

**EP ENERGY LLC**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019 and  
for the quarter and nine month periods ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019**

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EP ENERGY LLC

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Below is a list of terms that are common to our industry and used throughout this document:

/d	=	per day
Bbl	=	barrel
Boe	=	barrel of oil equivalent
LLS	=	light Louisiana sweet crude oil
MBoe	=	thousand barrels of oil equivalent
MBbls	=	thousand barrels
Mcf	=	thousand cubic feet
MMBtu	=	million British thermal units
MMBbls	=	million barrels
MMcf	=	million cubic feet
Mt. Belvieu	=	Mont Belvieu natural gas liquids pricing index
NGLs	=	natural gas liquids
NYMEX	=	New York Mercantile Exchange
TBtu	=	trillion British thermal units
WTI	=	West Texas intermediate

When we refer to oil and natural gas in “equivalents”, we are doing so to compare quantities of oil with quantities of natural gas or to express these different commodities in a common unit. In calculating equivalents, we use a generally recognized standard in which one Bbl of oil and/or NGLs is equal to six Mcf of natural gas. Also, when we refer to cubic feet measurements, all measurements are at a pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch.

When we refer to “us”, “we”, “our”, “ours”, “the Company” or “EP Energy”, we are describing EP Energy LLC and/or its subsidiaries.

**EP ENERGY LLC (DEBTOR IN POSSESSION)**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(In millions)  
(Unaudited)

	Quarter ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
<b>Operating revenues</b>				
Oil	\$ 124	\$ 193	\$ 342	\$ 590
Natural gas	10	10	25	36
NGLs	15	12	31	45
Financial derivatives	4	32	203	(34)
Total operating revenues	<u>153</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>637</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>				
Transportation costs	9	23	33	71
Lease operating expense	21	34	74	101
General and administrative	11	38	52	102
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	41	116	189	304
Gain on sale of assets	—	—	1	—
Impairment charges	—	458	2,324	458
Exploration and other expense	4	1	7	3
Taxes, other than income taxes	14	12	34	43
Total operating expenses	<u>100</u>	<u>682</u>	<u>2,714</u>	<u>1,082</u>
Operating income (loss)	53	(435)	(2,113)	(445)
Other income	—	4	1	4
Gain on extinguishment/modification of debt	—	—	—	10
Interest expense	(4)	(189)	(38)	(379)
Reorganization items, net	(30)	—	(123)	—
Income (loss) before income taxes	19	(620)	(2,273)	(810)
Income tax benefit	—	—	—	—
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 19</u>	<u>\$ (620)</u>	<u>\$ (2,273)</u>	<u>\$ (810)</u>

See accompanying notes.

**EP ENERGY LLC (DEBTOR IN POSSESSION)**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In millions)  
(Unaudited)

ASSETS	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 56	\$ 32
Restricted cash	10	1
Accounts receivable		
Customer, net of allowance of less than \$1 in 2020 and 2019	88	127
Other, net of allowance of \$1 in 2020 and 2019	12	16
Materials and supplies	37	42
Derivative instruments	57	9
Other	10	27
Total current assets	<u>270</u>	<u>254</u>
Property, plant and equipment, at cost		
Oil and natural gas properties	5,231	7,388
Other property, plant and equipment	72	73
	<u>5,303</u>	<u>7,461</u>
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	4,202	4,026
Total property, plant and equipment, net	<u>1,101</u>	<u>3,435</u>
Other assets		
Unamortized debt issue costs	2	—
Operating lease assets and other	9	21
	<u>12</u>	<u>21</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,383</u>	<u>\$ 3,710</u>

See accompanying notes.

**EP ENERGY LLC (DEBTOR IN POSSESSION)**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In millions)  
(Unaudited)

	<u>September 30, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2019</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 315	\$ 1,815
Debtor-in-possession financing	120	148
Owner and royalties payable	46	72
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	68	139
Accrued interest	1	40
Accrued legal and other reserves	17	12
Other current liabilities	9	22
Total current liabilities	<u>576</u>	<u>2,248</u>
Long-term debt, net of debt issue costs		
	—	—
Other long-term liabilities		
Asset retirement obligations	46	43
Other	2	20
Total non-current liabilities	<u>48</u>	<u>63</u>
Liabilities subject to compromise		
	4,563	2,932
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)		
Member's equity	(3,804)	(1,533)
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 1,383</u>	<u>\$ 3,710</u>

See accompanying notes.

**EP ENERGY LLC (DEBTOR IN POSSESSION)**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In millions)  
(Unaudited)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net loss	\$ (2,273)	\$ (810)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	189	304
Impairment charges	2,324	458
Gain on extinguishment of debt	—	(10)
Write-off of debt discount and deferred issue costs		90
Reorganization items, net	121	—
Other non-cash income items	2	20
Asset and liability changes		
Accounts receivable	44	96
Owner and royalties payable	(26)	(68)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(24)	(3)
Derivative instruments	(50)	56
Accrued interest	(25)	91
Other asset changes	33	(55)
Other liability changes	(30)	(20)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>285</u>	<u>149</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Cash paid for capital expenditures	(222)	(422)
Cash paid for acquisitions	(2)	(18)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(224)</u>	<u>(440)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	—	923
Repayments and repurchases of long-term debt	—	(468)
Proceeds from borrowing under DIP Facility	175	—
Repayment of borrowings from DIP Facility	(203)	—
Other	—	(2)
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>(28)</u>	<u>453</u>
Change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	33	162
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash - beginning of period	33	27
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash - end of period	<u>\$ 66</u>	<u>\$ 189</u>

See accompanying notes.

**EP ENERGY LLC (DEBTOR IN POSSESSION)**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**(In millions)**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>Total Member's Equity</b>
Balance at December 31, 2018	\$ (599)
Share-based compensation	3
Net loss	(140)
Balance at March 31, 2019	\$ (736)
Share-based compensation	1
Net loss	(50)
Balance at June 30, 2019	\$ (785)
Share-based compensation	3
Net loss	(620)
Balance at September 30, 2019	\$ (1,402)
Share-based compensation	2
Net loss	(133)
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$ (1,533)
Share-based compensation	2
Net loss	(2,235)
Balance at March 31, 2020	\$ (3,766)
Share-based compensation	—
Net loss	(57)
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$ (3,823)
Share-based compensation	—
Net income	19
Balance at September 30, 2020	\$ (3,804)

See accompanying notes.

**EP ENERGY LLC (DEBTOR IN POSSESSION)**  
**NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited)**

**1. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies**

*Basis of Presentation*

These condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) as it applies to interim financial statements. Because this is an interim period report presented using a condensed format, it does not include all of the disclosures required by U.S. GAAP and should be read along with our 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K (“2019 Form 10-K”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The condensed consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2020 and 2019, are unaudited. The consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2019, has been derived from the audited consolidated balance sheet included in our 2019 Form 10-K. In our opinion, all adjustments which are of a normal, recurring nature are reflected to fairly present these interim period results. The results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the expected results for the entire year.

*Emergence from Voluntary Chapter 11 Reorganization*

On October 3, 2019, we and certain of our direct and indirect subsidiaries (collectively with the Company, the “Debtors”) filed voluntary petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Bankruptcy Court”) seeking relief under chapter 11 of title 11 (the “Chapter 11 cases”) of the United States Code. On October 18, 2019, the Debtors entered into a plan support agreement (the “PSA”) with certain holders of the 2024 1.25 Lien and 1.5 Lien Notes (the “Supporting Noteholders”). On March 18, 2020, due to the sharp reduction in oil prices driven by the global pandemic, the Debtors and the Supporting Noteholders agreed to amend and terminate the PSA and related agreements. On July 13, 2020, the Debtors filed an amended Plan of Reorganization (the “Amended Plan”) and amended Disclosure Statement. On August 27, 2020, the Debtors received approval of the Amended Plan by the Southern District Court of Texas. On October 1, 2020, the Amended Plan became effective (the Effective Date) and the Debtors emerged from chapter 11 bankruptcy. Although the Company is no longer a debtor-in-possession, the Company was a debtor-in-possession for the three months ended September 30, 2020. As such, the Company's chapter 11 proceedings and related matters have been summarized below. [See Note 2, “Reorganization,” for further details on the Company's chapter 11 bankruptcy and the Plan and Note 12, “Subsequent Events” for further details on emergence.] The consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic No. 852, Reorganizations.

*New Accounting Pronouncements Issued But Not Yet Adopted*

*Income Taxes.* In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU No. 2019-12, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes, which is intended to simplify various aspects related to accounting for income taxes by eliminating certain exceptions within ASC 740, Income Taxes, and clarifying certain aspects of the current guidance. This standard is effective beginning for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2020, with early adoption permitted. The Company is in the process of assessing the impact the adoption of this guidance may have on our consolidated financial statements.

**2. Reorganization under Chapter 11 Cases**

On October 3, 2019, we and certain of our direct and indirect subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas seeking relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

*Plan Support Agreement and Backstop Commitment Agreement.* On October 18, 2019, the Debtors entered into a plan support agreement (the “PSA”) to support a restructuring on the terms of a chapter 11 plan of reorganization (as defined below, the “Plan”) with holders of approximately 52.0% of the 2024 1.25 Lien Notes and approximately 79.3% of the 2024 1.5 Lien Notes and the 2025 1.5 Lien Notes issued, in each case, by EP Energy LLC and Everest Acquisition Finance Inc. The holders of these notes included affiliates of, or funds managed by, Elliott Management Corporation (“Elliott”), Apollo (together with Elliott, the “Initial Supporting Noteholders”), Access, and Avenue Capital Group (collectively, with the Initial Supporting Noteholders and Access, the “Supporting Noteholders”), to support a restructuring on the terms of a chapter 11 plan described therein. On October 18, 2019, the Debtors also entered into a backstop commitment agreement (the “BCA”) with the Supporting Noteholders, pursuant to which the Supporting Noteholders agreed to backstop \$463 million (to consist of \$325



million in cash and \$138 million in exchanged reinstated 1.25L Notes) of the Rights Offering. For additional information, see Termination of Plan Support Agreement and Backstop Commitment Agreement below.

*Plan of Reorganization.* On November 18, 2019, the Debtors filed a proposed Joint Chapter 11 Plan and a proposed Disclosure Statement for Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization describing the Plan and the solicitation of votes to approve the same from certain of the Debtors’ creditors with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases. The Debtors subsequently filed various amendments to the Plan and Disclosure Statement and on January 13, 2020, filed an updated Fourth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of EP Energy Corporation and its Affiliated Debtors (the “Plan”) and an updated Disclosure Statement for Fourth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of EP Energy Corporation and its Affiliated Debtors (the “Disclosure Statement”). On March 6, 2020, after a hearing to confirm the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court stated that it would confirm the Plan. On March 12, 2020, pursuant to its ruling on March 6, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order confirming the Plan (ECF No. 1049).

*Termination of Plan Support Agreement and Backstop Commitment Agreement.* On March 18, 2020, due to the sharp reduction in oil prices driven by the global pandemic, the Debtors and the Supporting Noteholders under the PSA and in their capacities as the Commitment Parties under the BCA, mutually agreed to amend and terminate the PSA and the BCA pursuant to the terms of a Stipulation of Settlement Regarding Backstop Agreement and Plan Support Agreement (the “Stipulation”). The Debtors and the Supporting Noteholders and Commitment Parties also agreed to mutual waivers and releases of certain claims relating to, or arising from, the Chapter 11 Cases, the BCA, the PSA, and the termination of the BCA and the PSA, against the other as described in the Stipulation. On March 23, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court approved the Stipulation.

*Amended Plan of Reorganization.* On July 13, 2020, the Debtors filed an amended Plan of Reorganization and amended Disclosure Statement. Under the amended Plan of Reorganization, holders of allowed 1.125L notes claims were entitled to receive 100% of the new common shares of the reorganized company, subject to dilution by the Company’s Employee Incentive Plan. On July 20, 2020, the Southern District Court of Texas conditionally approved the amended Disclosure Statement. On August 12, 2020, the Debtors filed a supplement to the Disclosure Statement that included governance and employee related term sheet agreements.

*Exit Facility.* In July 2020, the Debtors agreed with the DIP Lenders to revise terms and conditions under the Exit Facility. The Exit Facility is subject to certain conditions set forth therein, which is evidenced by a senior secured revolving credit agreement, by and among EP Energy LLC, as borrower, EPE Acquisition, LLC, as holdings, the lenders party thereto from time to time, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, collateral agent and an issuing bank.

*Confirmation of Amended Plan of Reorganization.* On August 27, 2020, the Debtors received approval of the amended Plan by the Southern District Court of Texas. On October 1, 2020, the Amended Plan became effective and the Debtors emerged from Chapter 11.

*Reorganization Items, Net.* Expenses and gains/(losses) realized or incurred subsequent to our bankruptcy filing petition date and that are a direct result of the Chapter 11 Cases have been expensed as incurred as reorganization items in our consolidated statements of income. For the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, reorganization items, net were \$30 million and \$123 million, respectively and consisted of:

	Quarter ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	(in millions)			
Professional fees	\$ 7	\$ —	\$ 46	\$ —
Rejection of executory contracts approved by Bankruptcy Court	21	—	120	—
Other allowed claims	2	—	2	—
Elimination of accrued interest on 1.125/1.25 Lien Notes <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	(45)	—
<b>Total reorganization items, net</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 123</b>	<b>\$ —</b>

(1) In March 2020, we terminated the PSA and BCA associated with our Chapter 11 Cases and reclassified our 1.125 lien and 1.25 lien notes to liabilities subject to compromise. Accordingly, we eliminated the associated liability for accrued interest on these notes that we previously intended to pay pursuant to the agreements and plan of reorganization in place at the time.

*Liabilities subject to compromise.* These amounts represent liabilities that were allowed claims by the Bankruptcy Court in the chapter 11 proceedings. These amounts represent the Company's obligations that were adjudicated in connection with the chapter 11 proceedings. These liabilities are reported at the amounts expected to be allowed as claims by the Bankruptcy Court, although they may be settled for less or adjusted depending on Bankruptcy Court actions, further developments with respect to disputed claims, determination of secured status of certain claims, the determination as to the value of any collateral securing claims, proof of claims or other events.

Liabilities subject to compromise includes allowed claims, prepetition accounts payable and other amounts related to the rejection of executory contracts approved by the Bankruptcy Court.

As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, liabilities subject to compromise were \$4,563 million and \$2,932 million, respectively, and consisted of:

	<u>September 30, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2019</u>
	(in millions)	
Senior secured notes	\$ 3,592	\$ 2,092
Senior unsecured notes	688	688
Prepetition accrued interest on senior secured lien notes and unsecured notes	130	117
Allowed claims, prepetition accounts payable and other	153	35
<b>Total liabilities subject to compromise</b>	<b>\$ 4,563</b>	<b>\$ 2,932</b>

As a result of the termination of the PSA and BCA on March 18, 2020 related to the Chapter 11 cases, the principal balance of \$1,500 million on the 1.125 Lien Note and 1.25 Lien Note was reclassified as liabilities subject to compromise as of September 30, 2020. At December 31, 2019, the principal balance on the 1.5 lien notes and senior unsecured notes of \$2,092 million and \$688 million, respectively, were reclassified as liabilities subject to compromise. Additionally, any prepetition accrued interest on the senior secured 1.5 lien, 1.125 lien and 1.25 lien notes and senior unsecured notes were also reclassified from accrued liabilities to liabilities subject to compromise as of September 30, 2020.

### 3. Impairment Charges

We evaluate capitalized costs related to proved properties upon a triggering event (e.g., a significant continued decline in forward commodity prices or significant reduction to development capital) to determine if an impairment of such properties has occurred. Commodity price declines may cause changes to our capital spending levels, production rates, levels of proved reserves and development plans, which may result in an impairment of the carrying value of our proved properties in the future.

In the first quarter of 2020, there was a material reduction in the demand for oil as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak as well as an oversupply of oil due to the failure of OPEC and Russia to reach an agreement with respect to production levels. Accordingly, the price of oil significantly decreased during the first quarter of 2020. Due to these events, we performed an impairment assessment of our asset groups under ASC 360 in the first quarter of 2020. As a result, the undiscounted future cash flows related to our Eagle Ford, Northeastern Utah (NEU) and Permian proved properties were not in excess of the related carrying value of the asset. Accordingly, we recorded non-cash impairment charges of approximately \$1,364 million, \$394 million and \$566 million during the first quarter of 2020 related to our Eagle Ford, NEU and Permian asset groups, respectively, reflecting a reduction in the net book value of the proved property in all three areas to the estimated fair value.

### 4. Property, Plant and Equipment

*Oil and Natural Gas Properties.* As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, we had approximately \$1.1 billion and \$3.4 billion, respectively, of total property, plant, and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization on our consolidated balance sheets, substantially all of which relates to proved oil and natural gas properties.

Our capitalized costs related to proved oil and natural gas properties by area were as follows:

	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
	(in millions)	
Proved		
Eagle Ford	\$ 2,955	\$ 4,266
Permian	1,227	1,791
Northeastern Utah	1,049	1,331
Total Proved	5,231	7,388
Less accumulated depletion	(4,168)	(3,990)
Net capitalized costs for oil and natural gas properties	<u>\$ 1,063</u>	<u>\$ 3,398</u>

As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, we did not have any suspended wells.

*Asset Retirement Obligations.* We have legal asset retirement obligations associated with the retirement of our oil and natural gas wells and related infrastructure. We settle these obligations when production on those wells is exhausted, when we no longer plan to use them or when we abandon them. We accrue these obligations when we can estimate the timing and amount of their settlement.

Changes in estimates represent changes to the expected amount and timing of payments to settle our asset retirement obligations. Typically, these changes primarily result from obtaining new information about the timing of our obligations to plug and abandon oil and natural gas wells and the costs to do so, or reassessing our assumptions in light of changing market conditions. The net asset retirement liability as of September 30, 2020 on our consolidated balance sheet in other current and non-current liabilities and the changes in the net liability from January 1 through September 30, 2020 were as follows:

	2020
	(in millions)
Net asset retirement liability at January 1	\$ 45
Liabilities settled	(1)
Accretion expense	3
Changes in estimate	1
Other	—
Net asset retirement liability at September 30	<u>\$ 48</u>

## 5. Debt

Listed below are our debt obligations as of the periods presented:

	Interest Rate	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
		(in millions)	
Prepetition RBL credit facility - due November 23, 2021 <sup>(1)</sup>	Variable	\$ 315	\$ 315
Senior secured notes:			
1.5 Lien due May 1, 2024	9.375%	1,092	1,092
1.25 Lien due November 29, 2024	8.000%	500	500
1.5 Lien due February 15, 2025	8.000%	1,000	1,000
1.125 Lien due May 15, 2026	7.750%	1,000	1,000
Senior unsecured notes:			
Due May 1, 2020 <sup>(2)</sup>	9.375%	182	182
Due September 1, 2022	7.75%	182	182
Due June 15, 2023	6.375%	324	324
<b>Total debt</b>		<b>4,595</b>	<b>4,595</b>
Current portion of long-term debt		(315)	(1,815)
Amounts reclassified as liabilities subject to compromise <sup>(3)</sup>		(4,280)	(2,780)
<b>Total long-term debt</b>		<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>
Debtor-in-possession facility	Variable	<b>\$ 120</b>	<b>\$ 148</b>

(1) Carried an interest at a specified margin over LIBOR of 2.50% to 3.50%, based on borrowing utilization and 0.375% commitment fee on unused capacity.

(2) Although the stated maturity is May 1, 2020, the claim related to this obligation remained open until the pendency of our bankruptcy.

(3) As a result of the Chapter 11 Cases, the principal balance on the 1.125 lien, 1.25 lien, 1.5 lien notes and senior unsecured notes totaling \$4,280 million is reflected as liabilities subject to compromise as of September 30, 2020 and the principal balance of \$2,780 million on the 1.5 lien notes and senior unsecured notes was reclassified as liabilities subject to compromise as of December 31, 2019. In addition, accrued and unpaid interest of approximately \$130 million related to the 1.125, 1.25 lien, 1.5 lien notes and the senior unsecured notes has been reclassified from accrued liabilities to liabilities subject to compromise as of September 30, 2020. For a further discussion of the Chapter 11 Cases, see Note 2.

**Guarantees.** Our obligations under the RBL Facility, DIP Facility, secured notes and unsecured notes were fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by the Company's present and future direct and indirect wholly owned material domestic subsidiaries. EP Energy LLC has no independent assets or operations. Any subsidiaries of EP Energy LLC, other than the subsidiary guarantors, are minor. The subsidiary guarantees are subject to certain automatic customary releases, including the sale or disposition of the capital stock or substantially all of the assets of a subsidiary guarantor, exercise of legal defeasance or covenant defeasance, or designation of a subsidiary guarantor as unrestricted in accordance with the applicable indenture. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the Company or any guarantor to obtain funds from its subsidiaries by dividend or loan.

**Covenant Violations, Forbearance, and Chapter 11 Proceedings.** On August 15, 2019, we did not make the approximately \$40 million cash interest payment due with respect to the 2025 1.5 Lien Senior Secured Notes. On September 3, 2019, we did not make the approximately \$7 million cash interest payment due with respect to the 2022 Unsecured Notes. Our failure to make these interest payments within thirty days after they were due and payable resulted in an event of default under the respective indentures governing the 2025 1.5 Lien Notes and 2022 Unsecured Notes. Each event of default under the indentures noted above also resulted in a cross-default under the RBL Facility.

On September 14, 2019, we entered into forbearance agreements, extending through October 3, 2019, with the Noteholders and the RBL Forbearing Parties, pursuant to which each Noteholder and RBL Forbearing Party temporarily agreed, subject to certain terms and conditions, to forbear from exercising any rights or remedies they may have in respect of the failure to make the approximately \$40 million cash interest payment.

On October 3, 2019, the Debtors filed the Chapter 11 Cases in the Bankruptcy Court seeking relief under the Bankruptcy Code. The commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases constituted an immediate event of default, and caused the automatic and immediate acceleration of all debt outstanding under or in respect of a number of our instruments and agreements relating to our direct financial obligations, including our RBL Facility and indentures governing the 2025 1.5 Lien Notes, 7.750% Senior Secured Notes due 2026, 8.000% Senior Secured Notes due 2024 (the "2024 1.25 Lien Notes"), 9.375% Senior

Secured Notes due 2024 (the “2024 1.5 Lien Notes”), 9.375% Senior Notes due 2020, 2022 Unsecured Notes and 6.375% Senior Notes due 2023 (collectively, the “Senior Notes”). Any efforts to enforce such payment obligations were automatically stayed as a result of the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases and the creditors’ rights of enforcement in respect of the Senior Notes and the RBL Facility are subject to the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. For a further discussion of the Chapter 11 Cases, see Note 2.

*Debtor-in-possession financing.* As noted in Note 2, on November 25, 2019, EPE Acquisition, LLC and EP Energy LLC entered into a Senior Secured Superpriority Debtor-In-Possession Credit Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, collateral agent and an issuing bank and the RBL Lenders which are party thereto as lenders (as amended or modified from time to time, the “DIP Credit Agreement”). Under the DIP Credit Agreement and the order of the Bankruptcy Court entered on November 25, 2019 (the “DIP Order”), a portion of the RBL Facility was converted into commitments under the DIP Credit Agreement which provided for an approximately \$315 million debtor-in-possession senior secured superpriority revolving credit facility, and which included a letter of credit sublimit of \$50 million. As of September 30, 2020, we had \$178 million capacity remaining with approximately \$17 million of letters of credit issued and \$120 million outstanding under the DIP Facility. The DIP facility rolled into the Exit Facility in conjunction with our emergence from Chapter 11.

On March 12, 2020, EP Energy LLC, EPE Acquisition, LLC, the agent and certain of the lenders under the RBL Facility, the DIP Agent and certain of the DIP Lenders entered into that certain Waiver of Credit Agreements which waived the occurrence of any event of default triggered under the RBL Credit Agreement and the DIP Credit Agreement as a result of a going concern or like qualification or exception to the audited financials for the year ending December 31, 2019.

*Exit Facility.* In October 2019, the Debtors received an underwritten commitment from the DIP Lenders to convert their DIP Loans and their remaining claims under the RBL Facility into an approximately \$629 million exit senior secured reserve-based revolving credit facility (the “Exit Facility”). In July 2020, the Debtors agreed with the DIP Lenders to revise terms and conditions under the Exit Facility. The Exit Facility is subject to certain conditions set forth in the senior secured revolving credit agreement, by and among EP Energy LLC, as borrower, EPE Acquisition, LLC, as holdings, the lenders party thereto from time to time, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, collateral agent and an issuing bank

*Interest Expense/Other.* Contractual interest expense on all debt amounts listed above totaled \$88 million and \$271 million for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively, compared to interest expense recorded in our consolidated statements of income for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020 of \$4 million and \$40 million, respectively, due to ceasing to record interest on certain debt obligations subject to compromise once it has been determined that interest is no longer probable of being paid on those obligations.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, we paid approximately \$40 million in cash to repurchase a total of \$50 million in aggregate principal amount of our senior unsecured notes due 2020. In connection with these repurchases, we recorded a gain on extinguishment of debt of approximately \$10 million.

## **6. Fair Value Measurements**

We use various methods to determine the fair values of our financial instruments. The fair value of a financial instrument depends on a number of factors, including the availability of observable market data over the contractual term of the underlying instrument. We separate the fair value of our financial instruments into three levels (Levels 1, 2 and 3) based on our assessment of the availability of observable market data and the significance of non-observable data used to determine fair value. As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, all of our derivative financial instruments were classified as Level 2. Our assessment of the level of an instrument can change over time based on the maturity or liquidity of the instrument.

The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of our financial instruments:

	September 30, 2020		December 31, 2019	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
(in millions)				
<b>Debt obligations:</b>				
Debtor-in-possession credit facility	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 148	\$ 148
Liabilities subject to compromise <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 4,280	\$ 219	\$ 2,780	\$ 53
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 315	\$ 315	\$ 1,815	\$ 1,285
Derivative instruments	\$ 58	\$ 58	\$ 9	\$ 9

(1) Amount includes the principal balance on the 1.125 lien, 1.25 lien, 1.5 lien notes and senior unsecured notes totaling \$4,280 million reflected as liabilities subject to compromise as of September 30, 2020 and the principal balance of \$2,780 million on the 1.5 lien notes and senior unsecured notes reclassified as liabilities subject to compromise as of December 31, 2019.

As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, owner and royalties payable, and accounts payable represent fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments. Our debt obligations (see Note 5) have various terms, and we estimated the fair value of debt (representing a Level 2 fair value measurement) primarily based on quoted market prices for the same or similar issuances, considering our credit risk.

*Oil, Natural Gas and NGLs Derivative Instruments.* We attempt to mitigate a portion of our commodity price risk and stabilize cash flows associated with forecasted sales of oil, natural gas and NGLs through the use of financial derivatives. As of September 30, 2020, we had derivative contracts in the form of fixed price swaps, collars and three-way collars on 10 MMBbbls of oil (3 MMBbbls in 2020, 5 MMBbbls in 2021 and 2 MMBbbls in 2022). As of December 31, 2019, we had derivative contracts for 14 MMBbbls of oil. In addition to the contracts above, we have fixed price swaps derivative contracts on 15 TBtu of natural gas related to 2021 and derivative contracts in the form of locational basis differences on our oil and natural gas production. None of our derivative contracts are designated as accounting hedges.

The following table presents the fair value associated with our derivative financial instruments as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019. All of our derivative instruments are subject to master netting arrangements, which provide for the unconditional right of offset for all derivative assets and liabilities with a given counterparty in the event of default. We present assets and liabilities related to these instruments in our consolidated balance sheets as either current or non-current assets or liabilities based on their anticipated settlement date, net of the impact of master netting agreements. On derivative contracts recorded as assets in the table below, we are exposed to the risk that our counterparties may not perform.

	Level 2							
	Derivative Assets				Derivative Liabilities			
	Gross Fair Value	Impact of Netting	Balance Sheet Location		Gross Fair Value	Impact of Netting	Balance Sheet Location	
			Current	Non-current			Current	Non-current
(in millions)								
<b>September 30, 2020</b>								
Derivative instruments	\$ 59	\$ (1)	\$ 57	\$ 1	\$ (1)	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ —
<b>December 31, 2019</b>								
Derivative instruments	\$ 14	\$ (5)	\$ 9	\$ —	\$ (5)	\$ 5	\$ —	\$ —

For the quarters ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, we recorded derivative gains of \$4 million and \$32 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, we recorded derivative gains and losses of \$203 million and \$34 million, respectively. Derivative gains and losses on our oil, natural gas and NGLs financial derivative instruments are recorded in operating revenues in our consolidated income statements.

*Other Fair Value Considerations.* During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we recorded non-cash impairment charges on our proved properties in Eagle Ford, NEU and Permian. The estimate of fair value of our proved oil and

natural gas properties used to determine the impairment was estimated using a discounted cash flow model. These estimates represented a Level 3 fair value measurement. Significant Level 3 inputs associated with the calculation of discounted cash flows used in the impairment analysis include management's estimate of future crude oil and natural gas prices, production costs, development expenditures, anticipated production of proved reserves, appropriate risk-adjusted discount rates and other relevant data. See Note 3 for a further discussion of our impairment charge.



## 7. Commitments and Contingencies

### *Chapter 11 Proceedings*

On October 3, 2019, the Debtors filed the Chapter 11 Cases in the Bankruptcy Code seeking relief under the Bankruptcy Code. The commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases automatically stayed all of the proceedings and actions against the Company, including those noted below. On October 1, 2020, the Debtors emerged from Chapter 11. For a further discussion of the Chapter 11 Cases, see Note 2. All claims filed in relation to the Chapter 11 Cases, including the legal matters summarized below, will be addressed in connection with the claims resolution process.

### *Legal Matters*

We and our subsidiaries and affiliates are parties to various legal actions and claims that arise in the ordinary course of our business. For each matter, we evaluate the merits of the case or claim, our exposure to the matter, possible legal or settlement strategies and the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome. If we determine that an unfavorable outcome is probable and can be estimated, we establish the necessary accruals. While the outcome of our current matters cannot be predicted with certainty and there are still uncertainties related to the costs we may incur, based upon our evaluation and experience to date, we believe we have established appropriate reserves for these matters. It is possible, however, that new information or future developments could require us to reassess our potential exposure and adjust our accruals accordingly, and these adjustments could be material. As of September 30, 2020, we had approximately \$28 million accrued for all outstanding legal matters, which also represents our best estimate of the allowed claims for these legal matters, of these claims \$23 million have been reclassified as liabilities subject to compromise on our balance sheet at September 30, 2020.

*FairfieldNodal v. EP Energy E&P Company, L.P.* On March 3, 2014, Fairfield filed suit against one of our subsidiaries in the 157th District Court of Harris County, Texas, claiming we were contractually obligated to pay a transfer fee of approximately \$21 million for seismic licensing, triggered by a change in control with the Sponsors' (affiliates of Apollo, Riverstone Holdings LLC, Access and Korea National Oil Corporation, collectively, the Sponsors) acquisition of our predecessor entity in 2012. Prior to the change in control, we had unilaterally terminated the seismic licensing agreements, and we returned the applicable seismic data. Fairfield also claimed EP Energy did not properly maintain the confidentiality of the seismic data and interpretations made from it. In April 2015, the district court granted summary judgment to EP Energy, and Fairfield then appealed. On July 6, 2017, an intermediate court of appeals in Texas reversed the judgment related to the transfer fee and denied rehearing on October 5, 2017. We filed a petition for review in the Texas Supreme Court, which denied review in June 2019. We filed a motion for rehearing in the Texas Supreme Court on July 31, 2019. As of September 30, 2020, we had accrued \$21 million related to this matter. In connection with our Chapter 11 cases, Fairfield elected to join the convenience class of unsecured claimants, reducing its claim for damages to \$100,000. Final adjudication of this matter will be made pursuant to the Amended Plan and claims reconciliation process.

*Storey Minerals, Ltd., et al. v. EP Energy E&P Company, L.P.* On May 29, 2018, Storey Minerals, Ltd., Maltsberger/Storey Ranch, LLC, and Rene R. Barrientos, Ltd. (collectively, "MSB") filed suit against EP Energy in the 81<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court of La Salle County, Texas. MSB alleged that by acquiring certain oil and gas leases within the perimeter of the Storey Altito Ranch, EP Energy triggered the most favored nation clause ("MFN clause") in the leases. After investigation, EP Energy agreed that the MFN clause had been triggered and tendered a lease amendment with a check for \$4 million for increased lease bonus. EP Energy's calculation confirmed that no delay rentals were due. MSB, however, did not accept the tender and asserts that the MFN clause operates retroactively to the date of the lease and applies to all of the acreage leased at that time. EP Energy maintains that the unambiguous language in the MFN clause operates prospectively and supports its tendered amendment and calculation. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment. In June 2019, the court entered an order agreeing with EP Energy on delay rentals, but with MSB on lease bonus. The court entered a final judgment in July 2019 ordering EP Energy to pay MSB \$43.8 million in increased lease bonus, attorney's fees, expenses and interest to date. Both Parties appealed the judgment to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Antonio. Briefing concludes on December 15, 2020. No date has been set for oral argument. EP intends to pursue fully its appeal. As of September 30, 2020, EP Energy's accrual of \$4 million related to this matter reflects the amount tendered to MSB with the lease amendment noted above, which EP Energy believes is the appropriate amount of increased bonus due to MSB. Final adjudication of this matter will be made pursuant to the Amended Plan and claims reconciliation process.

### *Environmental Matters*

We are subject to existing federal, state and local laws and regulations governing environmental quality, pollution control and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Numerous governmental agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), issue regulations which often require difficult and costly compliance measures that carry substantial administrative, civil and criminal penalties and may result in injunctive obligations for non-compliance. We believe that we are in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations, and we have not experienced any material adverse effect from compliance with these environmental requirements. For additional details on certain environmental



matters, including matters related to climate change, air quality and other emissions, hydraulic fracturing regulations and waste handling, refer to the Risk Factors section of our 2019 Form 10-K.

While our reserves for environmental matters are currently not material, there are still uncertainties related to the ultimate costs we may incur in the future in order to comply with increasingly strict environmental laws, regulations, and orders of regulatory agencies, as well as claims for damages to property and the environment or injuries to employees and other persons resulting from our current or past operations. Based upon our evaluation and experience to date, however, we believe our accruals for these matters are adequate. It is possible that new information or future developments could result in substantial additional costs and liabilities which could require us to reassess our potential exposure related to these matters and to adjust our accruals accordingly, and these adjustments could be material.

*Other Matters*

As of September 30, 2020, we had approximately \$12 million accrued (in other accrued liabilities in our consolidated balance sheet) related to other contingent matters including, but not limited to, a number of examinations by taxing authorities on non-income matters and indemnifications that we periodically enter into as part of the divestiture of assets or businesses. These arrangements include, but are not limited to, indemnifications for income taxes, the resolution of existing disputes and other contingent matters. In addition, the decline in commodity prices has created an environment where there is an increased risk that owners and/or operators of assets previously purchased from us may no longer be able to satisfy plugging and abandonment obligations that attach to such assets. In that event, under various laws or regulations, we could be required to assume all, or a portion of the plugging or abandonment obligations on assets we no longer own or operate.

## 8. Leases

### *Lease Obligations*

Our noncancellable leases classified as finance leases for accounting purposes include certain compressors under long-term arrangements which were capitalized upon commencement of the lease term at the fair value of the leased asset, which was lower than the present value of the minimum lease payments. The discount rate used for our finance leases was the incremental borrowing rate adjusted so that the present value of the corresponding lease payments did not exceed the fair value of the leased asset. As part of the chapter 11 proceeding we exited our capital lease contracts during first quarter 2020. For the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, our interest and depreciation expense associated with our finance leases was zero and less than \$1 million and we did not make any cash payments during 2020. For the quarter ended September 30, 2019, interest and depreciation expense associated with our finance leases were approximately \$1 million and less than \$1 million, respectively, and related cash payments were approximately \$1 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2019, interest and depreciation expense associated with our finance leases were approximately \$3 million and \$2 million, respectively, and related cash payments were approximately \$4 million.

Our noncancellable leases classified as operating leases and capitalized upon commencement of the lease term for accounting purposes include those for office space, drilling rigs and field equipment. The discount rate used for our operating leases is either the discount rate implicit in the contract, or the applicable interest rate on a collateralized basis if not determinable. Operating lease costs for minimum lease payments are recognized as capital or expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term depending on the nature of the payment. For the quarter ended September 30, 2020, operating lease costs and related cash payments were approximately \$1 million and \$1 million, respectively, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 operating lease costs and related cash payments were approximately \$6 million and \$7 million. For the quarter ended September 30, 2019, operating lease costs and related cash payments were approximately \$3 million and \$4 million, respectively, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 operating lease costs and related cash payments were approximately \$8 million and \$7 million. These were primarily capitalized as part of our oil and natural gas properties. Variable lease costs (amounts incurred beyond minimum lease payments such as utilities, usage, maintenance, mobilization fees, etc.) are recognized in the period incurred. For the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, variable lease costs were zero and \$1 million. For both the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2019, variable lease costs were approximately \$1 million and \$2 million, respectively.

Short-term lease costs for the quarters ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, were approximately \$1 million and \$3 million, respectively, and \$5 million and \$18 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and were primarily capitalized as part of our oil and natural gas properties.

Supplemental balance sheet information related to leases was as follows:

	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
	(in millions)	
Operating lease assets <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7	\$ 18
Finance lease assets <sup>(2)</sup>	—	10
Total lease assets	<u>\$ 7</u>	<u>\$ 28</u>
Operating leases <sup>(3)</sup>		
Current liability	\$ 6	\$ 9
Noncurrent liability	1	9
Total operating lease liability	<u>\$ 7</u>	<u>\$ 18</u>
Finance leases <sup>(3)</sup>		
Current liability	\$ —	\$ 2
Noncurrent liability	—	9
Total finance lease liability	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 11</u>
Weighted average remaining lease term		
Operating leases	1 years	3 years
Finance leases		4 years
Weighted average discount rate		
Operating leases	10.38 %	9.06 %
Finance leases		26.53 %

(1) Operating lease assets are reflected in *Operating lease assets and other* in our consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2020.

(2) Finance lease assets are reflected in *Other property, plant and equipment* in our consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2020.

(3) Current and noncurrent operating and finance lease liabilities are reflected in *Other current liabilities* and *Other*, respectively, in our consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2020.

In conjunction with our Chapter 11 Cases as further described in Note 2, we received court approval related to the rejection of certain of our operating and financing lease contracts and accordingly removed the associated lease assets and lease liabilities from our balance sheet as of September 30, 2020. For the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, we recorded zero and \$9 million in additional operating leases.

Future minimum annual rental commitments under non-cancelable future operating and finance lease commitments at September 30, 2020, were as follows:

	Operating Leases	Finance Leases
	(in millions)	
2020	\$ 2	\$ —
2021	6	—
Total	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Less: imputed interest	(1)	—
Present value of operating and finance lease obligations	<u>\$ 7</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

## 9. Incentive Compensation

### *Key Employee Retention Program*

On May 29, 2019, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company approved the implementation of a Key Employee Retention Program (a “KERP”) for all employees of the Company. KERP payments totaling approximately \$21 million were made in July 2019 and were comprised of approximately \$10 million in lieu of target bonus amounts for 2019 performance, which were already being accrued during the year, plus an incremental amount of approximately \$11 million in lieu of long-term incentive compensation for 2019. KERP payments were subject to certain termination provisions through June 30, 2020 which result in the repayment of the award in full in the event of a voluntary termination.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we recorded \$6 million in expense related to the KERP. During quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2019, we recorded \$5 million and \$6 million, respectively, in expense related to the KERP. The KERP was amortized over the remaining term of the KERP agreement through June 30, 2020.

### *Long-term Incentive Compensation*

Our parent’s long-term incentive (LTI) program consisted of restricted stock, performance share units awards and certain cash-based incentives. Refer to our 2019 Form 10-K for further information regarding the terms and details of these awards, all of which were cancelled on October 1, 2020 in connection with our emergence from Chapter 11. We record compensation expense on all of our parent’s LTI awards as general and administrative expense over the requisite service period. Pre-tax compensation expense related to all of our parent’s LTI awards (both equity and liability based), net of the impact of forfeitures, was approximately \$(1) million and \$2 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and \$2 million and \$7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. As of September 30, 2020, we had unrecognized compensation expense of \$5 million.

*Restricted Stock.* A summary of the changes in our parent’s non-vested restricted shares for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 is presented below:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Share
Non-vested at December 31, 2019	3,514,535	\$ 2.30
Granted	—	\$ —
Vested	(511,182)	\$ 4.38
Forfeited	(471,103)	\$ 1.89
Non-vested at September 30, 2020	2,532,250	\$ 1.96

*Performance Share Units.* As of September 30, 2020, we had a total of 1,310,100 PSUs outstanding. PSUs were designed to vest over a weighted average period of two years and earned only upon the achievement of specified stock price goals. Our PSUs are treated as an equity award with the expense recognized on an accelerated basis over the life of the award. The PSUs were cancelled on October 1, 2020 in connection with our emergence from Chapter 11.

## 10. Income Taxes

Our taxable income or loss is included in our parent’s (EP Energy Corporation) U.S. federal and certain state returns. EP Energy Corporation pays all consolidated U.S. federal and state income tax directly to the appropriate taxing jurisdictions. We record income taxes on a separate return basis in our financial statements as if we had filed separate income tax returns under our existing structure. In certain states, we also file and pay directly to the state taxing authorities.

*Effective Tax Rate.* Interim period income taxes are computed by applying an anticipated annual effective tax rate to year-to-date income or loss, except for significant, unusual or infrequently occurring items, which income tax effects are recorded in the period in which they occur. Changes in tax laws or rates are recorded in the period they are enacted.

For both the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, our effective tax rates were 0%. Our effective tax rates in 2020 and 2019 differed from the statutory rate of 21% primarily as a result of our recognition of a full valuation allowance on our net deferred tax assets. In addition, we recorded adjustments to the valuation allowance on our net deferred tax assets, which offset deferred income tax benefits by \$(4) million and \$135 million, for the quarters ended

September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and by \$501 million and \$174 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

We evaluate the realization of our deferred tax assets and record any associated valuation allowance after considering cumulative book losses, the reversal of existing temporary differences, the existence of taxable income in prior carryback years, tax planning strategies and future taxable income for each of our taxable jurisdictions. Based upon the evaluation of the available evidence, we maintained a valuation allowance against our net deferred tax assets of \$1,298 million as of September 30, 2020.

## 11. Related Party Transactions

*Joint Venture.* We are party to a drilling joint venture to fund future oil and natural gas development with Wolfcamp Drillco Operating L.P. (the Investor, which is managed and controlled by an affiliate of Apollo) and indirectly through Access (through an indirect minority ownership interest in the Investor). At September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, we had payables to our owner of \$4 million and \$15 million, respectively, and accounts receivable of \$24 million, as of December 31, 2019. We did not have any accounts receivable associated with our Investor reflected in our consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2020. Refer to our 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K for further information on the joint venture agreement.

*Taxes.* We are party to a tax accrual policy with our parent whereby our parent files U.S. and certain state tax returns on our behalf. As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, we had no state income tax payable due to our parent.

## 12. Subsequent Events

### *Emergence From Voluntary Reorganization Under Chapter 11*

On October 3, 2019, the Company filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas to pursue the Plan. On August 27, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order confirming the Amended Plan and on October 1, 2020, the Amended Plan became effective and the Company emerged from Chapter 11.

Upon emergence from Chapter 11, the Company qualified for and adopted fresh-start accounting in accordance with the provisions set forth in ASC 852 as (i) the reorganization value of the Company's assets immediately prior to the date of confirmation was less than the postpetition liabilities and allowed claims, and (ii) the holders of the existing voting shares of the predecessor entity received less than 50% of the voting shares of the emerging entity. Fresh-start accounting requires the Company to present its assets, liabilities, and equity as if it were a new entity upon emergence from bankruptcy. The new entity will be referred to as "successor" or "successor company." However, the Company will continue to present financial information for any periods before adoption of fresh-start accounting for the predecessor company. The predecessor and successor companies may lack comparability, as required in ASC 205, Presentation of Financial Statements (ASC 205). ASC 205 states financial statements are required to be presented comparably from year to year, with any exceptions to comparability clearly disclosed. Therefore, "black-line" financial statements are required to be presented to distinguish between the predecessor and successor companies.

Adopting fresh-start accounting results in a new financial reporting entity with no beginning retained earnings or deficit as of the fresh-start reporting date. Upon the application of fresh-start accounting, the Company will allocate the reorganization value (the fair value of the successor company's total assets) to its individual assets based on their estimated fair values. The reorganization value is intended to represent the approximate amount a willing buyer would value the Company's assets immediately after the reorganization. Reorganization value is derived from an estimate of enterprise value, or the fair value of the Company's long-term debt and stockholders' equity less cash. The process of estimating the fair value of the Company's assets, liabilities and equity upon emergence is currently ongoing and, therefore, such amounts have not yet been finalized. In support of the Plan, the enterprise value of the successor company was estimated to be in the range of \$750 million and \$1,000 million, with a mid-point enterprise value of \$875 million.

### *Reorganization Plan Summary*

- \$629MM 3-Year Exit Facility supported by the company's oil and gas reserves. The initial borrowing base value is \$650MM. The borrowing base will be subject to semi-annual redeterminations in April and November, starting in April 2021.

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- Pro-rata distribution of \$300,000 cash to holders of parent's prior Class A common shares.
- Cancellation of 100% of parent's prior Class A and Class B common shares.
- 11,000,000 new common shares issued to holders of the 1.125L claims.
- 1,222,222 additional shares reserved for issuance under the Employee Incentive Plan, which was adopted upon the Company's emergence from Chapter 11.
- 5 member board of directors, including the CEO.

## Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

*Our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the accompanying notes presented in this report. This discussion contains forward-looking statements and involves numerous risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those described in the "Risk Factors" section of our 2019 Form 10-K. Actual results may differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, references in this MD&A section to "we", "our", "us" and "the Company" refer to EP Energy LLC and each of its consolidated subsidiaries.*

### Our Business

*Overview.* We are an independent exploration and production company engaged in the acquisition and development of unconventional onshore oil and natural gas properties in the United States. We operate through a diverse base of producing assets through the development of our drilling inventory located in three areas: the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, Northeastern Utah (NEU) in the Uinta basin, and the Permian basin in West Texas.

*Chapter 11 Cases.* On October 3, 2019, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas seeking relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code as further described in *Liquidity and Capital Resources* and Notes 2, 5 and 7 of the included financial statements. On October 1, 2020, the Debtors emerged from Chapter 11.

*Strategy.* Our strategy is to invest in opportunities that provide the highest return across our asset base, continually seek out operating and capital efficiencies, effectively manage costs, and identify accretive acquisition opportunities and divestitures, all with the objective of enhancing our portfolio, growing asset value, improving cash flow and increasing financial flexibility. We evaluate opportunities in our portfolio that are aligned with this strategy and our core competencies and that offer a competitive advantage. In addition to opportunities in our current portfolio, strategic acquisitions of leasehold acreage or acquisitions of producing assets allow us to leverage existing expertise in our areas, balance our exposure to regions, basins and commodities, help us to achieve or enhance risk-adjusted returns competitive with those available in our existing programs and increase our reserves. We also continuously evaluate our asset portfolio and will sell oil and natural gas properties if they no longer meet our long-term objectives.

*Factors Influencing Our Profitability.* Our profitability is dependent on the prices we receive for our oil and natural gas, the costs to explore, develop, and produce our oil and natural gas, and the volumes we are able to produce, among other factors. Our long-term profitability will be influenced primarily by:

- growing our proved reserve base and production volumes through the successful execution of our drilling programs or through acquisitions;
- finding and producing oil and natural gas at reasonable costs;
- managing operating and capital costs;
- managing commodity price risks on our oil and natural gas production; and
- managing debt levels and related interest costs.

In addition to these factors, our future profitability and performance is affected by volatility in the financial and commodity markets. Commodity price changes may affect our future capital spending levels, production rates and/or related operating revenues (net of any associated royalties), levels of proved reserves and development plans, all of which impact performance and profitability.

Forward commodity prices play a significant role in determining the recoverability of proved property costs on our balance sheet. Future price declines, along with changes to our future capital spending levels, production rates, levels of proved reserves and development plans may result in an impairment of the carrying value of our proved properties in the future, and such charges could be significant as reflected by the \$2,324 million impairment recorded during the quarter ended March 31, 2020 on all of our properties.

*Derivative Instruments.* Our realized prices from the sale of our oil, natural gas and NGLs are affected by (i) commodity price movements, including locational or basis price differences that exist between the commodity index price (e.g., WTI) and the actual price at which we sell our commodities and (ii) other contractual pricing adjustments contained in our underlying sales contracts. In order to stabilize cash flows and protect the economic assumptions associated with our capital

investment programs, we enter into financial derivative contracts to reduce the financial impact of downward commodity price movements and unfavorable movements in locational prices. Adjustments to our strategy and the decision to enter into new contracts or positions or to alter existing contracts or positions are made based on the goals of the overall company. Because we apply mark-to-market accounting on our derivative contracts, our reported results of operations and financial position can be impacted significantly by commodity price movements from period to period.

The following table and discussion reflects the contracted volumes and the prices we will receive under derivative contracts we held as of September 30, 2020.

	2020		2021		2022	
	Volumes <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Price <sup>(1)</sup>	Volumes <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Price <sup>(1)</sup>	Volumes <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Price <sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Oil</i>						
Fixed Price Swaps						
WTI	1,410	\$ 58.94	910	\$ 45.03	—	\$ —
Collars						
Ceiling - WTI	—	\$ —	3,285	\$ 50.10	1,460	\$ 49.73
Floors - WTI	—	\$ —	3,285	\$ 35.00	1,460	\$ 40.00
Three Way Collars						
Ceiling - WTI	1,932	\$ 65.19	900	\$ 60.51	—	\$ —
Floors - WTI	1,932	\$ 56.37	900	\$ 55.00	—	\$ —
Sub-Floor - WTI	1,932	\$ 45.00	900	\$ 45.00	—	\$ —
Basis Swaps						
Midland vs. Cushing <sup>(2)</sup>	368	\$ 0.46	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Magellan East Houston vs. Cushing <sup>(3)</sup>	184	\$ (0.18)	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
<i>Natural Gas</i>						
Fixed Price Swaps	—	\$ —	15	\$ 2.91	—	\$ —
Basis Swaps						
WAHA vs. Henry Hub <sup>(4)</sup>	—	\$ —	4	\$ 0.30	—	\$ —

(1) Volumes in oil are presented in MBbls and price per Bbl, natural gas volumes are presented in TBtu and prices per MMBtu.

(2) EP Energy receives Cushing plus the basis spread listed and pays Midland.

(3) EP Energy receives Cushing plus the basis spread listed and pays Magellan East Houston.

(4) EP Energy receives Henry Hub plus the basis spread listed and pays Waha.

For our three-way collar contracts in the tables above, the sub-floor prices represent the price below which we receive WTI plus a weighted average spread of \$11.37 in 2020 and \$10.00 in 2021 on the indicated volumes. If WTI is above our sub-floor prices, we receive the noted floor price until WTI exceeds that floor price. Above the floor price, we receive WTI until prices exceed the noted ceiling price in our three-way collars, at which time we receive the fixed ceiling price. As of September 30, 2020, the average forward price of oil was \$40.59 per barrel of oil for the remainder of 2020 and \$42.46 per barrel of oil for 2021.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2020, we settled commodity index hedges on more than 100% of our oil production and 82% of our total liquids production at average floor prices of \$56.75 per barrel of oil. As of September 30, 2020, approximately 58% of our 2020 future crude oil contracts allow for upside participation (weighted average price of approximately \$56.37 per barrel for 2020) while containing certain sub-floor prices (weighted average prices of \$45.00 per barrel) that limit the amount of our derivative settlements under these three-way contracts should prices drop below the sub-floor prices. To the extent our oil, natural gas and NGLs production is unhedged, either from a commodity index or locational price perspective, our operating revenues will be impacted from period to period.



For the period from October 1, 2020 through November 19, 2020, we entered into the following positions:

	2021		2022		2023	
	Volumes <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Price <sup>(1)</sup>	Volumes <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Price <sup>(1)</sup>	Volumes <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Price <sup>(1)</sup>
<i>Oil</i>						
Fixed Price Swaps						
WTI <sup>(2)</sup>	4,291	\$ 43.31	1,460	\$ 42.56	730	\$ 42.85
Collars						
Ceiling - WTI	365	\$ 48.00	1,095	\$ 50.43	1,095	\$ 47.73
Floors - WTI	365	\$ 35.00	1,095	\$ 35.00	1,095	\$ 36.67
<i>Natural Gas</i>						
Fixed Price Swaps	4	\$ 3.00	—	\$ —	—	\$ —

(1) Volumes in oil are presented in MBbls and price per Bbl, natural gas volumes are presented in TBtu and prices per MMBtu.

(2) Includes 630 bbls of previously existing January-March 2021 WTI three-ways collars that were converted into the same volume of January-March 2021 WTI fixed price swaps.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

*Overview.* As of September 30, 2020, our primary sources of liquidity are cash generated by our operations and borrowings under our debtor-in-possession facility (“DIP Facility”). Our primary uses of cash are capital expenditures, debt service, including interest, and working capital requirements. The following table provides a summary of our total available liquidity as of September 30, 2020:

	September 30, 2020 (in millions)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 56
Availability under DIP Facility	178
Total available liquidity	\$ 234

*Chapter 11 Cases.* In the second quarter 2019, our Board of Directors appointed a Special Committee which engaged financial and legal advisors to consider a number of potential actions and evaluate certain strategic alternatives to address our liquidity and balance sheet issues. On August 15, 2019, we did not make the approximately \$40 million cash interest payment due and payable with respect to the 8.000% Senior Secured Notes due 2025. On September 3, 2019, we did not make the approximately \$7 million cash interest payment due and payable with respect to the 7.750% Senior Notes due 2022.

On October 3, 2019, we and certain of our direct and indirect subsidiaries (collectively with the Company, the “Debtors”) filed the Chapter 11 Cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas seeking relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code. To ensure ordinary course operations, the Debtors obtained approval from the Bankruptcy Court for a variety of “first day” motions, including motions to obtain customary relief intended to assure our ability to continue our ordinary course operations after the filing date. In addition, the Debtors received authority to use cash collateral of the lenders under the Reserve-Based Facility (“RBL Facility”).

The commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases constituted an immediate event of default, and caused the automatic and immediate acceleration of all debt outstanding under or in respect of a number of our instruments and agreements relating to our direct financial obligations, including our RBL Facility and indentures governing the 8.000% Senior Secured Notes due 2025, 7.750% Senior Secured Notes due 2026, 8.000% Senior Secured Notes due 2024, 9.375% Senior Secured Notes due 2024, 9.375% Senior Notes due 2020, 7.750% Senior Notes due 2022 and 6.375% Senior Notes due 2023 (collectively, the “Senior Notes”). Any efforts to enforce such payment obligations were automatically stayed as a result of the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases and the creditors’ rights of enforcement in respect of the Senior Notes and the RBL Facility are subject to the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

On October 18, 2019, the Debtors entered into the PSA with the Supporting Noteholders to support a restructuring on the terms of a chapter 11 plan described therein (the “Plan”). On October 18, 2019, the Debtors also entered into the BCA with the Supporting Noteholders, pursuant to which the Supporting Noteholders agreed to backstop \$463 million (to consist of \$325 million in cash and \$138 million in exchanged reinstated 1.25L Notes) of the Rights Offering. On March 6, 2020, after a hearing to confirm the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court stated that it would confirm the Plan. On March 12, 2020, pursuant to its ruling on March 6, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order confirming the Plan (ECF No. 1049).

On March 18, 2020, the Debtors and the Supporting Noteholders under the PSA and in their capacities as the Commitment Parties under the BCA, mutually agreed to amend and terminate the PSA and the BCA pursuant the terms of a Stipulation of Settlement Regarding Backstop Agreement and Plan Support Agreement (the “Stipulation”). On March 23, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court approved the Stipulation.

*Amended Plan of Reorganization.* On July 13, 2020, the Debtors filed an amended Plan of Reorganization and amended Disclosure Statement. Under the amended Plan of Reorganization, holders of allowed 1.125L notes claims were entitled to receive 100% of the new common shares of the reorganized company, subject to dilution by the Company’s Employee Incentive Plan. On July 20, 2020, the Southern District Court of Texas conditionally approved the amended Disclosure Statement. On August 12, 2020, the Debtors filed a supplement to the Disclosure Statement that included governance and employee related term sheet agreements.

*Confirmation of Amended Plan of Reorganization.* On August 27, 2020, the company received approval of the amended Plan by the Southern District Court of Texas. The company also emerged from Chapter 11 on October 1, 2020.

*Debtor-in-Possession Agreement.* On November 25, 2019, EPE Acquisition, LLC and EP Energy LLC entered into a Senior Secured Superpriority Debtor-In-Possession Credit Agreement (the “DIP Credit Agreement”) with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, collateral agent and an issuing bank and the RBL Lenders which are party thereto as lenders (the “DIP Lenders”). Under the DIP Credit Agreement and the DIP Order, a portion of the RBL Facility was converted into revolving commitments under the DIP Credit Agreement which provides for an approximately \$315 million debtor-in-possession senior secured superpriority revolving credit facility (the “DIP Facility”, and the loans thereunder, the “DIP Loans”), and which includes a letter of credit sublimit of \$50 million. As of September 30, 2020, we had \$178 million capacity remaining with approximately \$17 million of letters of credit issued and \$120 million outstanding under the DIP Facility. For a further discussion of the additional terms of the DIP Facility, see Note 2 in the included financial statements. The DIP facility rolled into the Exit Facility in conjunction with our emergence from Chapter 11.

On March 12, 2020, EP Energy LLC, EPE Acquisition, LLC, the agent and certain of the lenders under the RBL Facility, the DIP Agent and certain of the DIP Lenders entered into that certain Waiver of Credit Agreements which waived the occurrence of any event of default triggered under the RBL Credit Agreement and the DIP Credit Agreement as a result of a going concern or like qualification or exception to the audited financials for the year ending December 31, 2019.

*Exit Facility.* In October 2019, the Debtors received an underwritten commitment from the DIP Lenders to convert their DIP Loans and their remaining claims under the RBL Facility into an approximately \$629 million exit senior secured reserve-based revolving credit facility (the “Exit Facility”). In July 2020, the Debtors agreed with the DIP Lenders to revise terms and conditions under the Exit Facility. The Exit Facility is subject to certain conditions set forth in the senior secured revolving credit agreement, by and among EP Energy LLC, as borrower, EPE Acquisition, LLC, as holdings, the lenders party thereto from time to time, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, collateral agent and an issuing bank. At October 31, 2020 the company had \$395 million drawn and \$17 million of letters of credit issued under the Exit Facility. Total available liquidity including cash on hand was \$242 million.

For a further discussion of all Chapter 11 related matters, see Note 2 in the included financial statements.

*Overview of Cash Flow Activities.* Our cash flows are summarized as follows (in millions):

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019
<b>Cash Inflows</b>		
<i>Operating activities</i>		
Net loss	\$ (2,273)	\$ (810)
Impairment charges	2,324	458
Gain on extinguishment of debt	—	(10)
Write-off of debt discount and deferred issue costs		90
Reorganization items, net	121	—
Other income adjustments	191	324
Changes in assets and liabilities	(78)	97
Total cash flow from operations	<u>285</u>	<u>149</u>
<i>Financing activities</i>		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	—	923
Proceeds from borrowing under DIP Facility	175	—
Cash inflows from financing activities	<u>175</u>	<u>923</u>
Total cash inflows	<u>\$ 460</u>	<u>\$ 1,072</u>
<b>Cash Outflows</b>		
<i>Investing activities</i>		
Capital expenditures	\$ 222	\$ 422
Cash paid for acquisitions	2	18
Cash outflows from investing activities	<u>224</u>	<u>440</u>
<i>Financing activities</i>		
Repayments and repurchases of long-term debt	—	468
Repayment of borrowings from DIP Facility	203	—
Other	—	2
Cash outflows from financing activities	<u>203</u>	<u>470</u>
Total cash outflows	<u>\$ 427</u>	<u>\$ 910</u>
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 33</u>	<u>\$ 162</u>

**Production Volumes and Capital Summary**

*Production Volumes.* Below is an analysis of our production volumes for the nine months ended September 30:

	2020	2019
<i>Equivalent Volumes (MBoe/d)</i>		
Eagle Ford	27.2	32.9
Northeastern Utah	18.4	15.5
Permian	20.0	21.6
Total	65.6	70.0
<i>Oil (MBbls/d)</i>		
Eagle Ford	17.6	21.8
Northeastern Utah	12.4	10.1
Permian	4.7	6.4
Total	34.7	38.3
<i>Natural Gas (MMcf/d)</i>		
Eagle Ford <sup>(1)</sup>	28	33
Northeastern Utah	36	32
Permian	49	48
Total	113	113
<i>NGLs (MBbls/d)</i>		
Eagle Ford	5.0	5.6
Northeastern Utah	—	—
Permian	7.2	7.2
Total	12.2	12.8

(1) Production volume excludes 7 MMcf/d of reinjected gas volumes used in operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

*Production Summary.* For the nine months ended September 30, 2020, compared to the same period in 2019, (i) Eagle Ford equivalent volumes decreased 5.7 MBoe/d or (approximately 17%) due to limited development and marketing constraints, (ii) NEU equivalent volumes increased 2.9 MBoe/d or (approximately 19%) due to increased drilling activity and horizontal development in 2020, and (iii) Permian equivalent volumes decreased 1.6 MBoe/d or (approximately 7%) reflecting the slower pace of development due to a significant reduction in capital allocated to the Permian. In Permian, our 2020 production volumes were also negatively impacted by more reinjected gas as compared to the same period in 2019.

*Drilling Summary.* During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we (i) frac'd (wells fracture stimulated) 15 gross wells in the Eagle Ford, all of which came online for a total of 862 net operated wells, and (ii) frac'd 12 gross wells in NEU, all of which came online for a total of 353 net operated wells. We did not frac any wells in the Permian during the nine months ended September 30, 2020, and currently operate 353 net wells in the area. As of September 30, 2020, we also had a total of 30 gross wells in progress, all of which were drilled, but not completed across our programs.

*Capital Expenditures.* Our capital expenditures and average drilling rigs by area for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 were:

	Capital Expenditures <sup>(1)</sup> (in millions)	Average Drilling Rigs
Eagle Ford Shale	\$ 60	0.4
Northeastern Utah	115	0.9
Permian	8	—
Total	\$ 183	1.3
Acquisition capital	\$ 2	
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 185	

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(1) Represents accrual-based capital expenditures.

## Results of Operations

The information in the table below provides a summary of our financial results.

	Quarter ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	(in millions)			
<b>Operating revenues</b>				
Oil	\$ 124	\$ 193	\$ 342	\$ 590
Natural gas	10	10	25	36
NGLs	15	12	31	45
Total physical sales	149	215	398	671
Financial derivatives	4	32	203	(34)
Total operating revenues	153	247	601	637
<b>Operating expenses</b>				
Transportation costs	9	23	33	71
Lease operating expense	21	34	74	101
General and administrative	11	38	52	102
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	41	116	189	304
Gain on sale of assets	—	—	1	—
Impairment charges	—	458	2,324	458
Exploration and other expense	4	1	7	3
Taxes, other than income taxes	14	12	34	43
Total operating expenses	100	682	2,714	1,082
Operating income (loss)	53	(435)	(2,113)	(445)
Other income	—	4	1	4
Gain on extinguishment of debt	—	—	—	10
Interest expense	(4)	(189)	(38)	(379)
Reorganization items, net	(30)	—	(123)	—
Income (loss) before income taxes	19	(620)	(2,273)	(810)
Income tax benefit	—	—	—	—
Net income (loss)	\$ 19	\$ (620)	\$ (2,273)	\$ (810)

*Operating Revenues*

The table below provides our operating revenues, volumes and prices per unit for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019. We present (i) average realized prices based on physical sales of oil, natural gas and NGLs as well as (ii) average realized prices inclusive of the impacts of financial derivative settlements and premiums which reflect cash received or paid during the respective period.

	Quarter ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
(in millions)				
<b>Operating revenues:</b>				
Oil	\$ 124	\$ 193	\$ 342	\$ 590
Natural gas	10	10	25	36
NGLs	15	12	31	45
Total physical sales	149	215	398	671
Financial derivatives	4	32	203	(34)
Total operating revenues	\$ 153	\$ 247	\$ 601	\$ 637
<b>Volumes:</b>				
Oil (MBbls)	3,335	3,487	9,498	10,457
Natural gas (MMcf)	10,532	9,654	30,849	30,931
NGLs (MBbls)	1,238	1,090	3,329	3,518
Equivalent volumes (MBoe)	6,328	6,186	17,969	19,130
Total MBoe/d	68.8	67.2	65.6	70.0
<b>Prices per unit<sup>(1)</sup>:</b>				
<b>Oil</b>				
Average realized price on physical sales (\$/Bbl) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 37.44	\$ 55.25	\$ 36.06	\$ 56.40
Average realized price, including financial derivatives (\$/Bbl) <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	\$ 52.58	\$ 55.50	\$ 52.16	\$ 57.10
<b>Natural gas</b>				
Average realized price on physical sales (\$/Mcf) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0.94	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.80	\$ 1.16
Average realized price, including financial derivatives (\$/Mcf) <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	\$ 0.94	\$ 1.74	\$ 0.80	\$ 1.62
<b>NGLs</b>				
Average realized price on physical sales (\$/Bbl)	\$ 11.67	\$ 10.98	\$ 9.32	\$ 12.93
Average realized price, including financial derivatives (\$/Bbl) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 11.67	\$ 10.98	\$ 9.32	\$ 12.93

- (1) For both the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, there were no oil or natural gas purchases associated with managing our physical oil and natural gas sales.
- (2) Changes in realized oil and natural gas prices reflect the effects of unhedged locational or basis differentials, unhedged volumes and contractual deductions between the commodity price index and the actual price at which we sold our oil and natural gas.
- (3) The quarters ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, include cash received of approximately \$51 million and less than \$1 million, respectively, for the settlement of crude oil derivative contracts and approximately \$7 million of cash received for the settlement of natural gas financial derivatives for the quarter ended September 30, 2019. The nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, include cash received of approximately \$153 million and \$7 million, respectively, for the settlement of crude oil derivative contracts and approximately \$14 million of cash received for the settlement of natural gas financial derivatives for the nine months ended September 30, 2019.



*Physical sales.* Physical sales represent accrual-based commodity sales transactions with customers. The table below displays the price and volume variances on our physical sales when comparing the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019.

	Quarter ended			
	Oil	Natural gas	NGLs	Total
	(in millions)			
September 30, 2019 sales	\$ 193	\$ 10	\$ 12	\$ 215
Change due to prices	(60)	(1)	1	(60)
Change due to volumes	(9)	1	2	(6)
September 30, 2020 sales	<u>\$ 124</u>	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$ 15</u>	<u>\$ 149</u>

  

	Nine months ended			
	Oil	Natural gas	NGLs	Total
	(in millions)			
September 30, 2019 sales	\$ 590	\$ 36	\$ 45	\$ 671
Change due to prices	(194)	(11)	(12)	(217)
Change due to volumes	(54)	—	(2)	(56)
September 30, 2020 sales	<u>\$ 342</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 31</u>	<u>\$ 398</u>

Oil sales for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, compared to the same periods in 2019, decreased by \$69 million (36)% and \$248 million (42% ), respectively, due primarily to lower oil realized prices in all areas and lower production in the Eagle Ford and Permian.

Natural gas sales were flat for the quarter ended September 30, 2020, compared to the same period in 2019, while natural gas sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 were lower \$11 million (31)% compared to the same period in 2019 primarily due to lower natural gas prices in all areas.

Our oil, natural gas and NGLs are sold at index prices (WTI, Henry Hub and Mt. Belvieu) or refiners' posted prices at various delivery points across our producing basins. Realized prices received (not considering the effects of hedges) are generally less than the stated index price as a result of fixed or variable contractual deductions, differentials from the index to the delivery point, adjustments for time, and/or discounts for quality or grade.

In the Eagle Ford, our oil is sold at prices tied primarily to benchmark Magellan East Houston crude oil. In NEU, market pricing of our oil is based upon NYMEX-based agreements, which reflect a locational difference at the wellhead. In the Permian, physical barrels are generally sold at the WTI Midland Index, which trades at a spread to WTI Cushing. Across all regions, natural gas realized pricing is influenced by factors such as regional basis differentials, excess royalties paid on flared gas and the percentage of proceeds retained under processing contracts, in addition to the normal seasonal supply and demand influences and those factors discussed above. The table below displays the weighted average differentials and deducts on our oil and natural gas sales on an average NYMEX price.

	Quarter ended September 30,			
	2020		2019	
	Oil (Bbl)	Natural gas (MMBtu)	Oil (Bbl)	Natural gas (MMBtu)
Differentials and deducts	\$ (3.50)	\$ (0.99)	\$ (0.82)	\$ (1.21)
NYMEX	\$ 40.93	\$ 1.98	\$ 56.45	\$ 2.23
Net back realization %	91.4 %	50.0 %	98.5 %	45.7 %

	Nine months ended September 30,			
	2020		2019	
	Oil (Bbl)	Natural gas (MMBtu)	Oil (Bbl)	Natural gas (MMBtu)
Differentials and deducts	\$ (2.31)	\$ (1.07)	\$ (0.73)	\$ (1.48)
NYMEX	\$ 38.32	\$ 1.88	\$ 57.06	\$ 2.67
Net back realization %	94.0 %	43.1 %	98.7 %	44.6 %

The oil realization percentages for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, were lower as compared to the same period in 2019 primarily as a result of the weaker Magellan East Houston basis premium and slightly weaker physical sales contracts relative to lower NYMEX WTI pricing. The higher natural gas realization percentage for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 was primarily a result of stronger Permian basin natural gas pricing while the lower natural gas realization percentage for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 was primarily a result of a higher concentration of gas volumes from Permian and NEU, 76% in 2020 compared to 71% in 2019, which priced lower than Eagle Ford gas volumes compared to the same period in 2019.

NGLs sales increased by \$3 million (25%) and decreased \$14 million (31%) for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, compared with the same periods in 2019. The increase for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 is due to higher average realized prices in the Eagle Ford and Permian. The decrease for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 is primarily due to a (28%) lower average realized price.

Future growth in our overall oil, natural gas and NGLs sales (including the impact of financial derivatives) will largely be impacted by commodity prices, our level of hedging, our capital expenditures, our ability to maintain or grow oil volumes and by the location of our production and the nature of our sales contracts. See *Our Business* and *Liquidity and Capital Resources* for further information on our derivative instruments.

*Gains or losses on financial derivatives.* We record gains or losses due to changes in the fair value of our derivative contracts based on forward commodity prices relative to the prices in the underlying contracts. We realize such gains or losses when we settle the derivative position. During the quarters ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, we recorded \$4 million and \$32 million of derivative gains, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, we recorded \$203 million and \$34 million of derivative gains and losses, respectively. For the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020 we have received \$51 million and \$153 million in derivative settlement proceeds, respectively.

#### Operating Expenses

The table below provides our operating expenses, volumes and operating expenses per unit for each of the periods presented:

	Quarter ended September 30,			
	2020		2019	
	Total	Per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	Per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>
	(in millions, except per unit costs)			
Operating expenses				
Transportation costs	9	1.50	23	3.69
Lease operating expense	21	3.44	34	5.54
General and administrative <sup>(2)</sup>	11	1.62	38	6.09
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	41	6.56	116	18.62
Gain on sale of assets	—	(0.03)	—	—
Impairment charges	—	—	458	74.10
Exploration and other expense	4	0.59	1	0.12
Taxes, other than income taxes	14	2.10	12	1.98
Total operating expenses	\$ 100	\$ 15.78	\$ 682	\$ 110.14
Total equivalent volumes (MBoe)	6,328		6,186	

	Nine months ended September 30,			
	2020		2019	
	Total	Per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	Per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>
(in millions, except per unit costs)				
<b>Operating expenses</b>				
Oil and natural gas purchases	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Transportation costs	33	1.85	71	3.70
Lease operating expense	74	4.14	101	5.30
General and administrative <sup>(2)</sup>	52	2.88	102	5.31
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	189	10.55	304	15.89
Gain on sale of assets	1	0.03	—	—
Impairment charges	2,324	129.32	458	23.96
Exploration and other expense	7	0.39	3	0.10
Taxes, other than income taxes	34	1.88	43	2.25
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,714</b>	<b>\$ 151.04</b>	<b>\$ 1,082</b>	<b>\$ 56.51</b>
<b>Total equivalent volumes (MBoe)</b>	<b>17,969</b>		<b>19,130</b>	

(1) Per unit costs are based on actual amounts rather than the rounded totals presented.

(2) For the nine months ended September 30, 2020, amount includes approximately \$8 million or \$0.42 per Boe of incentive compensation expense. For the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, amount include \$1 million or \$0.14 per Boe and \$5 million or \$0.31 per Boe, respectively, of transition, severance and other costs, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, amount includes \$1 million or \$0.08 per Boe of litigation accruals and settlements. For the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2019, amount includes approximately \$6 million or \$1.02 per Boe and \$13 million or \$0.68 per Boe, respectively, of noncash compensation expense, \$15 million or \$2.53 per Boe and \$19 million or \$1.00 per Boe, respectively, of transition, severance and other costs. For the nine months ended September 30, 2019, amount includes \$1 million or \$0.02 per Boe of fees paid to Sponsors, and \$24 million or \$1.25 per Boe of legacy litigation accruals and settlements.

*Transportation costs.* Transportation costs for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, decreased by \$14 million and \$38 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2019 primarily as a result of the rejection and renegotiation of certain Eagle Ford transportation contracts during the fourth quarter of 2019 and first quarter of 2020 in conjunction with our Chapter 11 Cases.

*Lease operating expense.* Lease operating expense for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, decreased by \$13 million and \$27 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2019. The decrease for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, compared to the same periods in 2019 is due primarily to lower maintenance costs in all areas, and lower flowback, chemicals, and power & fuel costs in the Eagle Ford.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, decreased by \$27 million and \$50 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2019. Lower costs for the quarter ended September 30, 2020, compared to the same period in 2019 were due primarily to lower professional and legal fees of \$16 million related to legal and financial advisory fees associated with bankruptcy related matters prior to our Chapter 11 filing in 2019 as well as lower bonus and benefits expense of \$9 million. Lower costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, compared to the same period in 2019 were due to a \$21 million legacy legal matter accrual recorded in the second quarter of 2019, lower professional and legal fees of \$20 million related to bankruptcy related matters, and lower bonus and benefits expense of \$6 million.

*Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense.* Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense decreased for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, when compared to the same periods in 2019 primarily due to a decrease in the depletion rate as a result of the \$2,324 million impairment recorded during the quarter ended March 31, 2020, on all of our properties. Our depreciation, depletion and amortization rate in the future will be impacted by the level, the location, and timing of capital spending, the overall cost of capital and the level and type of reserves recorded on completed projects. Our average depreciation, depletion and amortization costs per unit for the quarter and nine ended September 30 were:

	Quarter ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Depreciation, depletion and amortization (\$/Boe)	\$ 6.56	\$ 18.62	\$ 10.55	\$ 15.89

*Impairment charges.* For the quarter ended March 31, 2020, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge of approximately \$2,324 million on our Eagle Ford, NEU and Permian proved properties as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and the impact on oil price volatility. For the quarter ended September 30, 2020, there was no impairment charge. See Note 3 in the included financial statements for more information on impairment.

*Other Income Statement Items.*

*Gain on extinguishment of debt.* During the nine months ended ended September 30, 2019, we recorded a total gain on extinguishment of debt of \$10 million as a result of our repurchase of approximately \$50 million in aggregate principal amount of our senior unsecured notes due 2020.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020, decreased by \$185 million and \$341 million compared to the same periods in 2019. As a result of filing the Chapter 11 Cases on October 3, 2019 we were required to assess our debt obligations subject to compromise where interest was no longer probable of being paid. Accordingly, we discontinued the accrual of interest associated with the 1.5 lien notes and senior unsecured notes on filing our petition on October 3, 2019 upon reclassifying those notes as liabilities subject to compromise and discontinued the accrual of interest associated with the 1.125 and 1.25 lien notes upon termination of our PSA and BCA (see Notes 2 and 7 in the included financial statements).

*Reorganization items, net.* Reorganization items, net were \$30 million and \$123 million for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020. The reorganization items for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, consisted of \$46 million in professional fees associated with the Chapter 11 Cases, \$120 million associated with the rejection of executory contracts approved by the Bankruptcy Court during the first quarter 2020 as a direct result of the Chapter 11 Cases, and \$(45) million for the elimination of accrued interest on the 1.125 lien and 1.25 lien notes in conjunction with terminating the PSA and BCA in March 2020 associated with our Chapter 11 Cases as further described in Note 2 in the financial statements.

*Income taxes.* For both the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, our effective tax rates were 0%. Our effective tax rates in 2020 and 2019 differed from the statutory rate of 21% primarily as a result of our recognition of a full valuation allowance on our net deferred tax assets. In addition, we recorded adjustments to the valuation allowance on our net deferred tax assets, which offset deferred income tax benefits by \$(4) million and \$135 million, for the quarters ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and by \$501 million and \$174 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

### Supplemental Non-GAAP Measures

We use the non-GAAP measures “EBITDAX” and “Adjusted EBITDAX” as supplemental measures. We believe these supplemental measures provide meaningful information to our investors. We define EBITDAX as net income (loss) plus interest and debt expense, income taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization and exploration expense. Adjusted EBITDAX is defined as EBITDAX, adjusted as applicable in the relevant period for the net change in the fair value of derivatives (mark-to-market effects of financial derivatives, net of cash settlements and cash premiums related to these derivatives), incentive compensation expense (which represents non-cash compensation expense under long-term incentive programs), transition, severance and other costs that affect comparability, management and other fees paid to Sponsors, legacy litigation settlements, reorganization items, gains and losses on extinguishment of debt and impairment charges.

We believe that the presentation of EBITDAX and Adjusted EBITDAX is important to provide management and investors with additional information (i) to evaluate our ability to service debt adjusting for items required or permitted in calculating covenant compliance under our debt agreements, (ii) to provide an important supplemental indicator of the operational performance of our business without regard to financing methods and capital structure, (iii) for evaluating our performance relative to our peers, (iv) to measure our liquidity (before cash capital requirements and working capital needs) and (v) to provide supplemental information about certain material non-cash and/or other items that may not continue at the same level in the future. EBITDAX and Adjusted EBITDAX have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP or as an alternative to net income (loss), operating income (loss), operating cash flows or other measures of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP.

Below is a reconciliation of our consolidated net income (loss) to EBITDAX and Adjusted EBITDAX:

	Quarter ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	(in millions)			
Net income (loss)	\$ 19	\$ (620)	\$ (2,273)	\$ (810)
Income tax benefit	—	—	—	—
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	4	189	38	379
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	41	116	189	304
Exploration expense	4	1	5	3
EBITDAX	68	(314)	(2,041)	(124)
Mark-to-market on financial derivatives <sup>(1)</sup>	(4)	(32)	(203)	34
Cash settlements and cash premiums on financial derivatives <sup>(2)</sup>	51	8	153	22
Incentive compensation expense <sup>(3)</sup>	—	6	8	13
Transition, severance and other costs	1	15	5	19
Fees paid to Sponsors	—	—	—	1
Legacy litigation settlements <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	1	24
Gain on sale of assets	—	—	1	—
Reorganization items, net <sup>(5)</sup>	30	—	123	—
Gain on extinguishment of debt	—	—	—	(10)
Impairment charges	—	458	2,324	458
Adjusted EBITDAX	\$ 146	\$ 141	\$ 371	\$ 437

(1) Represents the income statement impact of financial derivatives.

(2) Represents actual cash settlements related to financial derivatives. No cash premiums were received or paid for the quarters ended September 30, 2020 and 2019.

(3) For the nine months ended September 30, 2020, incentive compensation expense includes \$6 million in amounts under the Key Employee Retention Program, “KERP”, and for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2019, incentive compensation expense includes \$5 million and \$6 million, respectively, in amounts under the KERP, in lieu of long-term incentive compensation. For additional details on the KERP, see Note 9 in the included financial statements.

(4) Reflects amounts accrued related to legacy legal cases. For additional details on our legacy legal matters, see Note 7 in the included financial statements.

(5) Includes professional fees and amounts recorded associated with the rejection of executory contracts approved by the Bankruptcy Court that are a direct result of the Chapter 11 Cases and certain other items as further described in Note 2 in the included financial statements.