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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(TO PROSPECTUS DATED AUGUST 4, 2011)

# PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P.

## **Common Units**

## **Representing Limited Partner Interests**

## Having an Aggregate Offering Price of Up to

## \$75,000,000

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus relate to the issuance and sale from time to time of common units representing limited partner interests in PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. having an aggregate offering price of up to \$75,000,000 through Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as our sales agent. These sales, if any, will be made pursuant to the terms of the equity distribution agreement dated March 18, 2013 between us and the sales agent, which has been previously filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Under the terms of the equity distribution agreement, we also may sell common units to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. as principal for its own account at a price agreed upon at the time of the sale. If we sell common units to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. as principal, we will enter into a separate terms agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and we will describe that agreement in a separate prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

Our common units trade on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol PNG. On March 15, 2013, the last reported sale price of our common units on the NYSE was \$21.70 per unit. Sales of common units under this prospectus supplement, if any, will be made by means of ordinary brokers transactions through the facilities of the NYSE at market prices, in block transactions or as otherwise agreed between us and the sales agent.

Investing in our common units involves risks. Limited partnerships are inherently different from corporations. You should carefully consider the risks relating to investing in our common units and each of the risk factors described under <u>Risk Factors</u> on page S-3 of this prospectus supplement before you make an investment in our securities.

The compensation of the sales agent for sales of units shall be at a commission rate of up to 2.0% of the gross sales price per common unit, depending upon the number of common units sold. The net proceeds from any sales under this prospectus supplement will be used as described under Use of Proceeds in this prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

## Citigroup

March 18, 2013

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT INFORMATION IN THIS

## PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE ACCOMPANYING BASE PROSPECTUS

We are providing information to you about this offering of our common units in two separate documents that are bound together: (1) this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering; and (2) the accompanying base prospectus, which provides general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. This prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change information contained in the accompanying base prospectus. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying base prospectus, you should rely on this prospectus supplement. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both documents combined.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus or any free writing prospectus prepared by us or on our behalf. Neither we nor Citigroup Global Markets Inc. have authorized anyone to provide you with additional or different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents or that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document incorporated by reference. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

We are not making an offer to sell our common units in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted.

The information in this prospectus supplement is not complete. You should carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference herein and therein, before you invest, as these documents contain information you should consider when making your investment decision.

None of PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. or any of their respective representatives is making any representation to you regarding the legality of an investment in our common units by you under applicable laws. You should consult with your own advisors as to legal, tax, business, financial and related aspects of an investment in the common units.

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## CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements, including but not limited to statements identified by the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, plan, intend and forecast, as well as similar expressions and statements regarding our business strategy, plans and objectives for future operations. The absence of such words, expressions or statements, however, does not mean that the statements are not forward-looking. Any such forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events, based on what we believe to be reasonable assumptions. Certain factors could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from results or outcomes anticipated in the forward-looking statements. The most important of these factors include, but are not limited to:

a continuation of reduced volatility and/or lower spreads in natural gas markets for an extended period of time;

factors affecting demand for natural gas storage services and the rates we are able to charge for such services, including the balance between the supply of and the demand for natural gas;

our ability to maintain or replace expiring storage contracts, or enter into new storage contracts, in either case at attractive rates and on otherwise favorable terms;

factors affecting our ability to realize revenues from hub services and merchant storage transactions involving uncontracted or unutilized capacity at our facilities;

operational, geologic or other factors that affect the timing or amount of crude oil and other liquid hydrocarbons that we are able to produce in conjunction with the operation of our Bluewater facility;

the occurrence of a natural disaster, catastrophe, terrorist attack or other event, including attacks on our electronic and computer systems;

market or other factors that affect the prices we are able to realize for crude oil and other liquid hydrocarbons produced in conjunction with the operation of our Bluewater facility;

our ability to obtain and/or maintain all permits, approvals and authorizations that are necessary to conduct our business and execute our capital projects;

the impact of operational, geologic and commercial factors that could result in an inability on our part to satisfy our contractual commitments and obligations, including the impact of equipment performance, cavern operating pressures, cavern temperature variances, salt creep and subsurface conditions or events;

risks related to the ownership, development and operation of natural gas storage facilities;

failure to implement or execute planned internal growth projects on a timely basis and within targeted cost projections;

the effectiveness of our risk management activities;

the effects of competition;

interruptions in service and fluctuations in tariffs or volumes on third-party pipelines;

general economic, market or business conditions and the amplification of other risks caused by volatile financial markets, capital constraints and pervasive liquidity concerns;

the successful integration and future performance of acquired assets or businesses;

our ability to obtain debt or equity financing on satisfactory terms to fund additional acquisitions, expansion projects, working capital requirements and the repayment or refinancing of indebtedness;

the impact of current and future laws, rulings, governmental regulations, accounting standards and statements and related interpretations;

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shortages or cost increases of supplies, materials or labor;

weather interference with business operations or project construction;

our ability to receive open credit from our suppliers and trade counterparties;

continued creditworthiness of, and performance by, our counterparties, including financial institutions and trading companies with which we do business;

the availability of, and our ability to consummate, acquisition or combination opportunities;

the operations or financial performance of assets or businesses that we acquire;

environmental liabilities or events that are not covered by an indemnity, insurance or existing reserves;

increased costs or unavailability of insurance;

fluctuations in the debt and equity markets, including the price of our units at the time of vesting under our long-term incentive plan; and

other factors and uncertainties inherent in the ownership, development and operation of natural gas storage facilities.

Other factors described herein or incorporated by reference as well as factors that are unknown or unpredictable, could also have a material adverse effect on future results. Please read Risk Factors on page S-3 of this prospectus supplement and in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 (File No. 001-34722), which is incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference, for information regarding risks you should consider before investing in our common units. Except as required by applicable securities laws, we do not intend to update these forward-looking statements and information.

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#### SUMMARY

This summary highlights information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. It does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in the common units. You should read carefully the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein and the other documents to which we refer herein and therein for a more complete understanding of this offering.

Please read Risk Factors on page S-3 of this prospectus supplement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, which is incorporated by reference herein, for information regarding risks you should consider before investing in our common units.

For purposes of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, references to PNG, the Partnership, we, us, our and similar terms refer to PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. and its subsidiaries. References to our general partner refer to PNGS GP LLC.

#### **The Partnership**

**Overview** 

We are a Delaware limited partnership formed by Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (PAA) on January 15, 2010 to own, operate and grow PAA s natural gas storage business, in which it acquired its initial interest in 2005. Our operations are conducted directly and indirectly through our primary operating subsidiaries. We provide natural gas storage services to a broad mix of customers, including local gas distribution companies, electric utilities, pipelines, direct industrial users, electric power generators, marketers, producers, liquefied natural gas importers and affiliates of such entities. Our storage rates are regulated under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rate-making policies, which currently permit our facilities to charge market-based rates for our services.

Our business consists of the acquisition, development, ownership, operation and commercial management of natural gas storage facilities. As of December 31, 2012, we owned and operated three natural gas storage facilities located in Louisiana, Mississippi and Michigan. We also lease storage capacity and pipeline transportation capacity from third parties from time to time in order to increase our operational flexibility and enhance the services we offer our customers.

**Our Principal Executive Offices** 

Our executive offices are located at 333 Clay Street, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas 77002. Our telephone number is (713) 646-4100. We maintain a website at *www.pnglp.com* that provides information about our business and operations. Information contained on or available through our website is not incorporated into or otherwise a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus.

#### Additional Information

For additional information about us, including our partnership structure and management, please refer to the documents set forth under Where You Can Find More Information in this prospectus supplement, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, which is incorporated by reference herein.

The Offering						
Common Units Offered	Common units having an aggregate offering price of up to \$75,000,000.					
Use of Proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, including our general partner s proportionate capital contribution, after deducting the sales agent s commission and our offering expenses, for general partnership purposes, which may include, among other things, repayment of indebtedness, acquisitions, capital expenditures and additions to working capital. Amounts repaid under our revolving credit facility may be reborrowed to fund our ongoing capital program, potential future acquisitions or for general partnership purposes. Please read Use of Proceeds.					
Exchange Listing	Our common units are traded on the NYSE under the symbol PNG.					
Conflicts of Interest	An affiliate of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. is a lender under our revolving credit facility. To the extent we use proceeds from this offering to repay indebtedness under our revolving credit facility, such affiliate may receive proceeds from this offering. Please read Plan of Distribution in this prospectus supplement for further information.					
Risk Factors	There are risks associated with this offering and our business. You should carefully consider the risk factors on page S-3 of this prospectus supplement and the other risks identified in the documents incorporated by reference herein before making a decision to purchase common units in this offering.					

## **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our common units involves risk. You should carefully consider the risk factors set forth in Item 1A. Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, together with all of the other information included in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus, when evaluating an investment in our common units. If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our common units could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering, including our general partner s proportionate capital contribution, after deducting the sales agent s commission and our offering expenses, for general partnership purposes, which may include, among other things, repayment of indebtedness, acquisitions, capital expenditures and additions to working capital. Amounts repaid under our revolving credit facility may be reborrowed to fund our ongoing capital program, potential future acquisitions or for general partnership purposes.

An affiliate of the sales agent is a lender under our revolving credit facility. To the extent we use proceeds from this offering to repay indebtedness under our revolving credit facility, such affiliate may receive proceeds from this offering. Please read Plan of Distribution in this prospectus supplement for further information.

At March 15, 2013, we had approximately \$194.8 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility, with a weighted average interest rate of approximately 2.05%. Substantially all of the borrowings were used to fund capital expenditures and working capital requirements.

## MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The tax consequences to you of an investment in our common units will depend in part on your own tax circumstances. Although this section updates and adds information related to certain tax considerations, it should be read in conjunction with the risk factors included under the caption Tax Risks to Common Unitholders in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and with Material Income Tax Consequences in the accompanying base prospectus, which provides a discussion of the principal federal income tax consequences associated with our operations and the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common units. The following discussion is limited as described under the caption Material Income Tax Consequences in the accompanying base prospectus.

All prospective unitholders are encouraged to consult with their own tax advisors about the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences particular to their own circumstances. In particular, ownership of common units by tax-exempt entities, including employee benefit plans and IRAs, and non-U.S. investors raises issues unique to such persons. The relevant rules are complex, and the discussions herein and in the accompanying base prospectus do not address tax considerations applicable to tax-exempt entities and non-U.S. investors, except as specifically set forth in the accompanying base prospectus. Please read Material Income Tax Consequences Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors in the accompanying base prospectus.

#### **Tax Rates**

Beginning January 1, 2013, the highest marginal federal income tax rates for individuals applicable to ordinary income and long-term capital gains (generally, gains from the sale or exchange of certain investment assets held for more than one year) are 39.6% and 20%, respectively. However, these rates are subject to change by new legislation at any time.

In addition, a 3.8% Medicare tax on certain net investment income earned by individuals, estates, and trusts applies for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. For these purposes, net investment income generally includes a unitholder s allocable share of our income and gain realized by a unitholder from a sale of units. In the case of an individual, the tax will be imposed on the lesser of (i) the unitholder s net investment income from all investments, or (ii) the amount by which the unitholder s modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$250,000 (if the unitholder is married and filing jointly or a surviving spouse), \$125,000 (if married filing separately) or \$200,000 (if the unitholder is single or in any other case). In the case of an estate or trust, the tax will be imposed on the lesser of (i) undistributed net investment income or (ii) the excess adjusted gross income over the dollar amount at which the highest income tax bracket applicable to an estate or trust begins.

## **Alternative Minimum Tax**

Each common unitholder will be required to take into account his distributive share of any items of our income, gain, loss or deduction for purposes of the alternative minimum tax. The current minimum tax rate for noncorporate taxpayers is 26% on the first \$179,500 of alternative minimum taxable income in excess of the exemption amount and 28% on any additional alternative minimum taxable income. Prospective common unitholders are urged to consult with their tax advisors as to the impact of an investment in common units on their liability for the alternative minimum tax.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

On March 18, 2013, we entered into an equity distribution agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as sales agent, under which we are permitted to offer and sell common units having an aggregate offering price of up to \$75,000,000 from time to time. We have filed the equity distribution agreement as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. The sales, if any, of common units made under the equity distribution agreement will be made by means of ordinary brokers transactions on the New York Stock Exchange at market prices, in block transactions, or as otherwise as agreed upon by the sales agent and us. As sales agent, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. will not engage in any transactions that stabilize the price of our common units.

Under the terms of the equity distribution agreement, we also may sell common units to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. as principal for its own account at a price agreed upon at the time of sale. If we sell common units to Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as principal, we will enter into a separate agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., and we will describe any such agreement in a separate prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

We will designate the maximum amount of common units to be sold through Citigroup Global Markets Inc. on a daily basis or otherwise as we and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. agree and the minimum price per common unit at which such common units may be sold. Subject to the terms and conditions of the equity distribution agreement, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. will use its reasonable efforts to sell on our behalf all of the designated common units. We may instruct Citigroup Global Markets Inc. not to sell any common units if the sales cannot be effected at or above the price designated by us in any such instruction. We or Citigroup Global Markets Inc. may suspend the offering of common units at any time and from time to time by notifying the other party.

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. will provide to us written confirmation following the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange each day in which common units are sold under the equity distribution agreement. Each confirmation will include the number of common units sold on that day, the gross sales proceeds and the net proceeds to us (after regulatory transaction fees, if any, but before other expenses). We will report at least quarterly the number of common units sold through Citigroup Global Markets Inc. under the equity distribution agreement, the net proceeds to us (before expenses) and the commissions of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. in connection with the sales of the common units.

We will pay Citigroup Global Markets Inc. a commission of up to 2% of the gross sales price per common unit sold through it as our agent under the equity distribution agreement. We have agreed to reimburse Citigroup Global Markets Inc. for certain of its expenses.

Settlement for sales of common units will occur on the third business day following the date on which any sales were made in return for payment of the net proceeds to us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

If we or Citigroup Global Markets Inc. have reason to believe that our common units are no longer an actively-traded security as defined under Rule 101(c)(1) of Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that party will promptly notify the other and sales of common units pursuant to the equity distribution agreement or any terms agreement will be suspended until in our collective judgment Rule 101(c)(1) or another exemptive provision has been satisfied.

The offering of common units pursuant to the equity distribution agreement will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the sale of all common units subject to the equity distribution agreement or (2) the termination of the equity distribution agreement by us or by Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

In connection with the sale of the common units on our behalf, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. will be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act),

and the compensation paid to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. against certain liabilities, including civil liabilities under the Securities Act.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and its affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory and commercial and investment banking services for us and our affiliates, for which they have received and in the future will receive customary compensation and expense reimbursement. An affiliate of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. is a lender under our revolving credit facility. To the extent we use proceeds from this offering to repay indebtedness under our revolving credit facility, such affiliate may receive proceeds from this offering.

#### FINRA

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or FINRA, the maximum discount or commission to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate offering price of the common units offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement. Because FINRA views the common units offered hereby as interests in a direct participation program, this offering is being made in compliance with Rule 2310 of the FINRA Rules.

#### Selling Restrictions

Notice to Prospective Investors in the EEA

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area that has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a relevant member state), other than Germany, with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that relevant member state (the relevant implementation date), an offer of securities described in this prospectus may not be made to the public in that relevant member state other than:

to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;

to fewer than 100 or, if the relevant member state has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or

in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive;

provided that no such offer of securities shall require us or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of securities to the public in any relevant member state means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the securities, as the expression may be varied in that member state by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that member state, and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the relevant member state), and includes any relevant implementing measure in each relevant member state. The expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

We have not authorized and do not authorize the making of any offer of securities through any financial intermediary on their behalf, other than offers made by the underwriters with a view to the final placement of the

securities as contemplated in this prospectus. Accordingly, no purchaser of the securities, other than the underwriters, is authorized to make any further offer of the securities on behalf of us or the underwriters.

#### Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

Our partnership may constitute a collective investment scheme as defined by section 235 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA) that is not a recognised collective investment scheme for the purposes of FSMA (CIS) and that has not been authorised or otherwise approved. As an unregulated scheme, it cannot be marketed in the United Kingdom to the general public, except in accordance with FSMA. This prospectus is only being distributed in the United Kingdom to, and is only directed at:

- if our partnership is a CIS and is marketed by a person who is an authorised person under FSMA, (a) investment professionals falling within Article 14(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Promotion of Collective Investment Schemes) (Exemptions)
  Order 2001, as amended (the CIS Promotion Order) or (b) high net worth companies and other persons falling within Article 22(2)(a) to (d) of the CIS Promotion Order; or
- (2) otherwise, if marketed by a person who is not an authorised person under FSMA, (a) persons who fall within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the Financial Promotion Order) or (b) Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Financial Promotion Order; and
- (3) in both cases (1) and (2) to any other person to whom it may otherwise lawfully be made (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons ).

Our partnership s common units are only available to, and any invitation, offer or agreement to subscribe, purchase or otherwise acquire such common units will be engaged in only with, relevant persons. Any person who is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

An invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of FSMA) in connection with the issue or sale of any common units which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus will only be communicated or caused to be communicated in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of FSMA does not apply to our partnership.

#### Notice to Prospective Investors in Switzerland

This prospectus is being communicated in Switzerland to a small number of selected investors only. Each copy of this prospectus is addressed to a specifically named recipient and may not be copied, reproduced, distributed or passed on to third parties. Our common units are not being offered to the public in Switzerland, and neither this prospectus, nor any other offering materials relating to our common units may be distributed in connection with any such public offering. We have not been registered with the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA as a foreign collective investment scheme pursuant to Article 120 of the Collective Investment Schemes Act of June 23, 2006 (CISA). Accordingly, our common units may not be offered to the public in or from Switzerland, and neither this prospectus, nor any other offering in or from Switzerland. Our common units may only be offered and this prospectus may only be distributed in or from Switzerland by way of private placement exclusively to qualified investors (as this term is defined in the CISA and its implementing ordinance).

#### Notice to Prospective Investors in Germany

This document has not been prepared in accordance with the requirements for a securities or sales prospectus under the German Securities Prospectus Act (*Wertpapierprospektgesetz*), the German Capital Investment Act (*Vermögensanlagengesetz*), or the German Investment Act (*Investmentgesetz*). Neither the German Federal Financial Services Supervisory Authority (*Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht*)

BaFin) nor any other German authority has been notified of the intention to distribute our common units in Germany. Consequently, our common units may not be distributed in Germany by way of public offering, public advertisement or in any similar manner and this document and any other document relating to the offering, as well as information or statements contained therein, may not be supplied to the public in Germany or used in connection with any offer for subscription of our common units to the public in Germany or any other means of public marketing. Our common units are being offered and sold in Germany only to qualified investors which are referred to in Section 3, paragraph 2 no. 1, in connection with Section 2, no. 6, of the German Investment Act. This document is strictly for use of the person who has received it. It may not be forwarded to other persons or published in Germany.

The offering does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy our common units in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful.

#### Notice to Prospective Investors in the Netherlands

Our common units may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the Netherlands, other than to qualified investors (*gekwalificeerde beleggers*) within the meaning of Article 1:1 of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financiael toezicht*).

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## LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the common units offered in this prospectus supplement will be passed upon for us by Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Houston, Texas. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for Citigroup Global Markets Inc. by Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, Texas.

#### EXPERTS

The financial statements of PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. and management s assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are incorporating by reference into this prospectus supplement information we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). This procedure means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to documents filed with the SEC. The information we incorporate by reference is part of this prospectus supplement and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (excluding any information furnished and not filed pursuant to any Current Report on Form 8-K) until the offering and sale of the common units contemplated by this prospectus supplement are complete:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012; and

Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 21, 2013 (grant of phantom units to certain executive officers).

You may request a copy of these filings (other than any exhibits unless specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus) at no cost by making written or telephone requests for copies to:

PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P.

333 Clay Street, Suite 1500

Houston, Texas 77002

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Telephone: (713) 646-4100

Additionally, you may read and copy any materials that we have filed with the SEC at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding us. The SEC s website address is *www.sec.gov*.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus supplement. We have not, and the sales agent has not, authorized anyone else to provide you with any information. You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus is accurate as of any date other than its date.

PROSPECTUS

# PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. PNG Finance Corp.

# Common Units Representing Limited Partner Interests Debt Securities

We may from time to time, in one or more offerings, offer and sell the common units representing limited partner interests in PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. and the debt securities described in this prospectus. PNG Finance Corp. may act as co-issuer of the debt securities. We refer to the common units and the debt securities collectively as the securities. The aggregate initial offering price of all securities sold by us under this prospectus will not exceed \$1,000,000,000.

The selling unitholder named in this prospectus may from time to time, in one or more offerings, offer and sell up to 28,214,198 common units. These common units were issued to the selling unitholder in connection with our initial public offering and a subsequent private placement. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of these common units by the selling unitholder. For a more detailed discussion of the selling unitholder, please read Selling Unitholder.

We or the selling unitholder may offer and sell these securities in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions and other factors at the time of the offering. This prospectus describes only the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which we or the selling unitholder will offer the securities. The specific terms of any securities we or the selling unitholder offer will be included in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will describe the specific manner in which we or the selling unitholder offer will offer the securities and also may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Because the selling unitholder owns a substantial amount of our limited partner interests and controls our general partner, it will be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), with respect to any common units offered by it pursuant to this prospectus, and any such offer would be deemed to be a primary offering by us.

Our common units are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol PNG. We will provide information in the related prospectus supplement for the trading market, if any, for any debt securities that may be offered.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Limited partnerships are inherently different from corporations. You should carefully consider the risks relating to investing in our securities and each of the other risk factors described under <u>Risk Factors</u> on page 2 of this prospectus before you make an investment in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is August 4, 2011

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In making your investment decision, you should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement. Neither we nor the selling unitholder has authorized any other person to provide you with any other information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it.

You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of those documents. You should not assume that the information contained in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the respective dates of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. We will disclose any material changes in our affairs in an amendment to this prospectus, a prospectus supplement or a future filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

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## **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the SEC using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may over time, in one or more offerings, offer and sell up to \$1,000,000,000 in total aggregate offering price of any combination of the securities described in this prospectus. In addition, the selling unitholder may over time, in one or more offerings, offer and sell up to 28,214,198 of our common units.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. and the securities that are registered hereunder that may be offered by us or the selling unitholder. Each time we sell any securities offered by this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering and the securities being offered. Each time the selling unitholder sells any common units offered by this prospectus, the selling unitholder is required to provide you with this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement containing specific information about the selling unitholder and the terms of the common units being offered in the manner required by the Securities Act. Any prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change information contained in this prospectus. To the extent information in this prospectus is inconsistent with the information contained in a prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement.

Additional information, including our financial statements and the notes thereto, is incorporated in this prospectus by reference to our reports filed with the SEC. Before you invest in our securities, you should carefully read this prospectus, including the Risk Factors, any prospectus supplement, the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement (including the documents described under the heading Where You Can Find More Information in both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement), and any additional information you may need to make your investment decision.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement with the SEC under the Securities Act that registers the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus does not contain all of the information found in the registration statement. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits, contains additional relevant information about us. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit some information included in the registration statement from this prospectus. The registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, including its exhibits and schedules, may be inspected and copied at the public reference room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the materials may also be obtained from the SEC at prescribed rates by writing to the SEC s public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains a website at http://www.sec.gov. The registration statement, of which this prospectus on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other information with the SEC, which is also available to you at the SEC s public reference room and on the SEC s website. We also make available free of charge on our website at www.pnglp.com all materials that we electronically file with or furnish to the SEC as soon as reasonably practicable after such materials are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we have filed with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus by referring you to other documents filed separately with the SEC. These other documents contain important information about us, our financial condition and results of operations. The information

incorporated by reference in this prospectus is an important part of this prospectus. Information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and may replace information in this prospectus and information previously filed with the SEC.

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We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made by PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), (excluding any information furnished and not filed with the SEC) until all offerings under the registration statement to which this prospectus relates are completed or after the date on which such registration statement was initially filed with the SEC and before the effectiveness of such registration statement:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 (File No. 001-34722);

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 (File No. 001-34722);

Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 20, 2011 (File No. 001-34722) (documentation relating to private placement of common units);

Current Report on Form 8-K filed (other than Items 7.01 and 9.01, which were furnished) with the SEC on February 14, 2011 (File No. 001-34722) (completion of Southern Pines Acquisition, entry into promissory note, completion of private placement of common units);

Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 15, 2011 (File No. 001-34722) (amendment to credit agreement);

Amendment No. 1 to Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on April 15, 2011 (File No. 001-34722) (financial statements and pro forma financial information regarding the Southern Pines Acquisition);

Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 25, 2011 (File No. 001-34722) (pro forma financial statements); and

The description of our common units contained in our Form 8-A filed with the SEC on April 27, 2010 and any subsequent amendment thereto filed for the purpose of updating such description (File No. 001-34722).

You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC free of charge through the SEC s website at the address provided above. You also may request a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus (including exhibits to those documents specifically incorporated by reference in this prospectus), free of charge on our website at www.pnglp.com, or by writing or calling us at the following:

PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. 333 Clay Street, Suite 1500 Houston, Texas 77002 Telephone: (713) 646-4100 Attention: Richard McGee

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any accompanying prospectus supplement, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements, including but not limited to statements identified by the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, plan, intend and forecast, as well as similar expressions and statements regarding our business strategy, plans and objectives of our management for future operations. The absence of these words, however, does not mean that the statements are not forward-looking. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events, based on what we believe are reasonable assumptions. Certain factors could cause actual results to differ materially from results anticipated in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to:

the impact of operational and commercial factors that could result in an inability on our part to satisfy our contractual commitments and obligations, including the impact of equipment performance, cavern operating pressures and cavern temperature variances;

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risks related to the development and operation of natural gas storage facilities;

failure to implement or execute planned internal growth projects on a timely basis and within targeted cost projections;

interruptions in service and fluctuations in tariffs or volumes on third party pipelines;

general economic, market or business conditions and the amplification of other risks caused by volatile financial markets, capital constraints and pervasive liquidity concerns;

the successful integration and future performance of acquired assets or businesses;

our ability to obtain debt or equity financing on satisfactory terms to fund additional acquisitions, expansion projects, working capital requirements and the repayment or refinancing of indebtedness;

the impact of current and future laws, rulings, governmental regulations, accounting standards and statements and related interpretations;

significantly reduced volatility in natural gas markets for an extended period of time;

factors affecting demand for natural gas and natural gas storage services and the rates we are able to charge for such services;

our ability to maintain or replace expiring storage contracts at attractive rates and on other favorable terms;

the effects of competition;

shortages or cost increases of supplies, materials or labor;

weather interference with business operations or project construction;

our ability to receive open credit from our suppliers and trade counterparties;

continued creditworthiness of, and performance by, our counterparties, including financial institutions and trading companies with which we do business;

the effectiveness of our risk management activities;

the availability of, and our ability to consummate, acquisition or combination opportunities;

environmental liabilities or events that are not covered by an indemnity, insurance or existing reserves;

increased costs or unavailability of insurance;

fluctuations in the debt and equity markets, including the price of our units at the time of vesting under our long-term incentive plan;

future developments and circumstances at the time distributions are declared; and

other factors and uncertainties inherent in the development and operation of natural gas storage facilities.

Other factors described herein or incorporated by reference, or factors that are unknown or unpredictable, could also have a material adverse effect on future results. Please read Risk Factors on page 2 of this prospectus and Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31,

2010 (File No. 001-34722), which is incorporated into this prospectus by reference. Except as required by applicable securities laws, we do not intend to update these forward-looking statements and information.

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### WHO WE ARE

As used in this prospectus and unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms the Partnership, PNG, we, us, and our and similar terms refer to PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. and its subsidiaries. References to PNG Finance are to PNG Finance Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of PNG that may act as co-issuer of any debt securities offered by this prospectus. References to our general partner, as the context requires, include only PNGS GP LLC. As used in this prospectus and unless the context indicates otherwise, the term selling unitholder refers to Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., the sole member of our general partner.

#### General

PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership formed by Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (PAA) on January 15, 2010 to own, operate and grow PAA s natural gas storage business, in which it acquired its initial interest in 2005. Our operations are conducted directly and indirectly through our primary operating subsidiaries. We provide natural gas storage services to a broad mix of customers, including local gas distribution companies, electric utilities, pipelines, direct industrial users, electric power generators, marketers, producers, liquefied natural gas importers and affiliates of such entities. Our storage rates are regulated under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rate-making policies, which currently permit our facilities to charge market-based rates for our services.

Our business consists of the acquisition, development, operation and commercial management of natural gas storage facilities. As of December 31, 2010, we owned and operated two natural gas storage facilities located in Louisiana and Michigan and on February 9, 2011, we closed the acquisition of a third natural gas storage facility in Mississippi. We also lease storage capacity and pipeline transportation capacity from third parties from time to time in order to increase our operational flexibility and enhance the services we offer our customers. For additional information as to our business, operations, properties and financial condition please refer to the documents cited in Where You Can Find More Information.

PNG Finance Corp. was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in May 2011, is wholly owned by PNG, and has no material assets or any liabilities other than as a co-issuer of debt securities. Its activities are limited to co-issuing debt securities and engaging in other activities incidental thereto.

#### **Organizational History, Partnership Structure and Management**

Our 2.0% general partner interest is held by PNGS GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, whose sole member is PAA.

On May 5, 2010, we completed our initial public offering pursuant to an effective registration statement on Form S-1 (SEC File No. 333-164492). As a result of this transaction, we issued 13.5 million common units to the public, representing an approximate 23.0% ownership interest in the Partnership. In exchange for contributing its natural gas storage business and \$16.4 million of intercompany indebtedness, PAA received a 2.0% general partner interest, 18.1 million common units, 13.9 million Series A subordinated units and 11.5 million Series B subordinated units, as well as incentive distribution rights. In August 2010, our partnership agreement was amended to reflect the exchange by PAA of 2.0 million Series A subordinated units for 2.0 million newly issued Series B subordinated units. As a result, at December 31, 2010, PAA owned an aggregate direct and indirect 77.0% ownership interest in the Partnership consisting of our general partner s 2.0% interest, 18.1 million Series A subordinated units, as well as

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incentive distribution rights.

On February 8, 2011 we issued 27.6 million common units in a private placement transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act under Section 4(2) thereof, of which approximately 10.2 million units were issued to PAA. As a result of this transaction, as of July 7, 2011, PAA owned an aggregate direct and indirect 64.1% interest in us consisting of our general partner s 2.0% interest, 28.2 million common units, 11.9 million Series A subordinated units and 13.5 million Series B subordinated units, as well as incentive distribution rights.

Our executive offices are located at 333 Clay Street, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas 77002 and our telephone number at this address is (713) 646-4100.

## **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. We hereby incorporate by reference the risk factors included in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 (File No. 001-34722) into this prospectus. You should carefully consider such risk factors and all other information included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any prospectus supplement in evaluating an investment in our securities. In the event that we or the selling unitholder offers and sells any securities pursuant to a prospectus supplement, such prospectus supplement may include additional risk factors relevant to an investment in the securities. If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our common units or value of our debt securities could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless we specify otherwise in a prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds from the sale of securities offered by this prospectus for general partnership purposes, which may include, among other things, repayment of indebtedness, acquisitions, capital expenditures and additions to working capital. The actual application of proceeds from the sale of any particular offering of securities by us using this prospectus will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to such offering. The precise amount and timing of the application of these proceeds will depend upon, among other factors, our funding requirements and the availability and cost of other funds.

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of common units by the selling unitholder.

## **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated on a consolidated historical basis. For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consists of pre-tax income from continuing operations before income from equity investees plus fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest), distributed income of equity investees and amortization of capitalized interest. Fixed charges represents interest incurred (whether expensed or capitalized), amortization of debt expense (including discounts and premiums relating to indebtedness) and the portion of rental expense on operating leases deemed to be the equivalent of interest.

			Period		Predecessor(1)		
			from September	Period from January			
		3,	1,				
	Three Months		2009	2009			
		Year	through	through	Year Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended
	Ended	Ended	December	September	December	December	December
	March 31,	December 31,	31,	2,	31,	31,	31,
	2011	2010	2009	2009	2008	2007	2006
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	2.02x	2.46x	(2)	1.28x	1.01x	(2)	1.36x

(1) Represents data from our predecessor, PAA Natural Gas Storage, LLC, prior to PAA s acquisition of a controlling interest in us on September 3, 2009. For further discussion, please see Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements included in PNG s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

(2) During the period noted, our ratio coverage was less than 1:1. We would have needed to generate additional earnings of approximately \$2.8 million and \$1.9 million during the period from September 3, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and the year ended December 31, 2007, respectively, to achieve a coverage of 1:1.

## DESCRIPTION OF OUR DEBT SECURITIES

General

The debt securities will be:

our direct general obligations;

either senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities; and

issued under separate indentures (which may be existing indentures) between us and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee.

PNG may issue debt securities in one or more series, and PNG Finance may be a co-issuer of one or more series of debt securities. PNG Finance was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in May 2011, is wholly-owned by PNG, and has no material assets or any liabilities other than as a co-issuer of debt securities. Its activities are limited to co-issuing debt securities and engaging in other activities incidental thereto. When used in this section Description of the Debt Securities, the terms we, us, our and issuers refer jointly to PNG and PNG Finance and the terms PNG and PNG Finance refer strictly to PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P. and PNG Finance Corp., respectively.

If we offer senior debt securities, we will issue them under a senior indenture. If we issue subordinated debt securities, we will issue them under a subordinated indenture. A form of each indenture is filed as an exhibit to the latest registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. We have not restated either indenture in its entirety in this description. You should read the relevant indenture because it, and not this description, controls your rights as holders of the debt securities. Capitalized terms used in the summary have the meanings specified in the indentures.

## Specific Terms of Each Series of Debt Securities in the Prospectus Supplement

A prospectus supplement and a supplemental indenture or authorizing resolutions relating to any series of debt securities being offered will include specific terms relating to the offering. These terms will include some or all of the following:

whether PNG Finance will be a co-issuer of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities are senior or subordinated debt securities;

the title of the debt securities;

the total principal amount of the debt securities;

the assets, if any, that are pledged as security for the payment of the debt securities;

whether we will issue the debt securities in individual certificates to each holder in registered form, or in the form of temporary or permanent global securities held by a depositary on behalf of holders;

the prices at which we will issue the debt securities;

the portion of the principal amount that will be payable if the maturity of the debt securities is accelerated;

the currency or currency unit in which the debt securities will be payable, if not U.S. dollars;

the dates on which the principal of the debt securities will be payable;

the interest rate that the debt securities will bear and the interest payment dates for the debt securities;

any conversion or exchange provisions;

any optional redemption provisions;

any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate us to repurchase or otherwise redeem the debt securities;

any changes to or additional events of default or covenants; and

any other terms of the debt securities.

We may offer and sell debt securities, including original issue discount debt securities, at a substantial discount below their principal amount. The prospectus supplement will describe special U.S. federal income tax and any other considerations applicable to those securities. In addition, the prospectus supplement may describe certain special U.S. federal income tax or other considerations applicable to any debt securities that are denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars.

#### **Consolidation, Merger or Asset Sale**

Each indenture will, in general, allow us to consolidate or merge with or into another domestic entity. It will also allow each issuer to sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to another domestic entity. If this happens, the remaining or acquiring entity must assume all of the issuer s responsibilities and liabilities under the indenture including the payment of all amounts due on the debt securities and performance of the issuer s covenants in the indenture.

However, each indenture will impose certain requirements with respect to any consolidation or merger with or into an entity, or any sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of an issuer s assets, including:

the remaining or acquiring entity must be organized under the laws of the United States, any state or the District of Columbia; provided that PNG Finance may not merge or consolidate with or into another entity other than a corporation satisfying such requirement for so long as PNG is not a corporation;

the remaining or acquiring entity must assume the issuer s obligations under the indenture; and

immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Default or Event of Default (as defined under Events of Default and Remedies below) may exist.

The remaining or acquiring entity will be substituted for the issuer in the indenture with the same effect as if it had been an original party to the indenture, and the issuer will be relieved from any further obligations under the indenture.

#### No Protection in the Event of a Change of Control

Unless otherwise set forth in the prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not contain any provisions that protect the holders of the debt securities in the event of a change of control of us or in the event of a highly leveraged transaction, whether or not such transaction results in a

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change of control of us.

## **Modification of Indentures**

We may supplement or amend an indenture if the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series issued under the indenture affected by the supplement or amendment consent to it. Further, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive past defaults under the indenture and compliance by us with our covenants with respect to the debt securities of that series only. Those holders may not, however, waive any default in any payment on any debt security of that series or compliance with a provision that cannot be supplemented or amended without the consent of each holder affected. Without the consent of each outstanding debt security affected, no modification of the indenture or waiver may:

reduce the percentage in principal amount of debt securities of any series whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any debt security;

reduce or waive the premium payable upon redemption or alter or waive the provisions with respect to the redemption of the debt securities (except as may be permitted in the case of a particular series of debt securities);

reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest on any debt security;

waive a Default or an Event of Default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities (except a rescission of acceleration of the debt securities by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);

except as otherwise permitted under the indenture, release any security that may have been granted with respect to the debt securities;

make any debt security payable in currency other than that stated in the debt securities;

in the case of any subordinated debt security, make any change in the subordination provisions that adversely affects the rights of any holder under those provisions;

make any change in the provisions of the indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of holders of debt securities to receive payments of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities;

waive a redemption payment with respect to any debt security (except as may be permitted in the case of a particular series of debt securities); or

make any change in the preceding amendment, supplement and waiver provisions (except to increase any percentage set forth therein).

We may supplement or amend an indenture without the consent of any holders of the debt securities in certain circumstances, including:

to establish the form of terms of any series of debt securities;

to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;

to provide for uncertificated notes in addition to or in place of certificated notes;

to provide for the assumption of an issuer s obligations to holders of debt securities in the case of a merger or consolidation or disposition of all or substantially all of such issuer s assets;

in the case of any subordinated debt security, to make any change in the subordination provisions that limits or terminates the benefits applicable to any holder of Senior Indebtedness of PNG;

to make any changes that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the holders of debt securities or that do not, taken as a whole, adversely affect the rights under the indenture of any holder of debt securities;

to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act;

to evidence or provide for the acceptance of appointment under the indenture of a successor Trustee;

to add any additional Events of Default; or

to secure the debt securities.

## **Events of Default and Remedies**

Event of Default, when used in an indenture, will mean any of the following with respect to the debt securities of any series:

failure to pay when due the principal of or any premium on any debt security of that series;

failure to pay, within 60 days of the due date, interest on any debt security of that series;

failure to pay when due any sinking fund payment with respect to any debt securities of that series;

failure on the part of the issuers to comply with the covenant described under Consolidation, Merger or Asset Sale;

failure to perform any other covenant in the indenture that continues for 30 days after written notice is given to the issuers;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of an issuer; or

any other Event of Default provided under the terms of the debt securities of that series.

An Event of Default for a particular series of debt securities will not necessarily constitute an Event of Default for any other series of debt securities issued under an indenture. The Trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any default (except in the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest) if it considers such withholding of notice to be in the interests of the holders.

If an Event of Default for any series of debt securities occurs and continues, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of the series may declare the entire principal of and premiums, if any, and accrued interest on, all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. If this happens, subject to certain conditions, the holders of a majority in the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of that series can rescind the declaration.

Other than its duties in case of a default, a Trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under either indenture at the request, order or direction of any holders, unless the holders offer the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity. If they provide this reasonable security or indemnification, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of any series of debt securities may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any power conferred upon the Trustee, for that series of debt securities.

#### No Limit on Amount of Debt Securities

Neither indenture will limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue, unless we indicate otherwise in a prospectus supplement. Each indenture will allow us to issue debt securities of any series up to the aggregate principal amount that we authorize.

#### **Registration of Notes**

We will issue debt securities of a series only in registered form, without coupons, unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement.

#### **Minimum Denominations**

Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, the debt securities will be issued only in principal amounts of \$1,000 each or integral multiples of \$1,000.

#### No Personal Liability

None of the past, present or future partners, incorporators, managers, members, directors, officers, employees, unitholders or stockholders of either issuer or the general partner of PNG will have any liability for the obligations of the issuers under either indenture or the debt securities or for any claim based on such obligations or their creation. Each holder of debt securities by accepting a debt security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the debt securities. The

waiver may not be effective under federal securities laws, however, and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

#### **Payment and Transfer**

The Trustee will initially act as paying agent and registrar under each indenture. The issuers may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the holders of debt securities, and the issuers or any of their subsidiaries may act as paying agent or registrar.

If a holder of debt securities has given wire transfer instructions to the issuers, the issuers will make all payments on the debt securities in accordance with those instructions. All other payments on the debt securities will be made at the corporate trust office of the Trustee, unless the issuers elect to make interest payments by check mailed to the holders at their addresses set forth in the debt security register.

The Trustee and any paying agent will repay to us upon request any funds held by them for payments on the debt securities that remain unclaimed for two years after the date upon which that payment has become due. After payment to us, holders entitled to the money must look to us for payment as general creditors.

#### **Exchange, Registration and Transfer**

Debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series, the same total principal amount and the same terms but in different authorized denominations in accordance with the indenture. Holders may present debt securities for exchange or registration of transfer at the office of the registrar. The registrar will effect the transfer or exchange when it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. We will not charge a service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange of the debt securities. We may, however, require the payment of any tax or other governmental charge payable for that registration.

We will not be required to:

issue, register the transfer of, or exchange debt securities of a series either during a period beginning 15 business days prior to the selection of debt securities of that series for redemption and ending on the close of business on the day of mailing of the relevant notice of redemption or repurchase, or between a record date and the next succeeding interest payment date; or

register the transfer of or exchange any debt security called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security we are redeeming in part.

#### Provisions Relating only to the Senior Debt Securities

The senior debt securities will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other senior and unsubordinated debt. The senior debt securities will be effectively subordinated, however, to all of our secured debt to the extent of the value of the collateral for that debt. We will disclose the amount of our secured debt in the prospectus supplement.

## Provisions Relating only to the Subordinated Debt Securities

Subordinated Debt Securities Subordinated to Senior Indebtedness

The subordinated debt securities will rank junior in right of payment to all of the Senior Indebtedness of PNG. Senior Indebtedness will be defined in a supplemental indenture or authorizing resolutions respecting any issuance of a series of subordinated debt securities, and the definition will be set forth in the prospectus supplement.

## **Payment Blockages**

The subordinated indenture will provide that no payment of principal, interest and any premium on the subordinated debt securities may be made in the event:

we or our property is involved in any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or bankruptcy;

we fail to pay the principal, interest, any premium or any other amounts on any Senior Indebtedness of PNG within any applicable grace period or the maturity of such Senior Indebtedness is accelerated following any other default, subject to certain limited exceptions set forth in the subordinated indenture; or

any other default on any Senior Indebtedness of PNG occurs that permits immediate acceleration of its maturity, in which case a payment blockage on the subordinated debt securities will be imposed for a maximum of 179 days at any one time.

#### No Limitation on Amount of Senior Debt

The subordinated indenture will not limit the amount of Senior Indebtedness that PNG may incur, unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement.

#### **Book Entry, Delivery and Form**

The debt securities of a particular series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global certificates that will be deposited with the Trustee as custodian for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (DTC). This means that we will not issue certificates to each holder. Instead, one or more global debt securities will be issued to DTC, who will keep a computerized record of its participants (for example, your broker) whose clients have purchased the debt securities. The participant will then keep a record of its clients who purchased the debt securities. Unless it is exchanged in whole or in part for a certificated debt security, a global debt security may not be transferred, except that DTC, its nominees and their successors may transfer a global debt security as a whole to one another.

Beneficial interests in global debt securities will be shown on, and transfers of global debt securities will be made only through, records maintained by DTC and its participants.

DTC has provided us the following information: DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the United States Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered under the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds securities that its participants (Direct Participants) deposit with DTC. DTC also records the settlement among Direct Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through computerized records for Direct Participants accounts. This eliminates the need to exchange certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations.

DTC s book-entry system is also used by other organizations such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that work through a Direct Participant. The rules that apply to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation, which, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants and by, among other institutions, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.

We will wire all payments on the global debt securities to DTC s nominee. We and the Trustee will treat DTC s nominee as the owner of the global debt securities for all purposes. Accordingly, we, the Trustee and any paying agent will have no direct responsibility or liability to pay amounts due on the global debt securities to owners of beneficial interests in the global debt securities.

It is DTC s current practice, upon receipt of any payment on the global debt securities, to credit Direct Participants accounts on the payment date according to their respective holdings of beneficial interests in the global debt securities as shown on DTC s records. In addition, it is DTC s current practice to assign any consenting or voting rights to Direct Participants whose accounts are credited with debt securities on a record date, by using an omnibus proxy. Payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the global debt securities, and voting by participants, will be governed by the customary practices between the participants and owners of beneficial interests, as is the case with debt securities held for the account of customers registered in street name. However, payments will be the responsibility of the participants and not of DTC, the Trustee or us.

Debt securities represented by a global debt security will be exchangeable for certificated debt securities with the same terms in authorized denominations only if:

DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or if DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under applicable law and in either event a successor depositary is not appointed by us within 90 days; or

we determine not to require all of the debt securities of a series to be represented by a global debt security.

#### Satisfaction and Discharge; Defeasance

Each indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all outstanding debt securities of any series issued thereunder (except as to surviving rights of registration, transfer or exchange of such debt securities and as otherwise provided in such indenture), when:

- (a) either:
  - (1) all outstanding debt securities of that series that have been authenticated (except lost, stolen or destroyed debt securities that have been replaced or paid and debt securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to us) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
  - (2) all outstanding debt securities of that series that have not been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the giving of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable at their stated maturity within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee and in any case we have irrevocably deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest and as certified by an independent public accountant, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness of such debt securities not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of debt securities that have been due and payable) or the stated maturity or redemption date;

- (b) we have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by us under the indenture; and
- (c) we have delivered an officers certificate and an opinion of counsel to the Trustee stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied.

The debt securities of a particular series will be subject to legal or covenant defeasance to the extent, and upon the terms and conditions, set forth in the prospectus supplement.

### The Trustee

U.S. Bank National Association will be the initial Trustee under both the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture. We maintain a banking relationship in the ordinary course of business with U.S. Bank National Association and some of its affiliates.

### **Resignation or Removal of Trustee**

If the Trustee has or acquires a conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act, the Trustee must eliminate its conflicting interest, obtain the consent of the Commission to continue or resign, to the extent and in the manner provided by, and subject to the provisions of, the Trust Indenture Act and the applicable indenture. Any resignation will require the appointment of a successor trustee under the applicable indenture in accordance with the terms and conditions of such indenture.

The Trustee may resign or be removed by us with respect to one or more series of debt securities, and a successor Trustee may be appointed to act with respect to any such series. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of any series may remove the Trustee with respect to the debt securities of such series.

#### Limitations on Trustee if it is a Creditor

Each indenture will limit the right of the Trustee thereunder, in the event that it becomes a creditor of an issuer, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise.

#### Certificates and Opinions to be Furnished to Trustee

Each indenture will provide that, in addition to other certificates or opinions that may be specifically required by other provisions of the indenture, every application by us for action by the Trustee must be accompanied by a certificate of certain of our officers and an opinion of counsel (who may be our counsel) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent to such action have been complied with by us.

## **Governing Law**

Each indenture and all of the debt securities will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

## DESCRIPTION OF OUR COMMON UNITS

Our common units represent limited partner interests that entitle the holders to participate in our cash distributions and to exercise the rights and privileges available to limited partners under our partnership agreement. We also have outstanding Series A subordinated units and Series B subordinated units, which represent separate classes of limited partner interests in us (see Who We Are Organizational History, Partnership Structure and Management ). The Series A subordinated units also entitle the holders to participate in cash distributions and to exercise the rights and privileges available to limited partners under our partnership agreement. The Series B subordinated units are not entitled to participate in our quarterly distributions unless and until they convert into Series A subordinated units or common units. They are, however, entitled to vote on matters submitted to a vote by our unitholders. For a description of the relative rights and preferences of holders of common units, Series A subordinated units in and to partnership distributions, please read this section and Description of Our Cash Distribution Policy. For a description of the rights and privileges of limited partners under our partnership agreement.

Our outstanding common units are listed on the NYSE under the symbol PNG and any additional common units we issue will also be listed on the NYSE. As of July 7, 2011, there were 59,184,450 common units outstanding. On July 7, 2011, the last reported sales price of our common units on the NYSE was \$23.00 per common unit.

#### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common units is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

#### Voting

Each holder of common units is entitled to one vote for each common unit on all matters submitted to a vote of our unitholders. Please read Description of Our Partnership Agreement Meetings; Voting for additional information regarding unitholder meetings and voting rights.

#### Transfer of Common Units, Status as Limited Partner or Assignee

Except as described below under Description of Our Partnership Agreement Limited Liability, the common units will be fully paid, and holders of the common units will not be required to make additional capital contributions to us.

By transfer of common units in accordance with our partnership agreement, each transferee of common units will become a substituted limited partner of our partnership with respect to the transferred common units automatically upon the recording of the transfer in our books and records. Each transferee:

represents that the transferee has the capacity, power and authority to become bound by our partnership agreement;

automatically agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of, and is deemed to have executed, our partnership agreement; and

is deemed to have given the consents and approvals contained in our partnership agreement.

If the foregoing action is not taken, a purchaser will not be registered as a record holder of common units on the books of our transfer agent or issued a common unit certificate. Until a common unit has been transferred on our books, we and the transfer agent may treat the record holder of the unit as the absolute owner for all purposes, except as otherwise required by law or stock exchange regulations. Our general partner will cause any transfers to be recorded on our books and records no less frequently than quarterly.

Purchasers may hold common units in nominee accounts. We may, at our discretion, treat the nominee holder of a common unit as the absolute owner. In that case, the beneficial holder s rights are limited solely to those that it has against the nominee holder as a result of any agreement between the beneficial owner and the nominee holder.

Common units are securities that are transferable according to the laws governing the transfer of securities. In addition to other rights acquired upon transfer, the transferor gives the transferee the right to become a substituted limited partner in our partnership for the transferred common units. An assignee, pending its admission as a substituted limited partner, is entitled to an interest in us equivalent to that of a limited partner with respect to the right to share in allocations and distributions, including liquidating distributions. Our general partner will vote and exercise other powers attributable to common units owned by an assignee who has not become a substituted limited partner at the written direction of the assignee. A nominee or broker who has executed a transfer application with respect to common units held in street name or nominee accounts will receive distributions and reports pertaining to its common units.

### DESCRIPTION OF OUR CASH DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Our partnership agreement requires that we distribute all of our available cash to our unitholders. Our cash distribution policy may be changed at any time and is subject to certain restrictions, including those contained in our partnership agreement, our credit facility or other debt agreements and applicable partnership law. Please read Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors for information regarding statements that do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and certain risks inherent in our business.

Set forth below is a summary of our cash distribution policy and the significant provisions of our partnership agreement that relate to cash distributions to our unitholders.

#### **Distributions of Available Cash**

We will distribute all of our available cash to our unitholders of record on the applicable record date within 45 days following the end of each quarter in the manner described under Minimum Quarterly Distribution of Available Cash.

Available cash generally means all cash on hand at the end of that quarter *less* the amount of cash reserves that are necessary or appropriate in the reasonable discretion of our general partner to:

provide for the proper conduct of our business;

comply with applicable law, any of our debt instruments or other agreements; or

provide funds for distributions to unitholders for any one or more of the next four quarters.

Available cash may also include, if our general partner so determines, all or a portion of cash on hand on the date of determination of available cash for the quarter resulting from borrowings, including working capital borrowings, made after the end of the quarter.

## **Distributable Cash Flow and Capital Surplus**

All cash distributed to our unitholders will be characterized as either distributable cash flow or capital surplus. Our partnership agreement requires that we distribute available cash from distributable cash flow differently than available cash from capital surplus.

Distributable Cash Flow. Distributable Cash Flow refers generally to:

net income; plus or minus (as applicable)

any amounts necessary to offset the impact of any items included in net income that do not impact the amount of available cash; plus