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(Dollar and share amounts in thousands, except per share data)

Income Statement Data:

Revenues

\$

636,732

\$

627,434

\$

561,979

\$

503,600

\$

446,041

Costs and expenses:

Instruction and educational
support

269,557

292,003

300,098

310,446

236,303

Marketing

70,270

74,293

71,864

75,426

66,495

Admissions advisory

25,277

26,531

26,374

20,390

16,661

General and administration

55,857

55,464

50,056

64,637

44,835

Total costs and expenses

420,961

448,291

448,392

470,899

364,294

Income from operations

215,771

179,143

113,587

32,701

81,747

Investment and other income

1,228

152

4

2

117

Interest expense

—

3,773

4,616

5,419

5,248

Income before income taxes

216,999

175,522

108,975

27,284

76,616

Provision for income taxes

85,739

69,478

43,045

10,859

30,260

Net income

\$

131,260

\$

106,044

\$

65,930

\$

16,425

\$

46,356

Net income per share:

Basic

\$

9.78

\$

8.91

\$

5.79

\$

1.55

\$

4.39

Diluted

\$

9.70

\$

8.88

\$

5.76

\$

1.55

\$

4.35

Weighted average shares outstanding:

Basic

13,426

11,906

11,390

10,584

10,561

Diluted^(a)

13,535

11,943

11,440

10,624

10,650

Other Data:

Depreciation and amortization

\$

17,309

\$

21,525

\$

23,973

\$

35,563

\$

20,630

Stock-based compensation
expense

\$

11,987

\$

13,234

\$

5,464

\$

9,291

\$

9,453

Capital expenditures

\$

46,015

\$

29,991

\$

24,733

\$

8,726

\$

6,902

Cash dividends per common share (paid)

\$

3.25

\$

4.00

\$

4.00

\$

—

\$

—

Average enrollment^(b)

56,002

53,901

49,323

43,969

40,254

Campuses^(c)

84

92

97

100

79

Full-time employees^(d)

2,099

2,140

2,019

1,485

1,455

1 The information set forth above has been derived from our consolidated financial statements and is qualified by reference to and should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and other information included elsewhere or incorporated by reference in the Corporation’s Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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	At December 31, 2010 (In thousands)	2011	2012	2013	2014
Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 76,493	\$ 57,137	\$ 47,517	\$ 94,760	\$ 162,283
Working capital(e)	62,205	17,484	46,631	82,182	140,316
Total assets	235,178	231,133	227,792	254,266	307,815
Long-term debt	—	90,000	121,875	118,750	112,500
Other long-term liabilities	12,644	21,656	21,905	51,456	46,248
Total liabilities	59,174	188,840	186,804	215,364	215,083
Total stockholders' equity	176,004	42,293	40,988	38,902	92,732

(a) Diluted weighted average shares outstanding include common shares issued and outstanding, and the dilutive impact of restricted stock, restricted stock units, and outstanding stock options using the Treasury Stock Method.

(b) Reflects average student enrollment for the four academic terms for each year indicated.

(c) Reflects number of campuses offering classes during the fourth quarter of each year indicated. In October 2013, we announced that approximately 20 physical locations would be closed after classes were taught in the fall academic term. Strayer University now has 79 physical campuses.

(d) Reflects full-time employees including full-time faculty as of December 31 of each year.

(e) Working capital is calculated by subtracting current liabilities from current assets.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

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The 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Strayer Education, Inc. (the "Corporation"), will be held at the Corporation's headquarters, 2303 Dulles Station Boulevard, Herndon, Virginia, 20171, on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. To elect ten directors to the Board of Directors from the nominees named in the attached proxy statement to serve for a term of one year or until their respective successors are elected and qualified.
2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.
3. To adopt the 2015 equity compensation plan, which amends and restates the 2011 equity compensation plan and increases the number of shares of common stock issuable under the plan, and to approve the material terms for payment of performance-based compensation under the plan as required by Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.
4. To conduct an advisory vote on the compensation of the named executive officers.
5. To consider and act upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

THIS NOTICE IS BEING SENT TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS OF RECORD AS OF MARCH 6, 2015. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE ENCLOSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Viet D. Dinh

Secretary

Herndon, Virginia

March 13, 2015

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PROXY STATEMENT

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Annual Meeting of Stockholders

May 5, 2015

This Proxy Statement is being furnished to holders of the common stock of Strayer Education, Inc. (the “Corporation”), 2303 Dulles Station Boulevard, Herndon, Virginia 20171, in connection with the solicitation on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the “Board”) of proxies to be voted at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”). The Annual Meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at the Corporation’s headquarters located at 2303 Dulles Station Blvd., Herndon, Virginia 20171.

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by the Corporation. Copies of solicitation material may be furnished to brokers, custodians, nominees and other fiduciaries for forwarding to beneficial owners of shares of the Corporation’s common stock, and normal handling charges may be paid for such forwarding service. Solicitation of proxies may be made by the Corporation by mail or by personal interview, telephone and facsimile by directors, officers and other management employees of the Corporation, who will receive no additional compensation for their services. The Corporation has also retained MacKenzie Partners, Inc. to provide proxy solicitation services for a fee of approximately \$23,000, plus reimbursement of its out-of-pocket expenses.

Any stockholder submitting a proxy pursuant to this solicitation may revoke it at any time prior to the Annual Meeting by giving written notice of such revocation to the Secretary of the Corporation at the Corporation’s headquarters at 2303 Dulles Station Blvd., Herndon, Virginia 20171, providing a later dated proxy, or by attending the meeting and voting in person. Attending the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke a stockholder’s prior proxy.

We began mailing this proxy statement, the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the enclosed proxy card on or about March 13, 2015 to all stockholders entitled to vote. At the close of business on March 6, 2015, there were 10,975,332 shares of the common stock of the Corporation outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting. Only common stockholders of record on March 6, 2015 will be entitled to vote at the meeting, and each share will have one vote.

Voting Information

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At the Annual Meeting votes will be counted by written ballot. A majority of the shares entitled to vote will constitute a quorum for purposes of the Annual Meeting. Under the Corporation's By-laws, to be elected at the Annual Meeting, a nominee for election to the Board of Directors must receive more votes cast for his or her election than votes cast against his or her election. Ratification of the appointment of the Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm, adoption of the 2015 equity compensation plan and approval of the material terms for payment of performance-based compensation thereunder, approval of the advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers and approval of any other business which may properly come before the Annual Meeting, or any adjournments thereof, will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting.

Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of any matter at the Annual Meeting, including the election of directors. Proposals 2 and 4 are advisory only, and as discussed in more detail below, the voting results are not binding, although the Board of Directors will consider the results of such proposals.

Proxies properly executed and received by the Corporation prior to the meeting and not revoked, will be voted as directed therein on all matters presented at the meeting. In the absence of specific direction from a stockholder, proxies will be voted for the election of all named director nominees, and in favor of Proposals 2, 3 and 4. If a proxy indicates that all or a portion of the shares represented by such proxy are not being voted with respect to a particular proposal, such non-voted shares will not be considered present and entitled to vote on such proposal, although such shares may be considered present and entitled to vote on other proposals and will count for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum.

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The Board of Directors of the Corporation has adopted a corporate governance policy concerning the “holdover” of any director not elected by a majority vote in an uncontested election. Any director who fails to receive the requisite majority vote would be required to promptly offer his or her resignation and the Board, following the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, would have up to 90 days to decide whether to accept such offer, during which time the director nominee would continue to serve on the Board as a “holdover” director. A copy of this policy is available on our website at www.strayereducation.com.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS
FOR THE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2015**

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The proxy statement, Form 10-K and Annual Report to Stockholders are available at www.strayereducation.com/overview.cfm.

PROPOSAL 1

Election of Directors

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We are requesting that the stockholders elect a Board of Directors of ten members at the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the “Nominating Committee”) considers many factors when evaluating candidates for the Board. The most important are true independence, business savvy, a stockholder orientation, and genuine interest in the Corporation. By true independence we mean the willingness to challenge a forceful, talented CEO and management team with a good track record when something is wrong or foolish. People with this trait are both very valuable and hard to find; they are inevitably of the highest character and integrity. Commercial or business savvy is also crucial — without it all the other great traits are of little help. The Board does not have a specific policy regarding diversity. However, the Nominating Committee does strive for the Board to be comprised of directors with a variety of experience and personal backgrounds. The Nominating Committee considers the prospective director’s skills, specialized expertise, level of education, business experience, broad-based business acumen, experience at strategy development and policy-setting, and direct ownership of the Corporation’s shares. The Nominating Committee focuses on the prospective director’s understanding that maintaining the high academic quality of Strayer University is central to maintaining and growing the Corporation’s value. (It is perhaps obvious, though worth noting, that the criteria for service on Strayer University’s Board of Trustees, while sharing some of the same criteria as the Corporation, are different and that it is important to have some individuals who can sit on both Boards effectively.) Depending upon the current needs of the Board, certain factors may be weighed more or less heavily by the Nominating Committee.

In considering candidates for the Board, the Nominating Committee considers the entirety of each candidate’s credentials and does not have any specific minimum qualifications that must be met. However, the Nominating Committee does believe that all members of the Board should have the highest character and integrity; a track record of working constructively with others; sufficient time to devote to Board matters; and no conflict of interest that would interfere with performance as a director. In addition, the Nominating Committee believes that the ability of individual Board members to work constructively together is a key element of Board effectiveness.

The Nominating Committee will entertain recommendations from common stockholders that are submitted in writing to the Corporation, provided that such common stockholders (i) beneficially own more than 5% of the Corporation’s common stock or (ii) have beneficially owned more than 1% of the Corporation’s common stock for at least one year. Stockholders meeting such criteria may recommend candidates for consideration by the Nominating Committee by writing to Mr. Viet D. Dinh, Corporate Secretary, Strayer Education, Inc., 2303 Dulles Station Blvd., Herndon, Virginia 20171, giving the candidate’s name, contact information, biographical data and qualifications, as well as any evidence that the stockholder satisfies the criteria set forth above. All such recommendations will be treated confidentially and brought to the attention of the Nominating Committee in a timely fashion. The Nominating Committee does not evaluate candidates differently based on who has made the proposal or recommendation.

Once it has been determined that a candidate meets the Board’s criteria on paper, there is a selection process which includes, but is not limited to, background and reference checks and interviews with not only the Nominating Committee but other board members, executive management and other professionals such as the Corporation’s auditors or outside counsel, as deemed necessary. Stockholders who wish to formally nominate a director for election at an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation must also comply with the Corporation’s

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By-laws regarding stockholder proposals and nominations. See “Stockholder Proposals” contained in this proxy statement.

It is intended that the votes represented by the proxies will be cast for the election as directors, for a term of one year or until their successors are chosen and qualified, of the persons listed below. The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote “for” the nominees listed below. Each of the nominees is currently a director of the Corporation. The following table and text presents information as of the date of this proxy statement concerning persons nominated for election as directors of the Corporation.

Nominees for Common Stock Directors

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Name/Title	Age	Board Committees	Year first elected to Strayer Board
Robert S. Silberman, Executive Chairman	57	—	2001
Dr. John T. Casteen, III,(a)(b) Director	71	Nominating	2011
Dr. Charlotte F. Beason,(b) Director	67	Nominating	1996
William E. Brock,(b) Director	84	Compensation	2001
Robert R. Grusky,(b) Director	57	Audit	2001
Robert L. Johnson,(b) Director	68	Compensation	2003
Karl McDonnell, Chief Executive Officer & Director	48	—	2011
Todd A. Milano,(b) Director	62	Audit Nominating	1996
G. Thomas Waite, III,(b) Director	63	Audit	1996
J. David Wargo,(b) Director	61	Compensation	2001

(a) Dr. Casteen is presently serving as the Board's Presiding Independent Director.

(b) Independent director.

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Mr. Robert S. Silberman was named Strayer's Executive Chairman of the Board in 2013. He was Chairman of the Board from February 2003 to 2013 and Chief Executive Officer from March 2001 to 2013. From 1995 to 2000, Mr. Silberman served in a variety of senior management positions at CalEnergy Company, Inc., including as President and Chief Operating Officer. From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Silberman was Assistant to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of International Paper Company. From 1989 to 1993, Mr. Silberman served in several senior positions in the U.S. Department of Defense, including as Assistant Secretary of the Army. Mr. Silberman has been a director of Strayer since March 2001. He serves on the Board of Directors of Covanta Holding Company, Par Petroleum Corporation, and 21st Century Fox. Mr. Silberman is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Silberman holds a bachelor's degree in history from Dartmouth College and a master's degree in international policy from The Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Silberman has been a driving force behind the evolution of the Corporation. He leads the Board with a deep appreciation of the Corporation's history, a focused strategic vision for its future, and a broad understanding of the economic, regulatory, and demographic factors affecting the Corporation. The Nominating Committee believes that based on his experience and expertise in business management, leadership of large organizations, financial management, public policy, governmental affairs, academic policy, educational leadership, and stewardship of stockholder capital, Mr. Silberman should serve as a director of the Corporation.

Dr. John T. Casteen, III is the President Emeritus and University Professor at the University of Virginia, where he teaches courses in literature, intellectual history, and public policy. He served as President of the University of Virginia from 1990 through 2010. He was President of the University of Connecticut from 1985 to 1990. From 1982 to 1985, Dr. Casteen served as the Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Casteen is on the board of directors of Altria, Inc. Dr. Casteen also is a director of a number of charitable and privately-held business entities, including ECHO 360, the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Dr. Casteen serves on the Board of Trustees of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. He has chaired the boards of both the College Entrance Examination Board and the Association of American Universities. Dr. Casteen has been a member of the Board since 2011, is Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Board and currently serves as the Presiding Independent Director. Dr. Casteen holds a bachelor's degree, master's degree and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Virginia, as well as several honorary degrees, including degrees from the Universities of Athens (Greece) and Edinburgh (Scotland) and two community colleges in Virginia. Dr. Casteen's record of leadership in higher education and business will help the Board in building and maintaining the quality of Strayer University. The Nominating Committee believes that based on his experience and expertise in education leadership, educational policy, academic affairs and government affairs, Dr. Casteen should serve as a director of the Corporation.

Dr. Charlotte F. Beason is a consultant in education and health care administration. She was Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Nursing from 2005 to 2012. From 2000 to 2003, Dr. Beason was Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (an autonomous agency accrediting baccalaureate and graduate programs in nursing). From 1988 to 2004, Dr. Beason was with the Department of Veterans Affairs, first as Director of Health Professions Education Service and the Health Professional Scholarship Program, and then as Program Director, Office of Nursing Services. Dr. Beason has served on the Board since 1996 and is a member of the Nominating Committee. She is also Chairwoman of the Strayer University Board of Trustees. Dr. Beason holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Berea College, a master's degree in psychiatric nursing from Boston University and a doctorate in clinical psychology and public practice from Harvard University. Dr. Beason's record of leadership in education, accreditation, and public administration provides the Board with insight and experience in

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building and maintaining the quality of Strayer University. The Nominating Committee believes that based on her experience and expertise in academic matters, educational policy, organizational administration, and governmental affairs, Dr. Beason should serve as a director of the Corporation.

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Senator William E. Brock is the Founder and Chairman of the Brock Offices, a firm specializing in international trade, investment and human resources. From 1985 to 1987, Senator Brock served in the President's Cabinet as the U.S. Secretary of Labor, and from 1981 to 1985, as the U.S. Trade Representative. Senator Brock previously served as a Member of Congress and subsequently as U.S. Senator for the State of Tennessee. Senator Brock is a member of the Board of Directors of On Assignment, Inc. and ResCare, Inc., and is a Senior Counselor and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, where he chairs the International Policy Roundtable. In the past five years, Senator Brock has also served on the Board of Directors of Catalyst Health Solutions, Inc. Senator Brock has been a member of the Board since 2001 and is a member of the Compensation Committee. He holds a bachelor's degree in commerce from Washington and Lee University. Senator Brock's experience as a legislator, senior Cabinet officer, and business leader provides the Board with an unparalleled understanding of the legislative and regulatory process. The Nominating Committee believes that based on his experience and expertise in public policy, government affairs, business management and corporate governance, Senator Brock should serve as a director of the Corporation.

Mr. Robert R. Grusky is the Founder and has been the Managing Member of Hope Capital Management, LLC, an investment manager, since 2000. He co-founded New Mountain Capital, LLC, a private equity firm, in 2000 and was a Principal and Member from 2000 to 2005, and has been a Senior Advisor since then. From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Grusky served as President of RSL Investments Corporation. From 1985 to 1997, with the exception of 1990 to 1991 when he was on a leave of absence to serve as a White House Fellow and Assistant for Special Projects to the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Grusky served in a variety of capacities at Goldman, Sachs & Co., first in its Mergers & Acquisitions Department and then in its Principal Investment Area. He also serves on the Board of Directors of AutoNation, Inc. In the past five years, he has also served on the Board of Directors of AutoZone, Inc. Mr. Grusky has served on the Board since 2001 and is a member of the Audit Committee. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Union College and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard University. Mr. Grusky's keen understanding of the financial markets and his extensive experience as an investment manager and executive are tremendous assets to the Board. The Nominating Committee believes that based on his experience and expertise in financial markets, capital allocation, strategic planning, accounting and audit functions, and public policy, Mr. Grusky should serve as a director of the Corporation.

Mr. Robert L. Johnson is the Founder and Chairman of The RLJ Companies, an innovative business network that owns or holds interests in businesses operating in hotel real estate investment, private equity, consumer financial services, asset management, automobile dealerships, sports and entertainment, and video lottery terminal (VLT) gaming. Mr. Johnson is the founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET), a subsidiary of Viacom and the leading African-American operated media and entertainment company in the United States, and served as its Chief Executive Officer until January 2006. In 2002, Mr. Johnson became the first African-American majority owner of a major sports franchise, the Charlotte Bobcats of the NBA. From 1976 to 1979, he served as Vice President of Governmental Relations for the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA). Mr. Johnson also served as Press Secretary for the Honorable Walter E. Fauntroy, Congressional Delegate from the District of Columbia. He serves on the following boards: RLJ Lodging Trust; RLJ Entertainment, Inc.; KB Home; Lowe's Companies, Inc.; Elevate Credit, Inc.; The Business Council; and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture. Mr. Johnson has served on the Board since 2003, and is a member of the Compensation Committee. He holds a bachelor's degree in social studies from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in public affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. Mr. Johnson's entrepreneurial spirit, his managerial skill, and his broad business experience

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provide invaluable guidance to the Board. The Nominating Committee believes that based on his experience and expertise in leading growth companies, entrepreneurship, marketing, media, advertising, financial management, strategic planning, and general business management, Mr. Johnson should serve as a director of the Corporation.

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Mr. Karl McDonnell was named Chief Executive Officer in May 2013 and has served as President and Chief Operating Officer since 2006. Mr. McDonnell served as Chief Operating Officer of InteliStaf Healthcare, Inc., one of the nation's largest privately-held healthcare staffing firms. Prior to his tenure at InteliStaf, he served as Vice President of the Investment Banking Division at Goldman, Sachs & Co. Mr. McDonnell has held senior management positions with several Fortune 100 companies, including The Walt Disney Company. Mr. McDonnell has served on the Board since 2011. Mr. McDonnell holds a bachelor's degree from Virginia Wesleyan College and a master's degree in business administration from Duke University. The Nominating Committee believes that based on his experience and expertise in general management, leadership of large organizations, financial management and human capital development, Mr. McDonnell should serve as a director of the Corporation.

Mr. Todd A. Milano is President Emeritus and Ambassador of Central Penn College, where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1989 to 2012. Mr. Milano has served on the Board since 1996 and is a member of the Audit Committee and Nominating Committee of the Board. As a member of the Strayer University Board of Trustees since 1992, he has chaired the University's Presidential Search Committees. Mr. Milano holds a bachelor's degree in industrial management from Purdue University. Having served on the Board for more than 15 years, Mr. Milano knows the Corporation's business, history, and culture of quality education. He is a leader in higher education and uses his experience to provide critical input into the Corporation's operations and management. The Nominating Committee believes that based upon his experience and expertise in academic affairs, educational management, accrediting activities and organizational leadership, Mr. Milano should serve as a director of the Corporation.

Mr. G. Thomas Waite, III has been Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Humane Society of the United States since 1997 and prior to that served as Controller beginning in 1993. In 1992, Mr. Waite was the Director of Commercial Management of The National Housing Partnership. Mr. Waite has served on the Board since 1996, is Chair of the Audit Committee, and is a former member of the Strayer University Board of Trustees. Mr. Waite holds a bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of Virginia and is a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Waite is a leader in philanthropy and the non-profit sector, which is the Corporation's indispensable partner in fulfilling our mission of providing quality education to working adults. His experience as a chief financial officer brings to the Board a seasoned voice in matters of accounting and governance that is a tremendous asset to the Board and the committees on which he serves. The Nominating Committee believes that based on his experience and expertise in financial matters, accounting and audit, and educational management, Mr. Waite should serve as a director of the Corporation.

Mr. J. David Wargo has been President of Wargo and Company, Inc., an investment management company, since 1993. Mr. Wargo is a co-founder and was a Member of New Mountain Capital, LLC, from 2000 to 2008, and was a Senior Advisor there from 2008 to 2011. From 1989 to 1992, Mr. Wargo was a Managing Director and Senior Analyst of The Putnam Companies, a Boston-based investment management company. From 1985 to 1989, Mr. Wargo was a partner and held other positions at Marble Arch Partners. Mr. Wargo is also a Director of Liberty Global, Inc., Discovery Communications, Inc. and Liberty TripAdvisor Holdings, Inc. Mr. Wargo has served on the Board since 2001 and is Chair of the Compensation Committee. Mr. Wargo holds a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's degree in nuclear engineering, both from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also holds a master's degree in management science from the Sloan School of Management, which is the business school of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Wargo is an expert in markets and governance and has extensive experience in developing and managing businesses. His broad-based knowledge of transactions

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and investments brings to the Board strong leadership, which is further enhanced by his experience on the boards of other respected publicly traded companies. The Nominating Committee believes that based on his experience and expertise in financial matters, accounting and audit, financial markets, capital allocation, and strategic planning, Mr. Wargo should serve as a director of the Corporation.

Director Compensation

Director compensation is designed to:

- Ensure alignment with long-term stockholder interests;
- Ensure the Corporation can attract and retain outstanding director candidates who meet the criteria outlined in this proxy statement;
- Recognize the time commitments necessary to oversee the Corporation; and
- Support the independence of thought required of a good director.

The Nominating Committee reviews non-employee director compensation regularly and resulting recommendations are presented to the full Board for discussion and approval. Current director compensation is as follows:

- Annual Retainer. Each eligible director is paid an annual fee of \$150,000. Of this amount, at least 50% (or \$75,000) of the annual fee must be paid in shares of restricted stock of the Corporation. Restricted stock is issued to directors on the date of the Annual Meeting as part of their annual retainer. The restricted shares vest over three years, with one-third of the shares vesting each year on the date of the Annual Meeting. Directors may choose to receive the remaining 50% of their annual retainer (\$75,000) in either restricted stock or in cash, paid in quarterly installments. In the event any director retires or resigns from the Board, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, waive the remaining vesting period(s) for all or any portion of unvested restricted shares, provided that the departing Director has served at least five years on the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
- Additional Fees. The Audit Committee Chair and the Presiding Independent Director receive an additional annual fee of \$10,000. Members of the Audit Committee receive an additional annual fee of \$5,000. The Board may also approve additional fees for other board-related service.
- Reimbursement of Expenses. Directors are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with their attendance at Board and Committee meetings.

As described above, a significant portion of director compensation is paid in restricted stock to align director compensation with the long term interests of stockholders. While on the Board, non-employee directors receive the same cash dividends on restricted shares as a holder of common stock should they be declared and paid in the future.

The following table sets forth compensation for each non-employee director for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Messrs. Silberman and McDonnell do not receive any additional compensation for their service as directors of the Corporation. Their compensation is reflected in the “Summary Compensation Table” set forth below in this proxy statement.

Director Compensation Table

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in		All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
	Cash (\$)	Stock Awards \$(a)		
Dr. Charlotte F. Beason	75,000	75,000	—	150,000
William E. Brock	75,000	75,000	—	150,000
Dr. John T. Casteen, III	85,000	75,000	—	160,000
Robert R. Grusky	30,000	100,000	—	130,000

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Robert L. Johnson	75,000	75,000	—	150,000
Todd A. Milano	15,000	130,000	—	145,000
G. Thomas Waite, III	85,000	75,000	—	160,000
J. David Wargo	75,000	75,000	—	150,000

(a) Amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value computation in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.

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The following table sets forth the number of outstanding stock awards held by each non-employee director at December 31, 2014.

Outstanding Stock Awards Table

Name	Shares of Unvested Restricted Stock (#)
Dr. Charlotte F. Beason	3,140
William E. Brock	3,140
Dr. John T. Casteen, III	3,140
Robert R. Grusky	5,113
Robert L. Johnson	3,140
Todd A. Milano	5,813
G. Thomas Waite, III	3,140
J. David Wargo	3,140
Board Leadership Structure	

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Our Board is comprised of independent members, as independence is defined under the NASDAQ Listing Standards, along with our Executive Chairman and our Chief Executive Officer. The leadership structure of the Corporation has varied over time as the demands of the business, the composition of the Board, and the ranks of our senior executives changed, and the Board has utilized this flexibility to establish the most appropriate structure at any given time. For several years we combined the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, but in May of 2013 began to operate with a Chairman of the Board separate from the Chief Executive Officer when Mr. Silberman became Executive Chairman and Mr. McDonnell was named Chief Executive Officer.

In 2013 Dr. Casteen was appointed Presiding Independent Director, who runs the Board in the Chairman's absence. The Presiding Independent Director presides at meetings with the Board of Directors without the Executive Chairman and the CEO present at least quarterly (at each regularly scheduled Board meeting) and solicits candid feedback on the Executive Chairman's and the CEO's performance. The Presiding Independent Director serves as the principal liaison on Board issues between the independent directors and the Executive Chairman and has the authority to:

- Call meetings of the independent directors,
- Ensure the quality, quantity and timeliness of information to the Board, and
- Consult and communicate with stockholders.

Risk Oversight

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The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for the risk management of the Corporation; the CEO is the “Chief Risk Officer.” The Board reviews and approves all annual budgets, major uses of capital, major projects, and University expansion plans. Two members of the Board of Directors also serve as members of the governing body (The Board of Trustees) of the Corporation’s chief asset: Strayer University. The Board of Trustees is made up of nine trustees, including five trustees who are unaffiliated with the Corporation, two trustees who are independent members of the Corporation’s Board of Directors, and two trustees who are or were officers of the Corporation. The Board of Directors oversees, but generally defers to the University’s Board of Trustees on issues related to academic affairs and quality, including specifically, the rate of the University’s growth and expansion.

The Board and its Compensation Committee continually evaluate the Corporation’s strategy, activities and in particular compensation policies and practices to protect against inappropriate risk taking. Any compensation program that seeks to pay managers for performance on behalf of owners carries some risk of overzealous performance. But paramount in the Corporation’s compensation program is an unwavering requirement that executive conduct conform to applicable legal, regulatory, and ethical business standards. Based on its evaluation and the views of advisors, the Compensation Committee believes that the Corporation’s executive compensation program, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section below, does not encourage inappropriate

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risk taking and that the Corporation has in place a strong culture, organization structure and compliance policies to manage effectively operational risk.

In addition, the Audit Committee oversees management of financial risk and our Code of Business Conduct, including monitoring conflicts of interest, and the Nominating Committee oversees the Corporation's corporate governance, such as director independence. In performing these functions, each Committee of the Board of Directors has full access to management, as well as the ability to engage advisors. The Board is kept abreast of the Committees' risk oversight and other activities through regular reports by each Committee Chair to the full Board of Directors.

Board Committees

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The Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating Committee, each composed entirely of independent directors. The current Committee membership is as follows:

Committee Memberships

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Audit

G. Thomas Waite, Chair
Robert R. Grusky
Todd A. Milano
Audit Committee.

Compensation

J. David Wargo, Chair
William E. Brock
Robert L. Johnson

Nominating

Dr. John T. Casteen, III, Chair
Dr. Charlotte F. Beason
Todd A. Milano

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For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Audit Committee was composed of Messrs. Waite (Chair), Milano, and Grusky. The Audit Committee met five times during 2014, including one telephonic meeting.

The Audit Committee assists the Board in its oversight of the quality and integrity of our accounting, auditing, and reporting practices. The Committee performs a variety of tasks, including being directly responsible for the appointment (subject to advisory stockholder ratification), compensation and oversight of the Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee also, among other things, reviews the Corporation's accounting policies and reviews the Corporation's unaudited quarterly earnings releases and periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that include financial statements, and regularly reports to the Board of Directors. The Audit Committee relies on the expertise and knowledge of management, the internal auditor, and the independent auditors in carrying out its oversight responsibilities.

The Audit Committee has a written charter, which was last amended on February 4, 2015. The Corporation will provide a copy of the Audit Committee charter to any person without charge, upon request. Persons wishing to make such a request should contact Daniel W. Jackson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, 2303 Dulles Station Blvd., Herndon, VA 20171, (703) 561-1600. In addition, the Audit Committee charter is available on the Corporation's website, www.strayereducation.com.

The Board of Directors has determined that all of the members of the Audit Committee are independent, as independence is defined under the NASDAQ Listing Standards and Rule 10A-3(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934 Act"). The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Committee qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert," as defined by SEC rules, based on his education, experience and background.

A report of the Audit Committee is included below in this proxy statement.

Compensation Committee.

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For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Compensation Committee was composed of Messrs. Wargo (Chair), Brock, and Johnson.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for evaluating, and recommending to the full Board for approval, the compensation of the Executive Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and other officers of the Corporation. The Compensation Committee is responsible for determining compensation policies and practices, changes in compensation and benefits for management, employee benefits and all other matters relating to employee compensation, including matters relating to stock-based compensation, subject to the approval of the Board.

The Compensation Committee has the authority to retain and terminate any compensation consultant to be used by it to assist in the evaluation of director and executive compensation. During 2014, approximately \$13,000 was paid to AON Hewitt, Inc. to benchmark compensation for the CEO and CFO positions. The Compensation Committee may form and delegate any of its authority to one or more subcommittees as it deems appropriate. For a discussion of the role of the Executive Chairman and the CEO in determining or recommending the amount or form of executive compensation, see “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” below. The Compensation Committee met once during 2014.

The Compensation Committee has adopted a written charter, which was last amended on February 19, 2014, and a copy of which the Corporation will provide to any person without charge, upon request. Persons wishing to make such a request should contact Daniel W. Jackson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, 2303 Dulles Station Blvd., Herndon, VA 20171, (703) 561-1600. In addition, the Compensation Committee charter is available on the Corporation’s website, www.strayereducation.com.

The Board has determined that all of the members of the Compensation Committee are independent, as independence is defined under the NASDAQ Listing Standards. The Board also has determined that all of the members of the Compensation Committee qualify as “non-employee” directors as defined by SEC rules and “outside directors” as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Nominating Committee.

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For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Nominating Committee was composed of Dr. Casteen (Chair), Dr. Beason, and Mr. Milano. The Nominating Committee is responsible for establishing qualifications for potential directors, considering and recommending prospective candidates for Board membership, recommending the Board committee structure, making recommendations as to director independence, developing and monitoring the Corporation's corporate governance principles, and recommending director compensation. The Nominating Committee met once during 2014.

The Nominating Committee has a written charter, which was last amended July 26, 2011, and restated on July 29, 2014. The Nominating Committee charter will be made available to any person upon request without charge. Persons wishing to make such a request should contact Daniel W. Jackson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, 2303 Dulles Station Blvd., Herndon, VA 20171, (703) 561-1600. In addition, the Nominating Committee charter is available on the Corporation's website, www.strayereducation.com.

The Board has determined that all of the members of the Nominating Committee are independent, as independence is defined under the NASDAQ Listing Standards.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

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During fiscal year 2014, the Compensation Committee was composed of Messrs. Wargo (Chair), Brock, and Johnson. No member of the Compensation Committee was, during fiscal year 2014, an officer or employee of the Corporation or was formerly an officer of the Corporation, or had any relationship requiring disclosure by the Corporation as a related party transaction under applicable SEC rules. No executive officer of the Corporation served on any board of directors or compensation committee of any other company for which any of the Corporation's directors served as an executive officer at any time during fiscal year 2014.

Attendance at Meetings and Director Independence

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The Board of Directors met four times during 2014. Each director attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and the meetings of the Board Committees on which he or she served as a member in 2014. At each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, the independent directors met in executive session. The Board's Presiding Independent Director, currently Dr. Casteen, presides at these executive sessions. The Corporation encourages all incumbent directors and director nominees to attend each annual meeting of stockholders. All directors, except Mr. Grusky, attended last year's meeting, including some who participated telephonically.

The Board of Directors consists of a majority of independent directors, as independence is defined under the NASDAQ Listing Standards. The Board of Directors has determined that all members of the Board of Directors, except for Messrs. Silberman and McDonnell, are independent under these standards.

Code of Business Conduct

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The Board of Directors adopted a Code of Business Conduct in February 2004, meeting the requirements of Section 406 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and applicable NASDAQ requirements. The Code of Business Conduct was last amended on February 4, 2015, and includes, among other things, provisions prohibiting employees from: insider trading; investing in Corporation-based derivative securities, including options, warrants or similar rights whose value is derived from the value of an equity security; short selling the Corporation's securities; and trading in the Corporation's securities on a short-term basis. The Corporation will provide to any person without charge, upon request, a copy of such Code of Business Conduct. Persons wishing to make such a request should contact Daniel W. Jackson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, 2303 Dulles Station Blvd., Herndon, VA 20171, (703) 561-1600. In addition, the Code of Business Conduct is available on the corporate website, www.strayereducation.com. In the event that the Corporation makes any amendment to, or grants any waiver from, a provision of the Code of Business Conduct that applies to the Corporation's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller or certain other senior officers and requires disclosure under applicable SEC rules, the Corporation intends to disclose such amendment or waiver and the reasons for the amendment or waiver on the Corporation's website, www.strayereducation.com or, as required by NASDAQ, file a Current Report on Form 8-K with the SEC reporting the amendment or waiver.

Stockholder Communication with Directors

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The Corporation has a process for stockholders to send communications to the Board of Directors. Any stockholder that wishes to communicate with the Board of Directors may do so by submitting correspondence in writing to the Board, in care of Viet D. Dinh, Corporate Secretary, Strayer Education, Inc., 2303 Dulles Station Blvd., Herndon, VA 20171, (703) 561-1600. The mailing envelope must contain a clear notation indicating that the enclosed letter is a "Stockholder-Board Communication." All such letters must identify the author as a stockholder. All correspondence from stockholders that (i) beneficially own more than 5% of the Corporation's common stock or (ii) have beneficially owned more than 1% of the Corporation's common stock for at least one year will be forwarded to the Board without prior review. In addition, Stockholder-Board communications from all other stockholders will be reviewed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Secretary of the Corporation and, if determined to be appropriate communications, will be forwarded to the Board.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

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The 1934 Act requires the Corporation's directors, executive officers and 10% stockholders to file reports of beneficial ownership of equity securities of the Corporation and to furnish copies of such reports to the Corporation. Based on a review of such reports, and upon written representations from certain reporting persons, the Corporation believes that, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, all such filing requirements were met.

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF COMMON STOCK

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The following table sets forth certain information regarding the ownership of the Corporation's common stock as of March 6, 2015 (except as otherwise indicated), by each person known by management of the Corporation to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding shares of the Corporation's common stock, each of the Corporation's directors and director nominees, its Executive Chairman, CEO, and three other named executive officers and all executive officers and directors as a group. The information presented in the table is based upon the most recent filings with the SEC by those persons or upon information otherwise provided by those persons to the Corporation. The percentages reflected in the table for each beneficial owner are calculated based on the number of shares of common stock outstanding on the record date plus those common stock equivalents and exercisable options held by the applicable beneficial owner.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Common Stock Beneficially Owned (a)	Options Currently Exercisable or Exercisable within 60 days	Total	Percentage Owned	
<u>Stockholders:</u>					
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.(b)	1,751,530	0	1,751,530	16.0	%
The Vanguard Group, Inc.(c)	1,096,060	0	1,096,060	10.0	%
BlackRock, Inc.(d)	947,998	0	947,998	8.6	%
<u>Directors:</u>					
Robert S. Silberman	221,678	100,000	321,678	2.9	%
Dr. Charlotte F. Beason	9,813	0	9,813		*
William E. Brock	4,194	0	4,194		*
Dr. John T. Casteen, III	4,912	0	4,912		*
Robert R. Grusky(e)	9,839	0	9,839		*
Robert L. Johnson	12,841	0	12,841		*
Karl McDonnell	101,648	0	101,648		*
Todd A. Milano	14,265	0	14,265		*
G. Thomas Waite, III	8,404	0	8,404		*
J. David Wargo	6,363	0	6,363		*
<u>Named Executive Officers:</u>					
Mark C. Brown	34,472	0	34,472		*
Rosemary J. Rose	49,284	0	49,284		*
Kelly J. Bozarth	17,817	0	17,817		*
All Executive Officers and Directors (16 persons)	553,669	100,000	653,669	5.9	%

* represents amounts less than 1%

(a) For directors and officers, the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned includes shares of restricted stock, which the holder is entitled to vote, and restricted stock units.

(b) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2015. These securities are owned by various individual and institutional investors including T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Value Fund, Inc. (which owns 1,326,600 shares, representing 12.1% of the shares outstanding), which T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. ("Price Associates") serves as investment adviser with power to direct investments and/or sole power to vote securities. For purposes of the reporting requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Price Associates is deemed to be a beneficial owner of such securities; however, Price Associates expressly disclaims that it is, in fact, the beneficial owner of such securities. The address is: 100 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

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(c) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 9, 2015. The address of The Vanguard Group Inc. is: 100 Vanguard Blvd., Malvern, PA 19355.

(d) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on January 12, 2015. The address of BlackRock, Inc. is: 40 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10022.

(e) Includes 1,500 shares owned by Halley Dog Investments, LLC, of which Mr. Grusky is the Manager and 35% owner. On December 31, 2012, Mr. Grusky gifted a 65% interest in Halley Dog Investments, LLC to a trust for the benefit of his family members.

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COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Compensation Policies and Objectives

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In accordance with the Compensation Committee charter, the Corporation employs the following general policies in determining executive compensation:

- The Corporation believes that compensation of the Corporation's key executives should be sufficient to attract and retain highly qualified and productive personnel, as well as to enhance productivity and encourage and reward superior performance.
- It is the policy of the Corporation that the three primary components of the Corporation's compensation package for officers (salary, profit share, and equity grants) be considered in the aggregate. In other words, the total compensation of our executive officers should be appropriate to their contributions, and the amount of each component should take into account the size of their total compensation package, even if one individual component is larger or smaller than industry average.
- Consistent with Department of Education regulations, the Corporation seeks to reward achievement of specific corporate goals by executing a profit sharing plan for the Corporation's senior officers, some of which is paid in cash, and the rest in some form of stock-based compensation with a required vesting period.
- The criteria used by the Compensation Committee in deciding whether, or at what level, a profit sharing plan should be funded in any year is whether the Corporation met certain performance objectives set annually by the Board. The Compensation Committee makes these assessments based on the Corporation's annual financial statements, which are audited by the Corporation's independent auditing firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Each year the corporate objectives used to determine profit sharing eligibility for executives are chosen by the Board of Directors from criteria which were approved by the stockholders of the Corporation. Criteria were approved most recently by stockholders at its annual meeting on April 26, 2011 and are being put before the stockholders for approval at this Annual Meeting as part of Proposal 3.
- One of the Corporation's guiding principles is that officers and directors think like owners. To this end, the Corporation adopted a requirement that within three years of hiring, promotion or being appointed to the Board, senior officers and members of the Board of Directors own shares equal to the amounts shown in the table below. The Board reviews compliance with this policy consistent with historic share ownership, market price fluctuations, and other factors.

Title	Required Share Ownership
Executive Chairman	5x Annual Salary
Chief Executive Officer	5x Annual Salary
Chief Operating Officer	4x Annual Salary
Executive Vice President	3x Annual Salary
Senior Vice President	2x Annual Salary
Board of Directors	3x Annual Retainer

- In determining compensation levels at the Corporation, the Compensation Committee compares executive compensation at the Corporation to that of eight other publicly traded companies which own education assets. These companies are: Apollo Group, Inc., Bridgepoint Education, Capella Education Company, Career Education Corporation, DeVry, Inc., Education Management Corporation (through 2014), Grand Canyon Education, Inc., and ITT Educational Services, Inc. The Compensation Committee also compares executive compensation at the Corporation to similarly sized companies by revenue, market capitalization, and growth profile which are in other industries.
- The Compensation Committee generally tries to set salary targets at or below the midpoint of comparable companies. However, the Compensation Committee tries to set profit sharing targets (both cash and equity) at or above the midpoint of comparable companies. If, in the Board's judgment, the midpoint or upper quartile calculations of the comparable companies yield too high a compensation

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level, the Board will not match these levels, but instead will make reasoned judgments to lower the Corporation's executive compensation to levels it deems more appropriate.

- At the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, approximately 95% of the votes cast were cast in favor of the advisory resolution to approve the 2013 compensation for the Corporation's named executives. The Corporation believes this vote reflected stockholder approval of its overall pay practices and the absence of any practices that stockholders consider problematic. Accordingly, the Compensation Committee generally continued to apply the same principles in determining the amounts and types of executive compensation for 2014. The Compensation Committee values the stockholder feedback provided through the vote, and will continue to consider the results of the vote in the future.

Who Determines Compensation?

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In accordance with the Compensation Committee charter, compensation for the Corporation's Executive Chairman and its CEO is determined by the Compensation Committee subject to approval of the Corporation's Board of Directors (excluding the Executive Chairman and the CEO, who are also directors). In making its determination on Executive Chairman and CEO compensation, the Compensation Committee reviews a number of factors, including but not limited to:

- The Corporation's achievement of annual goals and objectives set by the full Board of Directors in the preceding year,
- The long term performance of the Corporation, and
- CEO compensation level at comparable companies.

For the other named executive officers, the Compensation Committee reviews, approves, and recommends to the full Board compensation based on:

Performance of the executive officers in light of relevant goals and objectives approved by the Compensation Committee and the annual goals and objectives established by the Board in the preceding year,

- Executive compensation level at comparable companies, and
- The recommendations of the Executive Chairman and the CEO.

The Executive Chairman and the CEO provide recommendations for executive officer compensation (other than themselves) to the Compensation Committee based on a review and analysis of each officer's performance and contributions to the Corporation. While the Compensation Committee considers the recommendations of the Executive Chairman and the CEO with respect to these elements of compensation, the Compensation Committee independently evaluates the recommendations for purposes of making its recommendations to the full Board.

The Compensation Committee meets in the beginning of each year to review financial performance, to consider profit sharing with respect to the just completed fiscal year, to consider equity awards, and to determine executive officer salaries with respect to the next fiscal year. The Committee meets from time to time during the year as may be required to address compensation and equity grant issues associated with new officer hires and director appointments, as well as, if applicable, making equity grants as long-term compensation and making other determinations or recommendations with respect to employee benefit plans and related matters.

Identification and Analysis of 2014 Compensation Programs

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During 2014, the Corporation's executive compensation program included salary, profit sharing and long-term compensation in the form of restricted stock awarded under the Corporation's 2011 Equity Compensation Plan.

- Salary — Salaries for executives other than the Executive Chairman and the CEO are reviewed, approved, and recommended to the full Board annually by the Compensation Committee upon recommendation of the Executive Chairman and the CEO. The Executive Chairman's and the CEO's salaries are specified in their employment agreements (see "Employment Agreements with Mr. Silberman and Mr. McDonnell" and "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control")

sections below), and are annually reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee and the full Board of Directors.

- Profit Sharing — The profit sharing plan for our named executives and other senior executives is funded each year by our Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board. In determining whether to recommend such profit sharing, the Compensation Committee determines whether the Corporation has achieved its annual corporate objectives for the year.

As befits a Corporation whose main operating asset is a 123 year old University holding the highest possible academic accreditation, these annual corporate objectives include a number of academic measures such as improvements in student learning outcomes, student retention and continuation rates, advances in faculty hiring and qualifications, development of new academic programs, advances in online education, and increased academic rigor. The annual corporate objectives also include non-financial operational targets such as opening new campuses, securing regulatory approval to operate in new states, securing new corporate and institutional alliance partners and entering into additional academic articulation agreements with other universities and community colleges. Finally, these annual corporate objectives include financial measures, such as revenue, operating margin, operating income, net income, EPS, return on invested capital, and return of capital to owners through dividends and share repurchases. Of course, even if the Corporation achieves all of its academic, operational, and financial objectives in a given year, in the event of any breach in regulatory, legal, or ethical business standards, the Compensation Committee would eliminate the payment of cash profit sharing for that year.

The Board does not consider movements of the stock price of the Corporation during the year in determining annual compensation. The Board strongly feels that management's responsibility is to create an enduring increase in the intrinsic value of the Corporation. By achieving its annual corporate objectives, the Board feels management will necessarily increase the intrinsic value of the Corporation, and generate sustainable long term increases in stockholders' value. Each year the Board selects those annual corporate objectives from among criteria which were approved by the stockholders of the Corporation, most recently at its annual meeting on April 26, 2011. While the Board believes that each of the various annual corporate objectives is relevant to the determination of executive compensation, the achievement of any one annual corporate objective would not, in and of itself, result in a specific cash profit share amount being paid to our named executive officers. The Corporation believes the achievement of these goals is realistic but not certain.

The target profit share in cash for the Executive Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer is 125% of salary and varies for other officers and employees. See "Summary Compensation" and "Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-based Awards Table" for more information regarding profit sharing awards for 2014.

- Equity-based Compensation Programs — As discussed above, the Corporation believes it should, subject to achievement of certain academic, operational, financial, and individual objectives, make annual equity grants in order to retain, motivate, and align the interests of those key executive officers with stockholders.

Equity awards under this program are only made after the Compensation Committee and full Board of Directors have completed their analysis of both corporate and individual performance described in the previous section on profit sharing. For our Chief Executive Officer, we feel that at least 50% of his or her target total annual compensation should be performance-based in the form of equity grants of restricted stock with at least a four year cliff vest.

We view our equity as very valuable and are reluctant to issue it. This means that we only grant restricted stock or stock options to employees and directors as compensation when we believe we are getting fair value (in terms of their service) in return.

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Our restricted stock agreements with employees contain clawback provisions. If the Corporation is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Corporation, as a result of misconduct, with any financial reporting requirement and the employee engaged in that misconduct knowingly failed to prevent the misconduct or was grossly negligent in preventing the

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misconduct, the employee is required to reimburse the Corporation the amount of payment in settlement of the award earned or accrued during the 12-month period following the filing of the financial document that contained information affected by the material noncompliance. In addition, if the Corporation is required to prepare an accounting restatement, then the employee must forfeit any cash or stock received in connection with the award if any amount of the award was explicitly based on the achievement of pre-established performance goals that were later determined, as a result of the accounting restatement, not to have been achieved.

- Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits — The Corporation does not offer any perquisites. The Corporation does reimburse relocation expenses including tax gross-ups, when applicable. This benefit is offered to any officer hired from a different location to encourage prospective executives to relocate.
- Employment Agreements with Mr. Silberman and Mr. McDonnell — Robert S. Silberman, the Corporation's Executive Chairman, has an employment agreement with the Corporation which had an initial term of approximately three years (ending on December 31, 2004), and thereafter, automatically extended for successive one-year periods unless either the Corporation or Mr. Silberman provided timely notice to the contrary. Mr. Silberman's employment agreement was amended on May 2, 2013, in connection with his transition from Chief Executive Officer to Executive Chairman, and then again in April 24, 2014. Under the May 2, 2013, amended agreement, Mr. Silberman's term of employment is six years, and is renewable thereafter for one year terms unless the Corporation or Mr. Silberman provides notice otherwise. The amended agreement provides for a base salary of \$665,000 per annum (subject to annual increases for at least cost of living adjustments). Mr. Silberman is also eligible to receive a target profit share of at least 125% of base salary, for each of the fiscal years during which he is employed, upon meeting certain corporate and financial goals annually approved by the Board. In the event of termination without cause, the employment contract also provides for the payment of three years base salary, three years of medical benefits, and all stock awards shall immediately vest. In addition, the April 24, 2014, amendment to the employment agreement provides for a double trigger change of control termination clause, wherein if Mr. Silberman's termination is without cause within six months of the effective date of the change of control or there occurs a material reduction in Mr. Silberman's authority, function, duties or responsibilities which causes Mr. Silberman's resignation within six months of the change of control (as explained below), he is entitled to the same payments and benefits as in a termination without cause, plus an amount equal to three times the latest annual profit share award paid to him prior to the event of termination. The April 24, 2014, amendment also eliminated the Company's obligation, present in the original 2001 agreement, to provide a gross-up payment for any excise taxes imposed on termination payments.

The Corporation also entered into an employment agreement on May 2, 2013 with Karl McDonnell, in connection with his promotion to Chief Executive Officer (he did not previously have an employment agreement), and amended that agreement on April 24, 2014. Under the employment agreement, Mr. McDonnell's term of employment is six years and is renewable thereafter for one year terms unless the Corporation or Mr. McDonnell provides notice otherwise. Under the agreement Mr. McDonnell will receive a base salary of \$665,000 per annum (subject to annual increases for at least cost of living adjustments). Mr. McDonnell is also eligible to receive a target profit share of 125% of base salary for each fiscal year during which he is employed, upon meeting certain corporate and financial goals annually approved by the Board. In addition, Mr. McDonnell's employment agreement provides for an annual restricted share grant, conditioned upon applicable performance criteria as may be established by the Compensation Committee and with a four-year cliff vest, with a target value equivalent to \$2,000,000, awarded at each annual meeting. Mr. McDonnell is not entitled to a gross-up payment for any excise taxes which may be imposed on termination payments, and the April 24, 2014, amendment replaced the change of control termination clause for cash payments with a double trigger termination clause identical to the clause in Mr. Silberman's employment agreement, discussed above.

- Retirement and Deferred Compensation Plans — The Corporation maintains a retirement plan (the "401(k) Plan") intended to qualify under Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The 401(k) Plan is a defined contribution plan that covers all eligible full-time and part-time employees of the Corporation of at least 21 years of age. The Corporation, in its discretion, matches employee contributions up to a maximum authorized

amount under the plan. In 2014, the

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Corporation matched 50% of employee deferrals up to a maximum of 3% of the employee's annual salary. The Corporation offers this plan to enable and encourage its employees to save for their retirement in a tax advantageous way. The Corporation also maintains an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Employee Purchase Plan"). The purpose of the Employee Purchase Plan is to enable eligible full-time employees of the Corporation, through payroll deductions, to purchase shares of its common stock at a 10% discount from the prevailing market price from time to time. The Corporation offers this plan to encourage stock ownership by its employees.

Impact of Tax and Accounting Treatment

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Under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and applicable Treasury regulations, no deduction is allowed for annual compensation in excess of \$1 million paid by a publicly traded corporation to its chief executive officer and the three other highest compensated executive officers (other than the chief financial officer). Under those provisions, however, there is no limitation on the deductibility of “qualified performance-based compensation.” In general, the Corporation’s policy is to maximize the extent of tax deductibility of executive compensation under the provisions of Section 162(m) so long as doing so is compatible with its determination as to the most appropriate methods and approaches for the design and delivery of compensation to the Corporation’s executive officers.

Summary Compensation

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The following table sets forth all compensation awarded to the Corporation's named executive officers for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Summary Compensation Table

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	Year	Salary	Cash Profit Share(a)	Stock Awards (b)	Option Awards (b)
Robert S. Silberman, Executive Chairman	2014	\$ 665,000	\$ 835,000	\$ —	\$
	2013	\$ 665,000	\$ 535,000	\$ —	\$
	2012	\$ 665,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,885,775	\$
Karl McDonnell, Chief Executive Officer & Director	2014	\$ 665,000	\$ 835,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$
	2013	\$ 582,000	\$ 535,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$
	2012	\$ 432,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 750,000	\$
Mark C. Brown, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer ^(d)	2014	\$ 342,000	\$ 517,000	\$ —	\$
	2013	\$ 342,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$
	2012	\$ 336,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000	\$
Rosemary J. Rose, Executive Vice President, Operations	2014	\$ 300,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 200,000	\$
	2013	\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 500,000	\$
	2012	\$ 215,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	\$

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(8) Facility and Equipment Decontamination and Decommissioning (Continued)

obligations. The following is a reconciliation of our facility and equipment ARO for 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Beginning balance	\$ 46,850	\$ 48,225
Accretion expense	1,589	1,608
Liabilities incurred during the year	609	299
	(110)	(155)

Liabilities settled during the year

ARO estimate adjustments	2,598	(3,127)
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Balance at December 31	\$ 51,536	\$ 46,850
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The \$2.6 million increase in the 2009 ARO estimate is primarily due to increased RS Means rates for labor and equipment. The \$3.1 million increase in the 2008 ARO estimate is primarily due to an update of industry labor rates.

We are required to deposit cash relating to our D&D obligations in the form of a restricted cash account, a deposit in escrow or in a trust fund. Restricted cash and decontamination and decommissioning deposits consist principally of: (i) funds held in trust for completion of various site remediation projects and (ii) funds deposited in connection with landfill closure obligations, post-closure and remediation obligations relating to our Clive, Utah facility. Accordingly, we have noncurrent restricted cash of \$0.5 million and \$2.1 million as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, included in restricted cash and decontamination and decommissioning deposits in the accompanying balance sheets. In addition, we have purchased insurance policies to fund our obligation to clean and remediate our Tennessee and Utah facilities and equipment. One of these policies requires us to place a cash deposit in escrow. The cash deposit in escrow was \$11.7 million and \$10.6 million as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. We are also required to establish a trust fund to cover the closure obligation for the Barnwell, South Carolina facility. The trust fund balance as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 was \$12.0 million and \$19.1 million, respectively, included in restricted cash and decontamination and decommissioning deposits in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Although we are required to provide assurance to satisfy some of our D&D obligations in the form of insurance policies, restricted cash deposits, escrows or trust funds, these assurance mechanisms do not affect the carrying amount of our D&D liabilities as calculated under accounting guidance for retirement obligations because they do not extinguish our D&D liabilities.

(9) Noncontrolling Interests

Effective November 1, 2007, we obtained majority voting rights in the operations of our minority owned joint ventures. Accordingly, we have reported the operations in our consolidated financial statements from November 1, 2007. Additionally, effective March 14, 2008, we obtained majority voting rights in the operations of another one of our minority-owned joint ventures. Accordingly, we have reported its operations in our consolidated financial statements from March 14, 2008. We record noncontrolling interest income which represents a portion of the earnings of operations which are applicable to other noncontrolling interest partners. Cash payments, representing the distributions of cash to investors' share of cash generated by operations, are recorded as a liability in noncontrolling interests. Noncontrolling interest income for the periods ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$1.1 million, \$1.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

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(9) Noncontrolling Interests (Continued)

respectively. Distributions to noncontrolling interest shareholders were \$1.1 million and \$0.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008.

(10) Derivative Financial Instruments

We have entered into derivative contracts to help offset our exposure to movements in interest rates in relation to our variable rate debt. These contracts are not designated as accounting hedges. We do not use derivatives for trading or speculative purposes. On July 1, 2005, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$58 million at inception and declined each quarter over the life of the contract in proportion to our reduction in the outstanding balance of the related debt under the original credit agreement and, subsequently, the existing credit facilities. The contract terminated on October 1, 2008.

On December 18, 2008, we entered into a new interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$200.0 million. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the fair value liability of the interest rate swap contract was \$1.7 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. We realized losses related to the expired contract in the amount of \$2.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2008. Realized and unrealized gains and losses resulting from adjustments to the fair value of the contracts are included in other income (expenses), net, and resulted in a net loss of \$1.5 million, \$2.5 million and \$0.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

In addition, we have foreign currency exposure related to our operations in the U.K. as well as other foreign locations. Exchange gains and losses resulting from this exposure are included in other income (expense) in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. During the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, we recognized a net gain of \$0.7 million and net loss of \$16.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

We have entered into derivative contracts to help offset our exposure to movements in foreign currency rates in relation to our U.S. dollar denominated intercompany loan with our U.K. subsidiary. This foreign currency derivative contract was not designated as an accounting hedge. The contract terminated on December 23, 2009. For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, we realized a net loss of \$5.3 million and a net gain of \$8.1 million, respectively, related to our foreign currency derivative contracts.

Realized and unrealized gains and losses resulting from adjustments to the fair value of the contracts are included in other income (expenses), net, and resulted in a net gain of \$7.5 million and a net loss of \$0.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. We had no realized or unrealized gains or losses on foreign currency derivative contracts for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(11) Fair Value Measurements

In 2008, the Company implemented the accounting requirements for financial assets and financial liabilities reported at fair value and related disclosures. Effective January 1, 2009, the Company prospectively implemented the accounting requirements for non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value. The requirements define fair value, establish a three level hierarchy for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and expand disclosures for fair value measurements. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) for active

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(11) Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

markets for identical assets or liabilities that a company has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for an asset or liability. As of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we had no assets or liabilities considered to be Level 1 or Level 3.

The carrying value of accounts receivable, inventories, prepaid expenses, accounts payable, accrued expenses and unearned revenues approximate fair value principally because of the short-term nature of these assets and liabilities.

The fair market value of our debt is based on quoted market prices in the over-the-counter restricted market. As of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we had outstanding term loans with carrying amounts of \$519.1 million and \$566.8 million and with fair values of approximately \$516.5 million and \$430.7 million, respectively.

The fair value of our derivative instruments is determined using methods that maximize the use of the observable market inputs including interest rate curves and both forward and spot prices for currencies. The carrying amount of our foreign currency derivative and interest rate swap approximate fair value. These instruments are included in accrued expenses and other liabilities and other noncurrent liabilities in the accompanying balance sheet and are classified as Level 2 under the fair value hierarchy. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008 the fair values of our interest rate and foreign currency derivative contracts outstanding were (in thousands):

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Liabilities		
Fair value of derivative contracts - short term	\$	\$
Fair value of derivative contracts - long term	1,726	

(12) Income (Loss) Per Share

Basic net income per share is computed by dividing net income attributable to EnergySolutions by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed by dividing net income attributable to EnergySolutions by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period and potentially dilutive common stock equivalents. Potentially dilutive common stock equivalents that have been issued by us relate to our stock options and non-vested restricted stock awards and are determined using the treasury stock method.

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The following table sets forth the computation of the common shares outstanding in determining basic and diluted net income per share:

	2009	2008	2007	Unaudited Pro Forma
	Historical	Historical	Historical	
Weighted average common shares basic	88,318,024	88,303,779	11,274,422	7,452
Dilutive effect of restricted stock and stock options	118,361	7,452		
Weighted average common shares diluted	88,436,385	88,311,231	11,274,422	7,452
Anti-dilutive securities not included above	5,777,084	5,698,378	5,614,982	

- (1) Unaudited pro forma adjusted to reflect common stock outstanding assuming our reorganization from a limited liability company to a "C" corporation occurred on the first day of the year.

(13) Equity-Based Compensation***Profit Interests***

In prior years, certain members of our management were granted profit interest units in ENV Holdings in consideration for services rendered during the vesting period. These units do not represent ownership in ENV Holdings but rather these units entitle the holders to distributions from ENV Holdings when a distribution is paid. There were several classes of units granted and the successive class carries a lower priority on distributions. Certain units vest immediately upon grant and others vest over periods up to three years. We estimated the fair value at grant date of the units issued using both the Black-Scholes and an income approach and recorded compensation expense of \$0.6 million and \$2.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, which represents the portion of the fair value of the units that vested in those periods. At December 31, 2009 there is no remaining unrecognized compensation expense associated with the

Stock Options and Restricted Stock Grants

In connection with our initial public offering, we adopted the EnergySolutions, Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan authorizes our Board of Directors to grant stock options and restricted stock to directors, officers, employees and consultants. The aggregate number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted under the Plan is 10,440,000. Compensation costs related to options and restricted stock granted under the Plan are included in both cost of revenues and general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of operations. We recorded non-cash compensation expense related to the stock option and restricted stock plan of \$14.6 million, \$9.1 million and \$1.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. At December 31, 2009, there were 3,141,644 shares available for future issuance under the Plan.

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The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The key assumptions used in the Black-Scholes model for options granted during 2009, 2008 and 2007 were as follows:

	2009	2008	2007
Expected life of option (years)	3.75 to 6.25	3.75	2.00
Risk-free interest rate	1.9% to 2.7%	2.0% to 3.1%	3.8%
Expected volatility	38.4% to 41.6%	35%	
Expected dividend yield	1.13% to 1.80%	0.40% to 1.00%	

The expected life of the options represents the period of time that the options granted are expected to be outstanding. We are currently using a simplified method to calculate expected holding periods, which is based on the average term of the options and the weighted-average graded vesting period. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury rate for the period. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury rate for the period. Expected volatility is based on the average implied volatilities of peer companies as we have limited trading history beginning November 15, 2007 to present. Our expected forfeiture rate is based on rates experienced by us since the date of our IPO as well as our expectations of future forfeiture rates and represents management's estimate of forfeiture rates that we expect to occur.

A summary of stock option activity for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 is presented below:

	Options	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining life (years)	Aggregated intrinsic value (in thousands)
Outstanding, December 31, 2007	5,727,560	\$ 23.00	4.9	\$ 1,100,000
Granted	191,300	22.21	4.3	
Exercised				
Forfeited or expired	(293,430)	22.78	3.9	
Outstanding, December 31, 2008	5,625,430	22.34	3.9	\$ 1,000,000
Granted	1,525,000	5.76	5.4	
Exercised				

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Forfeited or expired	(456,084)	20.58	
Outstanding, December 31, 2009	6,694,346	19.44	4.2
Options vested and expected to vest, December 31, 2009	6,003,204	19.39	4.2
Options exercisable, December 31, 2009	2,641,689	22.99	2.9

As of December 31, 2009, we had \$16.4 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to outstanding stock options, which will be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.0 years. The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted during 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$1.98, \$6.42 and \$7.09, respectively. No options were exercised during 2009 or 2008.

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A summary of restricted stock activity for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 is presented below:

	Shares	Weighted grant fair v
Non-vested shares, December 31, 2007	6,522	\$
Granted	33,637	
Vested	(2,174)	
Forfeited		
Non-vested shares, December 31, 2008	37,985	
Granted	583,851	
Vested	(55,930)	
Forfeited	(20,000)	
Non-vested shares, December 31, 2009	545,906	

As of December 31, 2009, there was \$2.0 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.4 years.

In December 2009, the Board of Directors modified the terms of certain stock option and restricted stock awards granted to a former executive, allowing his options to continue to vest after his termination date. Accordingly, the Company recognized \$2.6 million in compensation expense during the year ended December 31, 2009.

(14) Income Taxes

Prior to the completion of our initial public offering on November 1, 2007, our operations consisted of both a limited liability company, which was not taxed as a separate entity, and corporate subsidiaries, that are subject to taxation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Concurrent with the completion of our initial public offering, we began doing business

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EnergySolutions, Inc., a taxable corporate entity. Income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 consist of the following (in thousands):

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Current:			
Federal	\$ 6,744	\$ 11,499	\$ (1,110)
State	1,326	2,748	(163)
Foreign	2,388	15,590	3,934
	10,458	29,837	2,661
Deferred			
Federal	3,311	1,310	8,826
State	(1,178)	(933)	1,114
Foreign	1,997	(9,116)	(1,283)
	4,130	(8,739)	8,657
	\$ 14,588	\$ 21,098	\$ 11,318

Income taxes are reconciled to the amount computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate of 35% to income before income taxes. The reconciliation follows (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Federal income taxes at statutory rate	\$ 22,897	\$ 23,198
Non-taxable entities		
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	96	1,180
U.K. research and development	(11,369)	(4,987)
U.S. research and development	(1,422)	
Change in taxable status of LLC		
Foreign tax rate differential	(1,096)	(892)
Disallowed and excess compensation	1,000	2,334
Change in valuation allowance	(577)	196
IRS settlements	3,507	
Change in contingency reserve	1,101	
Other	451	69
	\$ 14,588	\$ 21,098

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The significant components of our deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Deferred tax assets - current:		
Accrued compensation	\$ 3,703	\$ 3,703
Inventory capitalized costs	9	9
Accrued expenses	7,553	7,553
Allowance for bad debt	475	475
Net operating loss carryforwards	38	38
Other	827	827
Deferred tax assets - current	12,605	12,605
Valuation allowance	(398)	(398)
Deferred tax assets - current, net of valuation allowance	12,207	12,207
Deferred tax liabilities - current:		
Prepaid expenses	(1,323)	(1,323)
Deferred revenue	(8,183)	(8,183)
Net deferred tax liabilities - current	\$ 2,701	\$ 2,701
Deferred tax assets - noncurrent:		
Asset retirement obligations	\$ 12,328	\$ 12,328
Accrued rate and contract reserves	547	547
Operating rights	1,065	1,065
Stock compensation	7,070	7,070
AMT credit carryover	444	444
Net operating loss carryforwards	12,734	12,734
Other	391	391
Deferred tax assets - non current	34,579	34,579
Valuation allowance	(1,233)	(1,233)
Deferred tax assets - noncurrent, net of valuation allowance	33,346	33,346
Deferred tax liabilities - noncurrent:		
Plant, equipment and intangible assets principally due to differences in depreciation and amortization	(73,685)	(73,685)
Partnership investments	(343)	(343)
Reclamation	(6,724)	(6,724)
Other	(337)	(337)
Net deferred tax liabilities - noncurrent	\$ (47,743)	\$ (47,743)
Total deferred tax assets	\$ 45,553	\$ 45,553

Total deferred tax liabilities	\$	90,595	\$
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(14) Income Taxes (Continued)

For the years ended December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, net operating loss carryforwards were \$28.0 million and \$46.2 million, respectively. Included in these amounts are \$7.1 million and \$17.8 million related to our operations in the U.K. and \$0.6 million related to our operations for both years. The net operating loss carryforwards expire on various dates from 2021 through 2027.

Further, as a result of our various affiliated companies becoming a single consolidated filing group for federal income tax purposes, net operating loss carryforwards of \$19.4 million will be subject to separate return loss year limitation rules. The realization of these losses in full will be dependent on the taxable income of the subsidiary that generated the net operating loss carryforward.

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, we consider whether it was more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will be realized. The ultimate realization of the deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during periods in which temporary differences become deductible. We considered income tax returns filed during the previous two years, projected future taxable income, the amount of temporary differences, and the timing of the reversal of such differences in making this assessment. Based upon the level of historical taxable income and projections for future taxable income over the periods in which the deferred tax assets are deductible, we have determined a valuation allowance is necessary of \$1.6 million and \$2.2 million as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The net change in the valuation allowance for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was a decrease of \$0.6 million, increases of \$0.2 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company's foreign subsidiaries have accumulated undistributed earnings that are intended to be permanently reinvested outside the U.S., upon which the deferred tax liability cannot be practically determined as of year end.

As of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we had \$2.2 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, of gross unrecognized tax benefits, the majority may impact our annual effective tax rate in future years. These benefits were accounted for under authoritative guidance for accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the total amounts of gross unrecognized tax benefits are as follows (in thousands):

Gross unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2008	\$
Gross additions based on tax positions related to the current year	
Gross additions based on tax positions related to a prior year	
Gross subtractions related to prior year returns filed	
Gross unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2009	\$

The Company and its U.S. subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal and state income tax. The Company is currently in various states of multiple tax examinations by federal taxing authorities. We have also been notified that the Internal Revenue Service will begin an examination of the company's U.S. tax return for the short tax period from November 16, 2007 through December 31, 2007. That examination is scheduled to begin in early 2008. The Company does not anticipate a significant impact to the unrecognized tax benefits balance with respect to current tax examinations in the next 12 months, although the timing of the resolution and closure on such matters is highly uncertain. In 2009, the IRS settled examinations for multiple subsidiaries and entities that resulted in a combined settlement

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amount of \$3.5 million, most of which was a reduction to the net operating loss carryforward amounts for certain acquired entities. We recognize interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of the provision for income taxes.

We paid income taxes of \$15.5 million, \$22.7 million and \$3.5 million during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

(15) Segment Reporting and Business Concentrations

We provide our services through four segments: Federal Services, Commercial Services ("CS"), Logistics, Processing and Disposal ("LP&D") and International. Prior to our acquisitions of RSMC in 2007 and ERM in 2006, we derived less than 1% of our revenues from our international operations. Accordingly, through the first quarter of 2007, we reported revenues from our international operations in our Commercial Services segment. Beginning with the second quarter of 2007, we began reporting revenues from our operations outside North America in a new International segment. Goodwill and long-lived assets that were previously reported in other segments were reclassified to this new segment as appropriate. We report the segments' operating results to measure performance.

The following table presents segment information as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 (in thousands):

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2009				
	FS	CS	LP&D	International	Co Una
Revenues from external customers(1)(5)	\$ 304,634	\$ 87,305	\$ 244,217	\$ 987,737	\$
Income (loss) from operations(2)	30,299	15,708	84,067	43,121	
Depreciation and amortization expense	1,930	1,623	22,629	6,946	
Goodwill	143,514	90,129	233,193	51,934	
Other long-lived assets(3)	33,192	16,489	214,699	68,054	
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	4,226	2,134	7,990	206	
Total assets(4)	290,525	148,023	538,387	379,743	

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	As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2009				
	FS	CS	LP&D	International	Total
Revenues from external customers(1)(5)	\$ 271,820	\$ 107,198	\$ 246,810	\$ 1,165,803	\$ 1,785,631
Income (loss) from operations(2)	32,750	25,825	87,893	56,669	183,137
Depreciation and amortization expense	406	1,941	21,511	9,460	33,328
Goodwill	143,514	90,129	233,193	61,418	528,254
Other long-lived assets(3)	34,104	22,455	232,433	97,074	586,066
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	4,543	735	9,905	660	15,843
Total assets(4)	281,263	149,804	568,734	340,003	1,340,804

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2008				
	FS	CS	LP&D	International	Total
Revenues from external customers(1)(5)	\$ 151,355	\$ 137,378	\$ 262,801	\$ 541,079	\$ 1,092,613
Income (loss) from operations (2)	32,450	20,082	100,311	2,930	155,773
Depreciation and amortization expense	376	789	23,892	4,713	30,770
Goodwill	143,138	90,994	232,745	59,163	526,040
Other long-lived assets(3)	32,960	28,982	253,321	105,942	421,205
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		1,560	4,296	498	6,354
Total assets(4)	202,756	164,721	592,968	490,081	1,350,526

- (1) Intersegment revenues have been eliminated for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007. Intersegment revenues were \$20.3 million and \$5.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 respectively, and were immaterial for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006.

December 31, 2007. Revenues by segment represent revenues earned based on third-party billing to customers.

- (2) Prior to the fourth quarter of 2009, we included equity in unconsolidated joint ventures in other income (expense). During the fourth quarter of 2009, we reclassified these amounts from other income (expense), net to operating income in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. As a result, for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, operating income from operations was increased by \$7.6 million, \$3.2 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, as a result of the reclassification. Equity from unconsolidated joint ventures is included in our Fees and Services segment operations.
- (3) Other long-lived assets include property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets.
- (4) Corporate unallocated assets relate primarily to income tax receivables, deferred tax assets, deferred financing costs, deferred expenses, property, plant and equipment that benefit the company and cash.

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Results of our operations for services provided to our customers in Canada and Mexico are included in our Commercial Services or LP&D segments.

Our revenues and long-lived assets by geographic region as of the year ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 are as follows (in thousands):

As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2009	United States	United Kingdom	Other
Revenues from external customers	\$ 629,441	\$ 987,737	\$ 6,715
Property, plant and equipment, net	119,929	769	77
2008			
Revenues from external customers	600,273	1,165,803	25,555
Property, plant and equipment, net	112,982	882	157
2007			
Revenues from external customers	529,550	541,079	21,984
Property, plant and equipment, net	109,897	591	200

(16) Customer Concentrations

Our International segment derives its revenues primarily through contracts with the NDA. For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, 60.1%, 64.8% and 48.6% of our revenues were derived from contracts funded by the NDA. Accounts receivable relating to the NDA at December 31, 2009 and 2008 were \$181.4 million and \$115.0 million, respectively.

We have contracts with various offices within the DOE, including the Office of Environmental Management, the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Nuclear Energy. Revenues from DOE contractors and subcontractors represented approximately 15.8%, 11.2% and 16.7% of our consolidated revenues for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Accounts receivable and costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts relating to DOE contractors and subcontractors at December 31, 2009 were \$68.4 million and \$53.6 million, respectively. Accounts receivable and costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts relating to DOE contractors and subcontractors at December 31, 2008 were \$45.6 million and \$42.0 million, respectively.

(17) Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Leases and Other Contractual Obligations

We have several noncancellable leases that cover real property, machinery and equipment. Such leases expire at various dates with various terms, options to extend their terms. Several of the leases contain provisions for rent escalation based primarily on increases in real estate taxes and operating costs incurred by the lessor. Rent expense on noncancellable leases was \$13.9 million, \$12.2 million and \$14.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

We are obligated under capital leases covering computer equipment and certain machinery and equipment that expire at various dates during the next three years. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008,

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the gross amount of property, plant and equipment and related accumulated depreciation and amortization recorded under capital leases were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Computer equipment	\$ 3,904	\$ 3,904
Machinery and equipment	668	668
Trucks and vehicles	332	332
	4,904	4,904
Less accumulated amortization	(2,542)	(1,742)
	\$ 2,362	\$ 3,162

Amortization of assets held under capital leases is included with depreciation and amortization expense.

The following is a schedule of future minimum annual lease payments for all operating and capital leases and annual payments for other obligations with initial or remaining lease terms greater than one year as of December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

Year ending December 31,	Operating	Capital	Current Portion of Capital Lease Obligations
2010	\$ 11,683	\$ 479	\$ 479
2011	9,606	27	27
2012	7,782		
2013	4,005		
2014	3,150		
Thereafter	6,043		
Future minimum lease payments	\$ 42,269	506	\$ 506
Less portion representing interest			14
Less current portion of capital lease obligations			465
Long-term portion of capital lease obligations		\$ 27	

The current portion of the capital lease obligations is included with current liabilities. The long-term portion of the capital lease obligations is included in other noncurrent liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets.

During the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, we entered into \$14,647 and \$0.2 million of capital leases.

(b) Letters of Credit/Insurance Surety

We are required to post, from time to time, standby letters of credit and surety bonds to support contractual obligations to customers, self-insurance programs, closure and post-closure financial assurance and other obligations. We had \$100.0 million of letters of credit issued under our senior credit facilities as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively; \$10.8 million and \$19.7 million of

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letters of credit issued against the revolver facility as of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively and \$0.7 million and \$2.6 million of surety bonds outstanding as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. With respect to the surety bonds, we have entered into certain indemnification agreements with the providers of the surety bonds, which would require funding by us only if we failed to perform under the contracts being insured and the surety bond issuer was obligated to make payment to the insured parties.

Our processing and disposal facilities operate under licenses and permits that require financial assurance for closure and post-closure costs. We meet for these requirements through a combination of restricted cash, cash deposits, letters of credit and insurance policies. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the closure and post-closure state regulatory requirements for our facilities were \$142.0 million and \$150.8 million, respectively.

(c) Legal Proceedings

As previously reported, we have engaged in discussions with ENEL SpA, the Italian state-owned utility company, to provide D&D and radioactive materials management services in support of the clean-up of Sogin's nuclear facilities. Our pending license application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") to import material from Italy, to store it at our facility in Tennessee and to dispose of the residual material at our facility in Utah has generated local and national expressions of opposition. We believe our license application is consistent with all applicable regulations and with past practices. Moreover, the Italian material, including paper and clothing, is the same type of material that we handle routinely in the domestic nuclear industry.

The NRC has issued numerous licenses over the past ten years for the importation of low-level radioactive waste ("LLRW") to be processed and ultimately disposed at our Clive facility. Under these licenses, our Clive Facility has received Class A LLRW originating in Germany, Canada, France, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom.

The States of Tennessee and Utah have confirmed to the NRC that the proposed Italian project is consistent with the licenses and permits issued in those states. However, the former Governor of the State of Utah announced on April 23, 2008 that he would send his representative to the May 2008 meeting of the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management (the "Northwest Compact") to vote against any amendments that would allow us to receive international waste at our Clive facility.

On May 5, 2008, we filed a declaratory judgment action in the District Court of Utah (the "Declaratory Judgment Action") asking the court to declare that (i) the Northwest Compact does not have regulatory authority over our Clive facility, which is a private commercial facility rather than

regional facility created by the Compact, (ii) the U.S. Constitution allow the Northwest Compact to discriminate between identical domestic and foreign materials handled at our Clive facility, and (iii) any effort by the Northwest Compact to restrict our receipt of foreign LLRW is pre-empted by federal statutes and regulations. The State of Utah and the Rocky Mountain Interstate Compact on Low-level Radioactive Waste have intervened as defendants in the Declaratory Judgment Action.

At the Northwest Compact meeting on May 8, 2008, the representatives of the eight member States of the Northwest Compact, despite our long-standing commitment to restrict our receipt of international waste to 5% of the remaining capacity at our Clive facility, unanimously adopted a clarification resolution

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proposed by the Utah committee member, clarifying that the Northwest Compact has never adopted a resolution permitting us to receive international waste at our Clive facility. We continue to believe that the Northwest Compact does not have regulatory authority over our Clive facility and neither the U.S. Constitution nor Federal law permits the Northwest Compact to prohibit us from receiving international waste at our Clive facility.

On October 6, 2008, the NRC approved an order holding in abeyance its decision with respect to our pending import license application until the Company's declaratory judgment action has been resolved by the Court.

On May 15, 2009, the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah issued a Memorandum Decision And Order Granting In Part And Denying In Part the Motions For Partial Summary Judgment (the "District Court Order") holding that the Northwest Compact has no authority to restrict the flow of international region waste to EnergySolutions' facility in Clive, Utah. The court also concluded that those holdings obviated the need for further proceedings and entered final judgment in favor of EnergySolutions on June 17, 2009. The defendants in the Declaratory Judgment Action have appealed the District Court Order to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. The issuance of the District Court Order the NRC has solicited the views of interested potential parties but has not yet lifted its order holding the review of our pending import license application in abeyance.

We intend to vigorously prosecute our declaratory judgment action and we do not believe we will be able to process and dispose of any radioactive materials contemplated by the Italian initiative until the appellate process is concluded.

On October 9, 2009 a purported class-action lawsuit captioned Roseville Employees' Retirement System vs. EnergySolutions, et al. was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Civil Number 09 CV 8633. On October 12, 2009 a second complaint was filed in the same court captioned Building Trades United Pension Fund vs. EnergySolutions Inc., et al., Civil Number 09 CV 8648. The complaints are very similar and name as defendants the Company, the Company's prior directors, certain officers of the Company, the lead underwriter of the Company's initial public offering ("IPO") in November 2007 and the Company's secondary offering in July 2008 (the "July 2008 Offering") and ENR Holdings, LLC, the former parent of the Company. The plaintiffs allege that the registration statements and prospectus for the IPO and the July 2008 Offering contained inaccurate statements of material facts and omitted material information required to be disclosed therein regarding the size of the nuclear services market, the Company's ability to take advantage of opportunities in that market in the near term, the status and prospects of the Company's rule making petition to the NRC to permit the use of decommissioning funds for disposal of major components prior to the cessation of activities at nuclear facilities, the status and prospects of the Company's license stewardship initiative, and other matters. The court

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seek to include all purchasers of the Company's stock from November 2007 through October 14, 2008 as a plaintiff class and seek damages and interest, rescission of the IPO and July 2008 Offering, and such other relief as the court may find just and proper.

We believe the facts and legal claims alleged in the complaint are without merit and intend to vigorously defend the litigation.

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In addition, we are subject to various claims and legal proceedings covering matters that arise in the ordinary course of its business activities. Management believes any liability that may ultimately result from the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, operating results and cash flows.

(18) Employee Benefit Plans

During 2006, we participated in various defined contribution plans that covered substantially all full-time employees. The plans are subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. We provided for a match under the applicable plans. Participants receive their contributions ratably over 4 years. As of January 1, 2007, we consolidated all previous plans into a new plan. Under the new plan, employees are eligible to participate immediately upon employment but are not eligible for a company match until one year of employment is completed. We match 6% of the first 6% of a participant's deferred contribution. In addition, at our discretion contribute an additional 1% of a participant's deferred contribution. Employee contributions are fully vested immediately. Contributions vest ratably over 4 years. We contributed \$3.0 million, \$2.3 million and \$2.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2007, respectively.

On March 14, 2008, we obtained majority voting rights for all shares of our minority-owned joint ventures. Accordingly, we have reported the operations in our consolidated financial statements from March 14, 2008. One of our joint venture sponsors a defined contribution plan for its eligible employees. The plan provides for matching employer contributions of 100% up to 6% of employee compensation. Additionally, the plan provides for an additional 1% employer contribution for employees who are not eligible to participate in the joint venture's defined benefit pension plan ranging from 2.5% to 5% of employee compensation. Contributions to the plan totaled approximately \$0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 and \$0.5 million for the period from March 14, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

The Electricity Supply Pension Scheme ("ESPS")

In connection with our acquisition of RSMC on June 26, 2007, we provided a pension plan for the benefit of approximately 60 RSMC employees in the United Kingdom (the "RSMC Plan"). The RSMC Plan is funded by contributions from the employees and EnergySolutions. In addition, under the terms of our contract with the NDA, EnergySolutions, through RSMC, took over the management of the Magnox North and South pension plans (the "Magnox Plan"), which provides pension benefits for a majority of the 3,000 employees under management in the United Kingdom. The Magnox Plan is funded by contributions from the employees and EnergySolutions. The two plans are separate sections of an overall industry scheme called the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme ("ESPS").

As part of the reorganization of the U.K. nuclear industry by the U.K. Government, the NDA assumed responsibility to fund all employees

contributions, including any deficit (and obtained the benefit of any) to the Magnox Plan. In order to reflect these arrangements, these financial statements include an amount recoverable from the NDA, included with other noncurrent assets in an amount equal to the recorded Magnox liability, net of tax, with a corresponding credit to revenue since these are allowable costs under our cost-plus contract with the NDA, offset by a portion of the after-tax pension charges. The amount of the credit for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, was \$46.5 million and \$95.4 million. The amount recoverable from the

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NDA, due to our underfunded status, was \$64.5 million at December 31, 2009 and is included in other noncurrent assets. The amount payable to the NDA due to our overfunded status, was \$93.5 million at December 31, 2008, and is included in pension liabilities.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of the pension plan liability at the beginning and ending balances of the benefit obligation for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Changes in projected benefit obligation:		
Projected benefit obligation at beginning of period	\$ 2,366,304	\$ 3,026,479
Service cost	45,412	
Interest cost	150,173	
Member contributions	626	
Termination benefits	10,179	
Benefits paid	(137,489)	
Actuarial gain (loss)	347,323	
Currency translation	243,951	
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 3,026,479	\$ 2,366,304

The termination costs relate to early retirement benefits provided to employees who have left service involuntarily before normal retirement age and have been granted an unreduced early retirement pension. The costs are contractual termination benefits required under the plans' rules.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of the plans' beginning and ending balances of the fair value of plan assets for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Changes in plan assets:		
Fair value at beginning of period	\$ 2,459,837	\$ 3,019,111
Actual return on plan assets	301,911	
Company contributions	76,574	
Employee contributions	626	
Termination benefits	10,179	
Benefits paid	(137,645)	
Currency translation	250,489	
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ 2,961,971	\$ 2,459,837
	\$ (64,508)	\$ 93,500

Overfunded (underfunded) status at
end of year

Related amounts included in the consolidated balance sheets at
December 31, 2009 and 2008 consist of noncurrent pension liabilities of
\$64.5 million, and noncurrent pension assets of \$93.5 million, which are
included in other noncurrent assets, respectively.

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Net periodic benefit costs for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 consisted of the following (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Service cost	\$ 45,412	\$ 48,606
Interest cost	150,173	181,251
Expected return on plan assets	(126,997)	(189,599)
Actuarial loss	312	
Termination benefits	10,179	7,235
	\$ 79,079	\$ 47,493

Weighted average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations of December 31, 2009 and 2008 were as follows:

	2009	
Discount rate	5.7%	
Expected rates of return on plan assets	5.6%	6.8%
Rate of compensation increase	3.0%	3.5%

Our overall expected long-term rate of return on assets is 5.6%. The overall expected long-term rate of return is based on our view of expected long-term rates of return of each major asset category taking into account the proportions of assets held in each category at the relevant reporting date. The expected rate of return for equities was determined by adding a long-term equity risk premium to a risk-free rate. The equity risk premium reflects our view of expected long-term returns on equities in excess of the risk-free rate, taking into account historic returns and current market conditions. The expected return on debt securities is based upon an analysis of current yields on portfolios of similar quality and duration.

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the pension assets were invested in the following categories:

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Asset category:		
Equities	18.6%	16.7%
Bonds	76.0%	76.9%
Real Estate	4.6%	5.4%
Other	0.8%	1.0%
	100.0%	100.0%

Our investment policy is set by the Trustees of the pension plan in consultation with the employer. The investment policy and appointment of investment managers are reviewed regularly by a subset of the trustees who form an Investment Committee, reporting to the full trustee body. Independent investment advice is obtained by the Investment Committee. The investment policy considers the timing and nature of future cash flows as well as the risk characteristics of both the liabilities and the assets.

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held. The investment objective is to maximize returns subject to the availability of sufficient assets and cash flow available to pay members' benefits when they are due.

The Trustees have a policy of cash management to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available when divestments are required to meet benefit payment obligations as they become payable.

We expect \$55.1 million to be contributed to our defined benefit plans in 2010, most of which will be reimbursed by the NDA. Actuarial gains expected to be recognized as a component of net periodic pension expense in 2010 are not material. Estimated benefit plan payments for the five years ending following 2009 and the subsequent five years aggregated, excluding amounts recoverable from the NDA, are as follows (in thousands):

Year ending December 31,	
2010	\$ 144,308
2011	148,608
2012	153,227
2013	157,846
2014	162,784
2015 - 2019	891,809
	\$ 1,658,582

The preceding information does not include amounts related to defined benefit plans applicable to employees associated with certain contracts with the NDA held by a consolidated joint venture because we are not responsible for the current or future funded status of these plans.

(19) Employee Termination Benefits

An organizational review of our Magnox sites identified an opportunity to reduce the existing workforce, primarily at three sites that are in the process of defueling, which involves removing fuel from the reactor and putting it into flasks and transporting it for processing with a third party and decommissioning which decommissioning is relatively close to completion with only a few projects remaining.

As a result of the overstaffing at the four Magnox sites, we presented a termination plan to the NDA to terminate approximately 200 employees on a voluntary basis at these sites in the quarter ended March 31, 2009. The termination plan and employee termination benefits to be paid for the voluntary termination of these employees is in accordance with the terms of the employee and the trade union agreements and were pre-approved by the NDA during the first quarter of 2009. All employee termination benefits will be paid as part of the normal Magnox cost base and will be reimbursed by the NDA.

We recognized \$35.7 million of expected employee termination during the year ended December 31, 2009, which are included in revenues in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations for our International Segment. We have recognized a corresponding liability, which is included in accrued expenses and current liabilities. In addition, we have recognized revenues and a from the NDA for the reimbursement of the employee termination Benefits are expected to be paid over the next 12 months.

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The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances (in thousands):

Beginning liability, December 31, 2008	\$	
Employee termination benefits		35,703
Payments		(16,015)
Effect of exchange rate		4,572
Ending liability, December 31, 2009	\$	24,260

(20) License Stewardship Program

On December 11, 2007, we, through our subsidiary *ZionSolutions*, entered into the Exelon agreement to dismantle Exelon's Zion nuclear power plant located in Zion, Illinois ("Zion Station"), which ceased operation in 2007. Upon the closing of the transaction, Exelon has agreed to transfer to *ZionSolutions* substantially all of the assets (other than land) associated with the Zion Station, including assets held in nuclear decommissioning trust funds. In consideration for Exelon's transfer of those assets, *ZionSolutions* has agreed to assume decommissioning and other liabilities associated with the Zion Station. *ZionSolutions* also agreed to take possession and control of the Zion Station associated with the Zion Station pursuant to a lease agreement to be entered into at the closing. *ZionSolutions* will be obligated to complete the required decommissioning work according to an established schedule and to provide for a dry cask storage facility on the land for spent nuclear fuel currently stored in spent fuel pools at the Zion Station. Under the Zion agreement, Exelon will retain ownership of the spent nuclear fuel and associated operational and environmental responsibilities following completion of the Zion D&D project. Completion of this transaction is subject to the satisfaction of a number of closing conditions, including approval by the NRC of the license transfer of the facility and the licenses and conforming license amendments from Exelon to *ZionSolutions* (the "License Transfer").

Subsequent to these agreements, the Zion Station decommissioning trust fund balance, a significant portion of which is invested in the stock market, has declined as a result of the financial crisis that impacted the United States and world markets. On October 14, 2008, we announced that we intended to delay the transfer of the Zion Station assets until we reaffirm that there is sufficient value in the Zion decommissioning trust funds to ensure adequate funding for the accelerated decommissioning of the plant. On August 17, 2009, we entered into an amended agreement with Exelon to extend the latest closing date under the agreement to December 11, 2011. Under the terms of the amended agreement, Exelon has the right to terminate the agreement at any time on or before December 11, 2010 upon 60 days written notice to us.

Prior to our announcement to defer the transfer of the Zion Station assets, we had anticipated that the closing of this transaction would occur in the late third quarter or during the fourth quarter of 2008. Accordingly, *ZionSolutions* employees, entered into subcontracts and performed services for Exelon under a planning contract. Invoicing for some of these services pro-

subject to the closing of the transaction. As of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we have incurred costs of \$14.8 million and \$12.4 million, respectively, which have been deferred until the closing of the transaction. Since we believe that it is probable that we will close the transaction before December 11, 2009, we have granted an extension to close this transaction before December 11, 2009. If we are not able to close the transaction by December 11, 2009, we will continue to defer these costs until we close the transaction, at which time we will recognize the costs and related revenues. If we determine that it is not probable that we will close this transaction, we will expense these costs over the period of such determination. We have taken

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steps to reduce the monthly project costs including the termination of employees, transferring employees to other projects and the termination of certain subcontracts and lease agreements. Any costs relating to the termination of employees, subcontractors and lease or other agreements were expensed in the period terminated.

On May 4, 2009, the NRC issued an order approving the License Transfer subject to ZionSolutions satisfying the NRC that (i) a \$20 million letter of credit facility has been established, (ii) an irrevocable easement with a disposal capacity of 7.5 million cubic feet has been established and an appropriate amount of insurance required of a licensee under the NRC regulations has been obtained. If the License Transfer is not completed by May 4, 2010, the order approving the License Transfer expires; however, upon written application and for good cause shown, the expiration of the order may be extended by order of the NRC.

(21) Related Party Transactions

LLC Agreement

Prior to our initial public offering, ENV Holdings entered into a limited liability company operating agreement (the "LLC Agreement"), which governed our operations. Under the LLC Agreement, ENV Holdings was the sole member and owned all of the outstanding membership interests. ENV Holdings created a board of managers of six persons to manage our operations and our business affairs, and ENV Holdings had sole authority to direct each of the members of the board of managers. These agreements were terminated in connection with the completion of our initial public offering on November 20, 2007.

During the year ended December 31, 2008, ENV Holdings contributed \$10.0 million to us for the sole purpose of compensating our employees, as specified by ENV Holdings, for their contributions to our growth since ENV Holdings' initial investment in us in January 2005. As a result, we recorded compensation expense and additional paid-in capital of \$10.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2008. The \$10.0 million contribution was received during the first quarter of 2009.