as follows:

	Three Mont	nded	Six Montl June	led	Affected Line Item in the Condensed
(In thousands)	2014	2013	2014	2013	<b>Consolidated Statement of Operations</b>
Net gain (loss) on cash flow					
hedges					
Commodity contracts	\$ (22,320)	\$ (272) \$	(92,877)	\$ 13,056	Natural gas revenues
Commodity contracts	(636)	2,094	(854)	4,136	Crude oil and condensate revenues

Postretirement benefits				
Amortization of net loss		(205)		(410) General and administrative expense
	(22,956)	1,617	(93,731)	16,782 Total before tax
	9,149	(636)	37,359	(6,601) Tax benefit (expense)
Total reclassifications for the				
period	\$ (13,807)	\$ 981 \$	(56,372)	\$ 10,181 Net of tax

### 13. ADDITIONAL BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

Certain balance sheet amounts are comprised of the following:

(In thousands)		June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Accounts receivable, net			
Trade accounts	\$	211,559	\$ 215,361
Joint interest billing		1,886	7,261
Income taxes receivable			922
Other accounts		208	746
		213,653	224,290
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(1,553)	(1,814)
	\$	212,100	\$ 222,476
Inventories			
Natural gas in storage	\$	2,810	\$ 9,056
Tubular goods and well equipment		8,889	8,396
Other accounts		215	16
	\$	11,914	\$ 17,468
Other current assets			
Prepaid balances and other		2,571	2,587
Derivative instruments		954	3,019
	\$	3,525	\$ 5,606
Other assets			
Deferred compensation plan	\$	13,152	\$ 12,507
Debt issuance cost		14,225	16,476
Other accounts		71	79
	\$	27,448	\$ 29,062
Accounts payable			
Trade accounts	\$	43,789	\$ 26,023
Natural gas purchases		3,424	2,052
Royalty and other owners		79,274	79,150
Accrued capital costs		114,283	146,899
Taxes other than income		9,586	13,677
Drilling advances		107	14,093
Producer gas imbalances		69	69
Other accounts	_	5,149	6,838
	\$	255,681	\$ 288,801
Accrued liabilities		• (00	42.500
Employee benefits	\$	26,699	\$ 43,599
Taxes other than income		10,013	6,894
Interest payable		20,049	20,211
Other accounts	Φ.	2,973	2,897
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Other liabilities	Φ.	21.202	Ф 22.211
Deferred compensation plan	\$	31,388	\$ 33,211
Other accounts	Ф	6,451	13,043
	\$	37,839	\$ 46,254

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14. CAPITAL STOCK
Incentive Plans
On May 1, 2014, the Company s shareholders approved the 2014 Incentive Plan, which replaced the 2004 Incentive Plan that expired on April 29, 2014. Under the 2014 Incentive Plan, incentive and non-statutory stock options, stock appreciation rights (SARs), stock awards, cash awards and performance awards may be granted to key employees, consultants and officers of the Company. Non-employee directors of the Company may be granted discretionary awards under the 2014 Incentive Plan consisting of stock options or stock awards. A total of 18 million shares of common stock may be issued under the 2014 Incentive Plan. Under the 2014 Incentive Plan, no more than 10 million shares may be issued pursuant to incentive stock options. No additional awards may be granted under the 2014 Incentive Plan on or after May 1, 2024.
No additional awards will be granted under any of the Company s prior plans, including the 2004 Incentive Plan. Awards outstanding under the 2004 Incentive Plan will remain outstanding in accordance with their original terms and conditions.
Increase in Authorized Shares
In May 2014, the Company s shareholders approved an increase in the authorized number of shares of common stock from 480 million to 960 million shares.
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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation:
We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation and its subsidiaries (the Company ) as of June 30, 2014, and the related condensed consolidated statements of operations and of comprehensive income for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 and the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Company s management.
We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.
Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
We previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, stockholders—equity and of cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein), and in our report dated February 28, 2014, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet information as of December 31, 2013, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.
/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Houston, Texas

July 25, 2014

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#### ITEM 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following review of operations for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes included in this Form 10-Q and with the Consolidated Financial Statements, Notes and Management s Discussion and Analysis included in the Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (Form 10-K).

#### Overview

On an equivalent basis, our production for the six months ended June 30, 2014 increased by 34% compared to the six months ended June 30, 2013. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, we produced 247.5 Bcfe, or 1,367.3 Mmcfe per day, compared to 184.5 Bcfe, or 1,019.6 Mmcfe per day, for the six months ended June 30, 2013. Natural gas production increased by 61.8 Bcf, or 35%, to 237.6 Bcf for the first six months of 2014 compared to 175.8 Bcf for the first six months of 2013. This increase was primarily the result of higher production in the Marcellus Shale associated with our drilling program. Partially offsetting the production increase in the Marcellus Shale were decreases in production in west Texas and Oklahoma due to certain non-core asset dispositions in the fourth quarter of 2013 and normal production declines in Texas and West Virginia. Crude oil/condensate/NGL production increased by 193 Mbbls, or 13%, to 1,647 Mbbls in the first six months of 2014 from 1,454 Mbbls in the first six months of 2013. This increase was due to higher production resulting from our oil-focused drilling program in south Texas, partially offset by lower production associated with certain non-core asset dispositions in Oklahoma in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Our financial results depend on many factors, particularly the price of natural gas and crude oil and our ability to market our production on economically attractive terms. Our average realized natural gas price for the first six months of 2014 was \$3.60 per Mcf, 5% lower than the \$3.77 per Mcf price realized in the first six months of 2013. Our average realized crude oil price for the first six months of 2014 was \$98.39 per Bbl, 4% lower than the \$102.65 per Bbl price realized in the first six months of 2013. These realized prices include realized gains and losses resulting from commodity derivatives. For information about the impact of these derivatives on realized prices, refer to Results of Operations below.

Commodity prices are determined by many factors that are outside of our control. Historically, commodity prices have been volatile, and we expect them to remain volatile. Commodity prices are affected by changes in market supply and demand, which are impacted by overall economic activity, weather, pipeline capacity constraints, inventory storage levels, basis differentials and other factors. As a result, we cannot accurately predict future natural gas, crude oil and NGL prices and, therefore, we cannot determine with any degree of certainty what effect increases or decreases will have on our capital program, production volumes or future revenues. In addition to production volumes and commodity prices, finding and developing sufficient amounts of natural gas and crude oil reserves at economical costs are critical to our long-term success.

Effective April 1, 2014, we elected to discontinue hedge accounting on a prospective basis. Subsequent to April 1, 2014, our derivative instruments are accounted for on a mark-to-market basis with changes in fair value recognized currently in operating revenues in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. As a result of these mark-to-market adjustments, we will likely experience volatility in our earnings from time to time due to commodity price volatility. Refer to Impact of Derivative Instruments on Operating Revenues below and Note 5 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for more information.

During the first six months of 2014, we drilled 76 gross wells (62.0 net) with a success rate of 100% compared to 83 gross wells (69.7 net) with a success rate of 96% for the comparable period of the prior year. Our total capital and exploration expenditures were \$594.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to \$554.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The increase in capital spending was the result of our Marcellus Shale horizontal drilling program in northeast Pennsylvania and our drilling program in the Eagle Ford Shale in south Texas. We allocate our planned program for capital and exploration expenditures among our various operating areas based on return expectations, availability of services and human resources. Our 2014 drilling program includes \$1.375 billion to \$1.475 billion in capital and exploration expenditures and is expected to be funded by operating cash flow, existing cash and, if required, borrowings under our revolving credit facility. We will continue to assess the natural gas and crude oil price environment along with our liquidity position and may increase or decrease our capital and exploration expenditures accordingly.

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Capital Resources and Liquidity

Our primary sources of cash for the six months ended June 30, 2014 were from funds generated from the sale of natural gas and crude oil production and net borrowings under our revolving credit facility. These cash flows were primarily used to fund our capital and exploration expenditures and payment of dividends. See below for additional discussion and analysis of cash flow.

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Operating cash flow fluctuations are substantially driven by commodity prices and changes in our production volumes and operating expenses. Prices for natural gas and crude oil have historically been volatile, including seasonal influences and demand; however, the impact of other risks and uncertainties, as described in our Form 10-K and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, have also influenced prices throughout the recent years. In addition, fluctuations in cash flow may result in an increase or decrease in our capital and exploration expenditures. See Results of Operations for a review of the impact of prices and volumes on revenues.

Our working capital is also substantially influenced by the variables discussed above. From time to time, our working capital will reflect a surplus, while at other times it will reflect a deficit. This fluctuation is not unusual. We believe we have adequate availability under our revolving credit facility and liquidity available to meet our working capital requirements.

	Six Mont June	1
(In thousands)	2014	2013
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$ 584,948	\$ 489,967
Cash flows used in investing activities	(612,504)	(527,400)
Cash flows provided by financing activities	49,766	53,974
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,210	\$ 16,541

*Operating Activities*. Net cash provided by operating activities in the first six months of 2014 increased by \$95.0 million over the first six months of 2013. This increase was primarily due to higher operating revenues partially offset by higher operating expenses (excluding non-cash expenses) and a decrease in working capital and other assets and liabilities. The increase in operating revenues was primarily due to an increase in equivalent production, partially offset by the decrease in realized natural gas and crude oil prices. Equivalent production volumes increased by 34% for the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2013 primarily as a result of higher natural gas production. Average realized natural gas prices decreased by 5% and average realized crude oil prices decreased by 4% for the first six months of 2014 compared to the first six months of 2013.

See Results of Operations for additional information relative to commodity price, production and operating expense fluctuations. We are unable to predict future commodity prices and, as a result, cannot provide any assurance about future levels of net cash provided by operating activities. Realized prices may decline in future periods.

*Investing Activities*. Cash flows used in investing activities increased by \$85.1 million for the first six months of 2014 compared to the first six months of 2013. The increase was due to \$93.6 million of higher capital expenditures and an increase of \$18.0 million in capital contributions associated with our equity method investments. Partially offsetting the increases was a \$28.1 million decrease in restricted cash related to the release of funds by our qualified intermediary due to a lapse in the statutory holding period and funding of oil and gas lease acquisitions during the first six months of 2014 associated with like-kind exchange transactions pursuant to Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code.

*Financing Activities*. Cash flows provided by financing activities decreased by \$4.2 million for the first six months of 2014 compared to the first six months of 2013. This decrease was primarily due to \$9.0 million of lower net borrowings and an \$8.3 million increase in dividend payments, partially offset by an increase of \$13.0 million in tax benefits associated with our stock-based compensation.

Effective April 15, 2014, the lenders under our revolving credit facility approved an increase in our borrowing base from \$2.3 billion to \$3.1 billion as part of the annual redetermination under the terms of the revolving credit facility agreement. The commitments under the revolving credit facility remain unchanged at \$1.4 billion. At June 30, 2014, we had \$506.0 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility at a weighted-average interest rate of 1.9% and \$893.0 million available for future borrowings. See Note 4 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

We strive to manage our debt at a level below the available credit line in order to maintain borrowing capacity. Our revolving credit facility includes a covenant limiting our total debt. Management believes that, with internally generated cash flow, existing cash on hand and availability under our revolving credit facility, we have the capacity to finance our spending plans and maintain our strong financial position.

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Capitalization

Information about our capitalization is as follows:

June 30, 2014		December 31, 2013
\$ 1,193,000	\$	1,147,000
2,401,939		2,204,602
\$ 3,594,939	\$	3,351,602
33%		34%
\$ 45,610	\$	23,400
\$	\$ 1,193,000 2,401,939 \$ 3,594,939 33%	\$ 1,193,000 \$ 2,401,939 \$ 3,594,939 \$

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$506.0 million and \$460.0 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we paid dividends of \$16.7 million (\$0.04 per share) on our common stock. A regular dividend has been declared for each quarter since we became a public company in 1990.

Capital and Exploration Expenditures

On an annual basis, we generally fund most of our capital and exploration expenditures, excluding any significant property acquisitions, with cash generated from operations and, when necessary, borrowings under our revolving credit facility. We budget these expenditures based on our projected cash flows for the year.

The following table presents major components of our capital and exploration expenditures:

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2014		2013	
Capital expenditures				
Drilling and facilities	\$ 547,980	\$	501,331	
Leasehold acquisitions	26,584		39,047	
Pipeline and gathering	227		263	
Other	8,043		4,879	
	582,834		545,520	
Exploration expense				