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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015

OR

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

For the transition period from                      to

Commission file number: 001-36120

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

80-0162034  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1615 Wynkoop Street  
Denver, Colorado  
(Address of principal executive offices)

80202  
(Zip Code)

(303) 357-7310

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act)

Yes No

The registrant had 277,003,356 shares of common stock outstanding as of April 24, 2015.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information in this report includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). All statements, other than statements of historical fact included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, regarding our strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used, the words “could,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and assumptions about future events and are based on currently available information as to the outcome and timing of future events. When considering forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements described under the heading “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. These forward-looking statements are based on management’s current belief, based on currently available information, as to the outcome and timing of future events.

Forward-looking statements may include statements about our:

- business strategy;
- reserves;
- financial strategy, liquidity and capital required for our development program;
- realized natural gas, natural gas liquids (“NGLs”), and oil prices;
- timing and amount of future production of natural gas, NGLs, and oil;
- hedging strategy and results;
- ability to utilize or monetize our firm transportation commitments;
- future drilling plans;
- competition and government regulations;

- pending legal or environmental matters;
  
- marketing of natural gas, NGLs, and oil;
  
- leasehold or business acquisitions;
  
- costs of developing our properties;
  
- operations of Antero Midstream Partners LP
  
- general economic conditions;
  
- credit markets;
  
- uncertainty regarding our future operating results; and
  
- plans, objectives, expectations and intentions contained in this report that are not historical.

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We caution you that these forward-looking statements are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control, incident to the exploration for and development, production, gathering, processing, and sale of natural gas, NGLs, and oil. These risks include, but are not limited to, commodity price volatility, inflation, lack of availability of drilling and production equipment and services, environmental risks, drilling and other operating risks, marketing and transportation risks, regulatory changes, the uncertainty inherent in estimating natural gas, NGLs, and oil reserves and in projecting future rates of production, cash flow and access to capital, the timing of development expenditures, and the other risks described under the heading “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 (our “2014 Form 10-K”) on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and in “Item 1A. Risk Factors” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Reserve engineering is a process of estimating underground accumulations of natural gas, NGLs, and oil that cannot be measured in an exact way. The accuracy of any reserve estimate depends on the quality of available data, the interpretation of such data and price and cost assumptions made by reservoir engineers. In addition, the results of drilling, testing and production activities, or changes in commodity prices, may justify revisions of estimates that were made previously. If significant, such revisions would change the schedule of any further production and development drilling. Accordingly, reserve estimates may differ significantly from the quantities of natural gas, NGLs, and oil that are ultimately recovered.

Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties described in this report occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements, expressed or implied, included in this report are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. This cautionary statement should also be considered in connection with any subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements that we or persons acting on our behalf may issue.

Except as otherwise required by applicable law, we disclaim any duty to update any forward-looking statements, all of which are expressly qualified by the statements in this section, to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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## PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

## Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	2014	2015
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 245,979	185,491
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,251 in 2014 and 2015	116,203	118,410
Accrued revenue	191,558	165,904
Derivative instruments	692,554	713,966
Other current assets	5,866	4,259
Total current assets	1,252,160	1,188,030
Property and equipment:		
Natural gas properties, at cost (successful efforts method):		
Unproved properties	2,060,936	2,053,669
Proved properties	6,515,221	7,013,366
Fresh water distribution systems	421,012	433,632
Gathering systems and facilities	1,197,239	1,270,635
Other property and equipment	37,687	41,136
	10,232,095	10,812,438
Less accumulated depletion, depreciation, and amortization	(879,643)	(1,061,943)
Property and equipment, net	9,352,452	9,750,495
Derivative instruments	899,997	1,453,300
Other assets, net	68,886	90,126
Total assets	\$ 11,573,495	12,481,951
Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 531,564	352,477
Accrued liabilities	168,614	235,069
Revenue distributions payable	182,352	183,455
Deferred income tax liability	260,373	269,822
Other current liabilities	12,202	13,170
Total current liabilities	1,155,105	1,053,993



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Long-term liabilities:		
Long-term debt	4,362,550	4,172,295
Deferred income tax liability	534,423	772,312
Other liabilities	47,587	49,076
Total liabilities	6,099,665	6,047,676
Contingencies (note 8)		
Equity:		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized - 50,000,000 shares; none issued	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized - 1,000,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 262,071,642 shares and 276,775,293 shares, respectively	2,621	2,768
Additional paid-in capital	3,513,725	4,078,068
Accumulated earnings	867,447	1,261,878
Total stockholders' equity	4,383,793	5,342,714
Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiary	1,090,037	1,091,561
Total equity	5,473,830	6,434,275
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 11,573,495	12,481,951

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 and 2015

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	2014	2015
Revenue:		
Natural gas sales	\$ 312,336	314,942
Natural gas liquids sales	73,928	78,786
Oil sales	24,122	12,457
Gathering, compression, and water distribution	3,524	6,168
Marketing	3,226	57,780
Commodity derivative fair value gains (losses)	(248,929)	759,554
Total revenue	168,207	1,229,687
Operating expenses:		
Lease operating	4,869	8,102
Gathering, compression, processing, and transportation	83,510	163,662
Production and ad valorem taxes	21,039	24,218
Marketing	11,981	73,349
Exploration	6,997	1,371
Impairment of unproved properties	1,397	8,577
Depletion, depreciation, and amortization	91,206	182,300
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	302	400
General and administrative (including equity-based compensation expense of \$29,137 and \$27,783 in 2014 and 2015, respectively)	50,985	59,049
Contract termination and rig stacking	—	8,965
Total operating expenses	272,286	529,993
Operating income (loss)	(104,079)	699,694
Other expenses:		
Interest	(31,342)	(53,185)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(135,421)	646,509
Provision for income tax (expense) benefit	40,662	(247,338)
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) including noncontrolling interest	(94,759)	399,171
Net income and comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	—	4,740
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Antero Resources Corporation	\$ (94,759)	394,431

Earnings (loss) per common share	\$ (0.36)	1.49
Earnings (loss) per common share—assuming dilution	\$ (0.36)	1.49
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:		
Basic	262,049,659	265,294,794
Diluted	262,049,659	265,300,080

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Equity

Three Months Ended March 31, 2015

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	Common Stock	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated earnings	Noncontrolling interest	Total equity
Balances, December 31, 2014	\$ 2,621	3,513,725	867,447	1,090,037	5,473,830
Issuance of 14,700,000 shares of common stock in public offering, net of underwriter discounts and offering costs	147	537,728	—	—	537,875
Issuance of common stock upon vesting of equity-based compensation awards, net of shares withheld for income tax withholdings	—	(46)	—	—	(46)
Equity-based compensation	—	26,661	—	1,122	27,783
Net income and comprehensive income	—	—	394,431	4,740	399,171
Distributions to non-controlling interests	—	—	—	(4,338)	(4,338)
Balances, March 31, 2015	\$ 2,768	4,078,068	1,261,878	1,091,561	6,434,275

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 and 2015

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	2014	2015
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss) including noncontrolling interest	\$ (94,759)	399,171
Adjustment to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depletion, depreciation, amortization, and accretion	91,508	182,700
Impairment of unproved properties	1,397	8,577
Derivative fair value (gains) losses	248,929	(759,554)
Cash receipts (payments) for settled derivatives	(1,071)	184,840
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	(40,662)	247,338
Equity-based compensation expense	29,137	27,783
Other	3,182	1,602
Changes in current assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	3,360	(42,207)
Accrued revenue	(48,850)	25,654
Other current assets	(96)	1,607
Accounts payable	(5,718)	(513)
Accrued liabilities	47,976	72,588
Revenue distributions payable	39,974	1,103
Other current liabilities	—	705
Net cash provided by operating activities	274,307	351,394
Cash flows used in investing activities:		
Additions to unproved properties	(60,149)	(51,541)
Drilling and completion costs	(496,221)	(569,068)
Additions to fresh water distribution systems	(60,030)	(22,126)
Additions to gathering systems and facilities	(107,523)	(125,988)
Additions to other property and equipment	(7,783)	(2,103)
Change in other assets	(3,807)	(8,410)
Proceeds from asset sales	—	40,000
Net cash used in investing activities	(735,513)	(739,236)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Issuance of common stock	—	537,875

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Issuance of senior notes	—	750,000
Borrowings (repayments) on bank credit facility, net	457,000	(940,000)
Payments of deferred financing costs	(701)	(15,022)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiary	—	(4,338)
Other	—	(1,161)
Net cash provided by financing activities	456,299	327,354
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(4,907)	(60,488)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	17,487	245,979
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 12,580	185,491
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ 13,087	14,563
Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing activities:		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities for additions to property and equipment	\$ 64,016	(184,753)

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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(1) Organization

(a) Business and Organization

Antero Resources Corporation (individually referred to as “Antero”) and its consolidated subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Company”) are engaged in the exploitation, development, and acquisition of natural gas, natural gas liquids (“NGLs”), and oil properties in the Appalachian Basin in West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. The Company targets large, repeatable resource plays where horizontal drilling and advanced fracture stimulation technologies provide the means to economically develop and produce natural gas, NGLs, and oil from unconventional formations. The Company has fresh water distribution operations in the Appalachian Basin, as well as gathering and compression operations through its consolidated subsidiary, Antero Midstream Partners LP (“Antero Midstream”), a publicly-traded limited partnership. The Company’s corporate headquarters are in Denver, Colorado.

(b) Corporate Reorganization

Prior to October 16, 2013, the Company’s predecessor, Antero Resources LLC, filed reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Antero Resources LLC was formed in October 2009 by members of the Company’s management team and its sponsor investors. Antero Resources LLC owned 100% of the outstanding shares of Antero Resources Appalachian Corporation, which was formed in March 2008 and renamed Antero Resources Corporation in June 2013. In connection with an initial public offering (“IPO”) completed on October 16, 2013, all of the ownership interests in Antero Resources LLC were exchanged for similar interests in a newly formed limited liability company, Antero Resources Investment LLC (“Antero Investment”), and Antero Resources LLC was merged into Antero Resources Corporation. As a result of this reorganization, Antero Investment owned 100% of the 224,375,000 shares of common stock of Antero Resources Corporation issued and outstanding prior to the IPO.

On October 16, 2013, Antero Resources Corporation issued 37,674,659 additional shares of its common stock at \$44.00 per share in the IPO, resulting in proceeds to the Company, net of underwriter discounts and expenses of the offering, of approximately \$1.6 billion.

(c) Profits Interests Awards

In connection with its formation in October 2009, Antero Resources LLC issued profits interests to Antero Resources Employee Holdings LLC (“Employee Holdings”), which is owned solely by certain of the Company’s officers and employees. These profits interests provide for the participation in distributions upon liquidation events meeting certain requisite financial return thresholds. In turn, Employee Holdings issued membership interests to certain of the Company’s officers and employees. The Employee Holdings interests in Antero Resources LLC were exchanged for similar interests in Antero Investment in connection with the corporate reorganization on October 16, 2013.

The limited liability company agreement of Antero Investment provides a mechanism that demonstrates how the shares of the Company’s common stock will be allocated among the members of Antero Investment, including Employee Holdings. As a result of the adoption of the Antero Investment Limited Liability company agreement, the satisfaction of all performance and service conditions relative to the profits interest awards held by Employee Holdings in Antero Investment became probable. Accordingly, the Company has recognized approximately \$463 million of equity-based compensation expense for the vested profits interests through March 31, 2015 and will recognize approximately \$23 million over the remaining service period. Equity-based compensation expense for the profits interests during the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015 was \$28.7 and \$14.7 million, respectively. Because consideration for the profits interest awards is deemed given by Antero Investment, the charge to equity-based compensation expense is accounted for as a capital contribution by Antero Investment to the Company and credited to additional paid-in capital. All available profits interest awards were made prior to the date of the IPO, and no additional profits interest awards will be made.



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(2)Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a)Basis of Presentation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC applicable to interim financial information and should be read in the context of the December 31, 2014 consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for a more complete understanding of the Company's operations, financial position, and accounting policies. The December 31, 2014 consolidated financial statements have been filed with the SEC in the Company's 2014 Form 10-K.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") for interim financial information, and, accordingly, do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring accruals) considered necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position as of March 31, 2015, the results of its operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015, and its cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015. The Company has no items of other comprehensive income or loss; therefore, its net income or loss is identical to its comprehensive income or loss. Operating results for the period ended March 31, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year because of the impact of fluctuations in prices received for natural gas, NGLs, and oil, natural production declines, the uncertainty of exploration and development drilling results, and other factors.

The Company's exploration and production activities are accounted for under the successful efforts method.

As of the date these financial statements were filed with the SEC, the Company completed its evaluation of potential subsequent events for disclosure and no items requiring disclosure were identified except for the grants of restricted stock units and stock options as discussed in note 5.

(b)Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Antero Resources Corporation, its wholly-owned subsidiaries, and any entities in which the Company owns a controlling interest. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the Company's consolidated financial statements. Noncontrolling interest in the Company's consolidated financial statements represents the interests in Antero Midstream which are owned by third-party individuals or entities. An affiliate of the Company owns the general partner interest in Antero Midstream, as well as all of the incentive distribution rights. Noncontrolling interest is included as a component of equity in the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

(c)Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Changes in facts and circumstances or discovery of new information may result in revised estimates, and actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company's condensed consolidated financial statements are based on a number of significant estimates including estimates of natural gas, NGLs, and oil reserve quantities, which are the basis for the calculation of depletion, depreciation, amortization, and impairment of oil and gas properties. Reserve estimates by their nature are inherently imprecise. Other items in the Company's consolidated financial statements which involve the use of significant estimates include derivative assets and liabilities, accrued revenue, deferred income taxes, asset retirement obligations, equity-based compensation, and commitments and contingencies.

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(d)Risks and Uncertainties

Historically, the market for natural gas, NGLs, and oil has experienced significant price fluctuations. Price fluctuations can result from variations in weather, levels of production in the region, availability of transportation capacity to other regions of the country, and various other factors. Increases or decreases in the prices the Company receives for its production could have a significant impact on the Company's future results of operations.

(e)Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all liquid investments purchased with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

(f)Derivative Financial Instruments

In order to manage its exposure to natural gas, NGLs, and oil price volatility, the Company enters into derivative transactions from time to time, including commodity swap agreements, basis swap agreements, collar agreements, and other similar agreements relating to the price risk associated with a portion of its production. To the extent legal right of offset exists with a counterparty, the Company reports derivative assets and liabilities on a net basis. The Company has exposure to credit risk to the extent the counterparty is unable to satisfy its settlement obligations. The fair value of our commodity derivative contracts of approximately \$2.2 billion at March 31, 2015 includes the following values by bank counterparty: Citigroup - \$406 million; Barclays - \$388 million; JP Morgan - \$354 million; Credit Suisse - \$313 million; Wells Fargo - \$258 million; BNP Paribas - \$217 million; Scotiabank - \$131 million; Toronto Dominion - \$49 million; Fifth Third - \$37 million; Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce - \$7 million; Bank of Montreal - \$4 million; and Morgan Stanley - \$3 million. The credit ratings of certain of these banks were downgraded in recent years because of the sovereign debt crisis in Europe. The Company actively monitors the creditworthiness of counterparties and assesses the impact, if any, on its derivative position.

The Company records derivative instruments on the consolidated balance sheets as either an asset or liability measured at fair value and records changes in the fair value of derivatives in current earnings as they occur. Changes in the fair value of commodity derivatives are classified as revenues on the Company's condensed consolidated

statements of operations. The Company's derivatives have not been designated as hedges for accounting purposes.

(g)Income Taxes

The Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for temporary differences resulting from net operating loss carryforwards for income tax purposes and the differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities. The effect of changes in the tax laws or tax rates is recognized in income in the period such changes are enacted. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion, or all, of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

Unrecognized tax benefits represent potential future tax obligations for uncertain tax positions taken on previously filed tax returns that may not ultimately be sustained. The Company recognizes interest expense related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and fines and penalties for tax-related matters as income tax expense.

(h)Fair Value Measurements

FASB ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, clarifies the definition of fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This guidance also relates to all nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are not recognized or disclosed on a recurring basis (e.g., those measured at fair value in a business combination, the initial recognition of asset retirement obligations, and impairments of proved oil and gas properties, and other long-lived assets). Fair value is the price that the Company estimates would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value hierarchy is used to prioritize inputs to valuation techniques used to estimate fair value. An asset or liability subject to the

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fair value requirements is categorized within the hierarchy based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the asset or liability. The highest priority (Level 1) is given to unadjusted, quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, and the lowest priority (Level 3) is given to unobservable inputs. Level 2 inputs are data, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, which are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Instruments which are valued using Level 2 inputs include non-exchange traded derivatives such as over-the-counter commodity price swaps and basis swaps. Valuation models used to measure fair value of these instruments consider various Level 2 inputs including (i) quoted forward prices for commodities, (ii) time value, (iii) quoted forward interest rates, (iv) current market prices and contractual prices for the underlying instruments, (v) risk of nonperformance by the Company and the counterparty, and (vi) other relevant economic measures.

(i) Industry Segments and Geographic Information

Management has evaluated how the Company is organized and managed and has identified the following segments: (1) the exploration, development, and production of natural gas, NGLs, and oil; (2) gathering and compression; (3) fresh water distribution and (4) marketing of excess firm transportation capacity.

All of the Company's assets are located in the United States and substantially all of its production revenues are attributable to customers located in the United States.

(j) Marketing Revenues and Expenses

In 2014, the Company commenced activities to purchase and sell third-party natural gas and NGLs and to market its excess firm transportation capacity in order to utilize this excess capacity. Marketing revenues include sales of purchased third-party gas and NGLs, as well as revenues from the release of firm transportation capacity to others. Marketing expenses include the cost of purchased third-party natural gas and NGLs. The Company classifies firm transportation costs related to capacity contracted for in advance of having sufficient production and infrastructure to fully utilize the capacity (excess capacity) as marketing expenses since it is marketing this excess capacity to third parties. Firm transportation for which the Company has sufficient production capacity (even though it may not use the transportation capacity because of alternative delivery points with more favorable pricing) is considered unutilized capacity. The costs of unutilized capacity are charged to transportation expense.

(k) Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior periods' financial information related to marketing revenues and expenses to conform to the 2015 presentation.

(l) Earnings (loss) per common share

Earnings (loss) per common share were calculated based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding of 262,049,659 and 265,294,794 for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively. Because of the loss incurred for the three months ended March 31, 2014, the effect of outstanding equity awards was antidilutive during such time. Earnings per common share—assuming dilution for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was calculated based on the diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding of 265,300,080, including 5,286 dilutive shares attributable to non-vested restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, 1,970,774 non-vested shares of restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards and 81,021 stock options were anti-dilutive and therefore excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

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## (3)Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt was as follows at December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015 (in thousands):

	2014	2015
Antero:		
Bank credit facility(a)	\$ 1,730,000	790,000
6.00% senior notes due 2020(c)	525,000	525,000
5.375% senior notes due 2021(d)	1,000,000	1,000,000
5.125% senior notes due 2022(e)	1,100,000	1,100,000
5.625% senior notes due 2023(f)	—	750,000
Net unamortized premium	7,550	7,295
	\$ 4,362,550	4,172,295
Antero Midstream:		
Bank credit facility(b)	\$ —	\$ —

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**(a)Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility**

Antero has a senior secured revolving bank credit facility (the “Credit Facility”) with a consortium of bank lenders. Borrowings under the Credit Facility are subject to borrowing base limitations based on the collateral value of Antero’s proved properties and commodity hedge positions and are subject to regular semiannual redeterminations. At March 31, 2015, the borrowing base was \$4.0 billion and lender commitments were \$4.0 billion, including \$200 million of commitments under the Water Facility described below. The next redetermination of the borrowing base is scheduled to occur in October 2015. The maturity date of the Credit Facility is May 5, 2019.

On November 10, 2014, Antero and Antero Water LLC (“Antero Water”) entered into a water credit facility (the “Water Facility”), in order to provide for separate borrowings attributable to Antero’s fresh water distribution business, which contains covenants that are substantially identical to those under the Credit Facility. Borrowings under the Water Facility reduce availability under the Credit Facility on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The Water Facility will mature at the earlier of the sale of Antero Water or its assets to Antero Midstream, or May 12, 2016.

The Credit Facility and the Water Facility are ratably secured by mortgages on substantially all of Antero's properties and guarantees from Antero's restricted subsidiaries, as applicable. The Credit Facility and the Water Facility contain certain covenants, including restrictions on indebtedness and dividends, and, in the case of the Credit Facility, requirements with respect to working capital and interest coverage ratios. Interest is payable at a variable rate based on LIBOR or the prime rate, determined by Antero's election at the time of borrowing. Antero was in compliance with all of the financial covenants under the Credit Facility as of December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

As of December 31, 2014, Antero had an outstanding balance under the Credit Facility of \$1.73 billion, with a weighted average interest rate of 2.06%, and outstanding letters of credit of \$387 million. As of March 31, 2015, Antero had a total outstanding balance under the Credit Facility and Water Facility of \$790 million, with a weighted average interest rate of 1.94%, and outstanding letters of credit of \$474 million. Commitment fees on the unused portion of the Credit Facility and the Water Facility are due quarterly at rates ranging from 0.375% to 0.50% of the unused portion of the facilities based on utilization.

(b)Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility – Antero Midstream

On November 10, 2014, Antero Midstream entered into a senior secured revolving bank credit facility (the "Midstream Facility") with a consortium of bank lenders. At March 31, 2015, the maximum amount of the facility was \$1.0 billion. The maturity date of the Midstream Facility is November 10, 2019.

The Midstream Facility is ratably secured by mortgages on substantially all of the properties of Antero Midstream and guarantees from its restricted subsidiaries, as applicable. The Midstream Facility contains certain covenants, including



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restrictions on indebtedness and certain distributions to owners, and requirements with respect to leverage and interest coverage ratios. Interest is payable at a variable rate based on LIBOR or the prime rate, determined by election at the time of borrowing. Antero Midstream was in compliance with all of the financial covenants under the Midstream Facility as of December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

As of December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015, Antero Midstream did not have a balance outstanding under the Midstream Facility. Commitment fees on the unused portion of the Midstream Facility are due quarterly at rates ranging from 0.25% to 0.375% of the unused facility based on utilization.

(c)6.00% Senior Notes Due 2020

On November 19, 2012, Antero issued \$300 million of 6.00% senior notes due December 1, 2020 (the “2020 notes”) at par. On February 4, 2013, Antero issued an additional \$225 million of the 2020 notes at 103% of par. The 2020 notes are unsecured and effectively subordinated to the Credit Facility and the Water Facility to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such facilities. The 2020 notes rank pari passu to Antero’s other outstanding senior notes. The 2020 notes are guaranteed on a full and unconditional and joint and several senior unsecured basis by Antero’s wholly-owned subsidiaries and certain of its future restricted subsidiaries. Interest on the 2020 notes is payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year. Antero may redeem all or part of the 2020 notes at any time on or after December 1, 2015 at redemption prices ranging from 104.50% on or after December 1, 2015 to 100.00% on or after December 1, 2018. In addition, on or before December 1, 2015, Antero may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2020 notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings, if certain conditions are met, at a redemption price of 106.00% of the principal amount of the 2020 notes, plus accrued interest. At any time prior to December 1, 2015, Antero may redeem the 2020 notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2020 notes, plus a “make-whole” premium and accrued interest. If Antero undergoes a change of control, the holders of the 2020 notes will have the right to require Antero to repurchase all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 2020 notes, plus accrued interest.

(d)5.375% Senior Notes Due 2021

On November 5, 2013, Antero issued \$1 billion of 5.375% senior notes due November 21, 2021 (the “2021 notes”) at par. The 2021 notes are unsecured and effectively subordinated to the Credit Facility and the Water Facility to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such facilities. The 2021 notes rank pari passu to Antero’s other outstanding senior notes. The 2021 notes are guaranteed on a full and unconditional and joint and several senior unsecured basis by Antero’s wholly-owned subsidiaries and certain of its future restricted subsidiaries. Interest on the 2021 notes is payable on May 1 and November 1 of each year. Antero may redeem all or part of the 2021 notes at any

time on or after November 1, 2016 at redemption prices ranging from 104.031% on or after November 1, 2016 to 100.00% on or after November 1, 2019. In addition, on or before November 1, 2016, Antero may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2021 notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings, if certain conditions are met, at a redemption price of 105.375% of the principal amount of the 2021 notes, plus accrued interest. At any time prior to November 1, 2016, Antero may also redeem the 2021 notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2021 notes plus a “make-whole” premium and accrued interest. If Antero undergoes a change of control prior to May 1, 2015, it may redeem all, but not less than all, of the 2021 notes at a redemption price equal to 110% of the principal amount of the 2021 notes. If Antero undergoes a change of control, the holders of the 2021 notes will have the right to require Antero to repurchase all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 2021 notes, plus accrued interest.

(e)5.125% Senior Notes Due 2022

On May 6, 2014, Antero issued \$600 million of 5.125% senior notes due December 1, 2022 (the “2022 notes”) at par. On September 18, 2014, Antero issued an additional \$500 million of the 2022 notes at 100.5% of par. The 2022 notes are unsecured and effectively subordinated to the Credit Facility and the Water Facility to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such facilities. The 2022 notes rank pari passu to Antero’s other outstanding senior notes. The 2022 notes are guaranteed on a full and unconditional and joint and several senior unsecured basis by Antero’s wholly-owned subsidiaries and certain of its future restricted subsidiaries. Interest on the 2022 notes is payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year. Antero may redeem all or part of the 2022 notes at any time on or after June 1, 2017 at redemption prices ranging from 103.844% on or after June 1, 2017 to 100.00% on or after June 1, 2020. In addition, on or before June 1, 2017, Antero may

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redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2022 notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings, if certain conditions are met, at a redemption price of 105.125% of the principal amount of the 2022 notes, plus accrued interest. At any time prior to June 1, 2017, Antero may also redeem the 2022 notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2022 notes plus a “make-whole” premium and accrued interest. If Antero undergoes a change of control prior to December 1, 2015, it may redeem all, but not less than all, of the 2022 notes at a redemption price equal to 110% of the principal amount of the 2022 notes. If Antero undergoes a change of control, the holders of the 2022 notes will have the right to require Antero to repurchase all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 2022 notes, plus accrued interest.

(f)5.625% Senior Notes Due 2023

On March 17, 2015, Antero issued \$750 million of 5.625% senior notes due June 1, 2023 (the “2023 notes”) at par. The 2023 notes are unsecured and effectively subordinated to the Credit Facility and the Water Facility to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such facilities. The 2023 notes rank pari passu to Antero’s other outstanding senior notes. The 2023 notes are guaranteed on a full and unconditional and joint and several senior unsecured basis by Antero’s wholly-owned subsidiaries and certain of its future restricted subsidiaries. Interest on the 2023 notes is payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year. Antero may redeem all or part of the 2023 notes at any time on or after June 1, 2018 at redemption prices ranging from 104.219% on or after June 1, 2018 to 100.00% on or after June 1, 2021. In addition, on or before June 1, 2018, Antero may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings, if certain conditions are met, at a redemption price of 105.625% of the principal amount of the 2023 notes, plus accrued interest. At any time prior to June 1, 2018, Antero may also redeem the 2023 notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2023 notes plus a “make-whole” premium and accrued interest. If Antero undergoes a change of control prior to June 1, 2016, it may redeem all, but not less than all, of the 2023 notes at a redemption price equal to 110% of the principal amount of the 2023 notes. If Antero undergoes a change of control, the holders of the 2023 notes will have the right to require Antero to repurchase all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 2023 notes, plus accrued interest.

(g)Treasury Management Facility

Antero has a stand-alone revolving note with a lender under the Credit Facility which provides for up to \$25 million of cash management obligations in order to facilitate Antero’s daily treasury management. Borrowings under the revolving note are secured by the collateral for the Credit Facility. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at the lender’s prime rate plus 1.0%. The note matures on June 1, 2015. At December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015, there were no outstanding borrowings under this facility.

(4)Asset Retirement Obligations

The following is a reconciliation of the Company's asset retirement obligations for the three months ended March 31, 2015 (in thousands).

Asset retirement obligations at December 31, 2014	\$ 16,614
Obligations incurred for wells drilled	1,309
Accretion expense	400
Asset retirement obligations at March 31, 2015	\$ 18,323

Asset retirement obligations are included in other liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

(5)Equity-Based Compensation

Antero is authorized to grant up to 16,906,500 shares of common stock to employees and directors of the Company under the Antero Resources Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan allows equity-based compensation awards to be granted in a variety of forms, including stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards, dividend equivalent awards, and other types of awards. The terms and conditions of the awards granted are established

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by the Compensation Committee of Antero's Board of Directors. A total of 14,765,723 shares were available for future grant under the Plan as of March 31, 2015.

In connection with the Antero Midstream IPO, Antero Midstream's general partner adopted the Antero Midstream Partners LP Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Midstream Plan"), pursuant to which non-employee directors of Antero Midstream's general partner and certain officers, employees, and consultants of Antero Midstream's general partner and its affiliates (which include Antero) are eligible to receive awards representing ownership interests in Antero Midstream. An aggregate of 10,000,000 common units may be delivered pursuant to awards under the Midstream Plan, subject to customary adjustments. A total of 7,640,500 common units are available for future grant under the Midstream Plan as of March 31, 2015.

The Company's equity-based compensation expense was as follows for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015 (in thousands):

	2014	2015
Profits interests awards (see note 1)	\$ 28,689	14,718
Restricted stock awards	309	8,436
Stock options	139	129
Antero Midstream phantom and restricted unit awards	—	4,425
Common stock issued to directors in lieu of cash compensation	—	75
Total expense	\$ 29,137	27,783

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Awards

Restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards vest subject to the satisfaction of service requirements. Expense related to each restricted stock and restricted stock unit award is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the entire award, less awards expected to be forfeited. The grant date fair values of these awards are determined based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant. A summary of restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards activity during the three months ended March 31, 2015 is as follows:

	Number of shares	Weighted average grant date fair value	Aggregate intrinsic value (in thousands)
Total awarded and unvested—December 31, 2014	1,983,673	\$ 64.71	\$ 80,497
Granted	53,386	\$ 35.18	
Vested	(2,617)	\$ 60.66	
Forfeited	(320)	\$ 37.52	
Total awarded and unvested—March 31, 2015	2,034,122	\$ 63.94	\$ 71,845

Intrinsic values are based on the closing price of the Company's stock on the referenced dates. Unamortized expense of \$97.2 million at March 31, 2015 is expected to be recognized over approximately 3.0 years. On April 15, 2015, the Company granted restricted stock unit awards for 806,717 shares at a grant date fair value of \$33.4 million, which will be recognized as expense over vesting periods of approximately 4 years.

#### Stock Options

Stock options granted under the Plan to date vest over periods from one to four years and have a maximum contractual life of 10 years. Expense related to stock options is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the entire award, less awards expected to be forfeited. Stock options are granted with an exercise price equal to the market price of the

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Company's common stock on the date of grant. A summary of stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2015 is as follows:

	Stock options	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining contractual life	Intrinsic value (in thousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	81,021	\$ 53.92	8.92	\$ —
Options granted	—	—		
Options exercised	—	—		
Options cancelled	—	—		
Options expired	—	—		
Outstanding at March 31, 2015	81,021	\$ 53.92	8.67	\$ —
Vested or expected to vest as of March 31, 2015	81,021	\$ 53.92	8.67	\$ —
Exercisable at March 31, 2015	25,339	\$ 54.15	8.54	\$ —

Intrinsic value is based on the exercise price of the options and the closing price of the Company's stock on the referenced dates.

A Black-Scholes option-pricing model is used to determine the grant-date fair value of the Company's stock options. Expected volatility was derived from the volatility of the historical stock prices of a peer group of similar publicly traded companies' stock prices. The risk-free interest rate was determined using the implied yield available for zero-coupon U.S. government issues with a remaining term approximating the expected life of the options. A dividend yield of zero was assumed.

The following table presents information regarding the weighted average fair value for options granted in 2013 and 2014 and the assumptions used to determine fair value.

2013	2014
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Dividend yield	—	%	—	%
Volatility	35	%	40	%
Risk-free interest rate	1.48	%	1.75	%
Expected life (years)	6.17		5.50	
Weighted average fair value of options granted	\$ 20.20		\$ 20.55	

As of March 31, 2015, there was \$0.9 million of unrecognized equity-based compensation expense related to nonvested stock options. That expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.3 years. On April 15, 2015, the Company granted stock option awards for 665,367 shares having a grant date fair value of approximately \$9.8 million, which will be recognized as expense over vesting periods of approximately 4 years.

#### Antero Midstream Partners Phantom and Restricted Unit Awards

Restricted units and phantom units granted by Antero Midstream vest subject to the satisfaction of service requirements, upon the completion of which common units in Antero Midstream are delivered to the holder of the restricted units or phantom units. These restricted and phantom units are treated, for accounting purposes, as if Antero Midstream distributed the units to Antero. Antero recognizes compensation expense as the units are granted to employees, and a portion of the expense is allocated to Antero Midstream. Expense related to each restricted unit and phantom unit award is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the entire award. The grant date fair values of these awards are determined based on the closing price of Antero Midstream's common units on the date of grant. A summary of restricted unit and phantom unit awards activity during the three months ended March 31, 2015 is as follows:



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	Number of units	Weighted average grant date fair value	Aggregate intrinsic value (in thousands)
Total awarded and unvested—December 31, 2014	2,381,440	\$ 29.00	\$ 65,490
Granted	—	\$ —	
Vested	—	\$ —	
Forfeited	(21,940)	\$ 29.00	
Total awarded and unvested—March 31, 2015	2,359,500	\$ 29.00	\$ 57,076

Intrinsic values are based on the closing price of Antero Midstream's common units on the referenced dates. Unamortized expense of \$61.6 million at March 31, 2015 is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 3.6 years.

## (6)Financial Instruments

The carrying values of accounts receivable and accounts payable at December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015 approximated market value because of their short-term nature. The carrying values of the amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility and Water Facility at December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015 approximated fair value because the variable interest rates are reflective of current market conditions.

Based on Level 2 market data inputs, the fair value of the Company's senior notes was approximately \$2.5 billion at December 31, 2014 and \$3.3 billion at March 31, 2015.

See note 7 for information regarding the fair value of derivative financial instruments.

## (7)Derivative Instruments

## (a)Commodity Derivatives

The Company periodically enters into natural gas, NGLs, and oil derivative contracts with counterparties to hedge the price risk associated with a portion of its production. These derivatives are not held for trading purposes. To the extent that changes occur in the market prices of natural gas, NGLs, and oil, the Company is exposed to market risk on these open contracts. This market risk exposure is generally offset by the change in market prices of natural gas, NGLs, and oil recognized upon the ultimate sale of the Company's production.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015, the Company was party to various natural gas, NGLs, and oil fixed price swap contracts. When actual commodity prices exceed the fixed price provided by the swap contracts, the Company pays the excess to the counterparty. When actual commodity prices are below the contractually provided fixed price, the Company receives the difference from the counterparty. In addition, the Company has entered into basis swap contracts in order to hedge the difference between the NYMEX index price and a local index price. When the actual differential exceeds the fixed price provided by the basis swap contract, the Company receives the difference from the counterparty; when the differential is less than the fixed price provided by the basis swap contract, the Company pays the difference to the counterparty. The Company's derivative swap contracts have not been designated as hedges for accounting purposes; therefore, all gains and losses are recognized in the Company's statements of operations.

As of March 31, 2015, the Company's fixed price natural gas, NGLs, and oil swap positions from April 1, 2015 through December 31, 2020 were as follows (abbreviations in the table refer to the index to which the swap position is tied, as follows: TCO=Columbia Gas Transmission; NYMEX=Henry Hub; CGTLA=Columbia Gas Louisiana Onshore; CCG=Chicago City Gate; NYMEX-WTI=West Texas Intermediate; Mont Belvieu-TET=Mont Belvieu Propane):

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	Natural gas MMBtu/day	Oil Bbls/day	Propane Bbls/day	Weighted average index price
Three months ending June 30, 2015:				
TCO (\$/MMBtu)	120,000	—	—	\$ 4.86
Dominion South (\$/MMBtu)	230,000	—	—	\$ 5.41
NYMEX (\$/MMBtu)	770,000	—	—	\$ 3.75
CGTLA (\$/MMBtu)	40,000	—	—	\$ 3.86
NYMEX-WTI (\$/Bbl)	—	3,000	—	\$ 64.21
Mont Belvieu-TET (\$/Gallon)	—	—	23,000	\$ 0.60
Total	1,160,000	3,000	23,000	
Three months ending September 30, 2015:				
TCO (\$/MMBtu)	120,000	—	—	\$ 4.93
Dominion South (\$/MMBtu)	230,000	—	—	\$ 5.48
NYMEX (\$/MMBtu)	770,000	—	—	\$ 3.79
CGTLA (\$/MMBtu)	40,000	—	—	\$ 3.93
NYMEX-WTI (\$/Bbl)	—	3,000	—	\$ 64.84
Mont Belvieu-TET (\$/Gallon)	—	—	23,000	\$ 0.62
Total	1,160,000	3,000	23,000	
Three months ending December 31, 2015:				
TCO (\$/MMBtu)	120,000	—	—	\$ 5.14
Dominion South (\$/MMBtu)	230,000	—	—	\$ 5.74
NYMEX (\$/MMBtu)	770,000	—	—	\$ 3.92
CGTLA (\$/MMBtu)	40,000	—	—	\$ 4.09
NYMEX-WTI (\$/Bbl)	—	3,000	—	\$ 65.67
Mont Belvieu-TET (\$/Gallon)	—	—	23,000	\$ 0.64
Total	1,160,000	3,000	23,000	
Year ending December 31, 2016:				
TCO (\$/MMBtu)	60,000	—	—	\$ 4.91
Dominion South (\$/MMBtu)	272,500	—	—	\$ 5.35
NYMEX (\$/MMBtu)	750,000	—	—	\$ 3.66
CGTLA (\$/MMBtu)	170,000	—	—	\$ 4.09
Mont Belvieu-TET (\$/Gallon)	—	—	27,000	\$ 0.58
2015 Total	1,252,500	—	27,000	
Year ending December 31, 2017:				
NYMEX (\$/MMBtu)	410,000	—	—	\$ 4.11
CGTLA (\$/MMBtu)	420,000	—	—	\$ 4.27
CCG (\$/MMBtu)	70,000	—	—	\$ 4.57
2016 Total	900,000	—	—	
Year ending December 31, 2018:				
NYMEX (\$/MMBtu)	1,192,500	—	—	\$ 4.40

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Year ending December 31, 2019:		
NYMEX (\$/MMBtu)	1,347,500	\$ 4.12
Year ending December 31, 2020:		
NYMEX (\$/MMBtu)	850,000	\$ 3.85

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As of March 31, 2015, the Company's natural gas basis swap positions, which settle on the pricing index to basis differential of TCO to the NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas price, are as follows:

	Natural gas MMbtu/day	Hedged Differential
Year ending December 31, 2015:	390,000	\$ (0.35)
Year ending December 31, 2016:	290,000	\$ (0.42)
Year ending December 31, 2017:	125,000	\$ (0.49)

## (b)Summary

The following is a summary of the fair values of the Company's derivative instruments and where such values are recorded in the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015. None of the Company's derivative instruments are designated as hedges for accounting purposes.

	December 31, 2014 Balance sheet location	Fair value (In thousands)	March 31, 2015 Balance sheet location	Fair value (In thousands)
Asset derivatives not designated as hedges for accounting purposes: Commodity contracts	Current assets	\$ 692,554	Current assets	\$ 713,966
	Long-term assets	899,997	Long-term assets	1,453,300

Commodity contracts		
Total asset derivatives	1,592,551	2,167,266
Total liability derivatives	—	—
Net derivatives	\$ 1,592,551	\$ 2,167,266

The following table presents the gross amounts of recognized derivative assets and liabilities, the amounts offset under master netting arrangements with counterparties, and the resulting net amounts presented in the consolidated balance sheets as of the dates presented, all at fair value (in thousands):

	December 31, 2014			March 31, 2015		
	Gross amounts on balance sheet	Gross amounts offset on balance sheet	Net amounts of assets on balance sheet	Gross amounts on balance sheet	Gross amounts offset on balance sheet	Net amounts of assets on balance sheet
Commodity derivative assets	\$ 1,621,665	(29,114)	1,592,551	\$ 2,196,341	(29,075)	2,167,266
Commodity derivative liabilities	\$ —	—	—	\$ —	—	—

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The following is a summary of derivative fair value gains (losses) and where such values are recorded in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015 (in thousands):

	Statement of operations location	Three months ended March 31,	
	Revenue	2014	2015
Commodity derivative fair value gains (losses)		\$ (248,929)	759,554

The fair value of commodity derivative instruments was determined using Level 2 inputs.

## (8)Contingencies

The Company is the subject of two nearly identical lawsuits brought by South Jersey Gas Company and South Jersey Resources Group, LLC (collectively "SJGC") filed on February 4, 2015 in the Superior Court of New Jersey. The lawsuits have since been consolidated into one case. SJGC are purchasers of some of the Company's natural gas production under contracts entered into in 2011. Deliveries under the contracts began in October 2011 and the delivery obligation continues through October 2019. SJGC allege that the index prices specified in the contracts, and the index prices at which SJGC paid for deliveries from 2011 through September 2014, are no longer appropriate under the contracts because a market disruption event (as defined by the contract) has occurred and, as a result, a new index price is to be determined by the parties. The lawsuit seeks a reformation of the contracts, compensatory and punitive damages to be determined at trial, and costs and expenses of the actions. Beginning in October 2014, SJGC began paying the Company under indexes unilaterally selected by SJGC and not specified in the contract. The Company contends that no market disruption event has occurred and that SJGC has breached the contracts by failing to pay the Company based on the express price terms of the contracts. The Company further contends that jurisdiction and venue are improper in New Jersey. On March 30, 2015, the Company filed suit against SJGC in United States District Court in Colorado seeking relief for breach of contract, damages in the amounts that SJGC has short paid and continues to short pay, as well as costs of the suit. Through March 31, 2015, the Company estimates that it is owed approximately \$14.3 million more than SJGC has paid using the indexes unilaterally selected by them.

The Company is party to various other legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of its business. The Company believes that certain of these matters will be covered by insurance and that the outcome of other matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or liquidity.

(9)Contract Termination and Rig Stacking

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company incurred \$9.0 million of costs for the delay or cancelation of drilling contracts with third-party contractors.

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## (10)Segment Information

See note 2(i) for a description of the Company's determination of its reportable segments for 2015. Operating segments are evaluated based on their contribution to consolidated results, which is determined by the respective operating income of each segment. General and administrative expenses are allocated to the gathering and compression and fresh water distribution segments based on estimates of labor and overhead expenditures on those activities. General and administrative expenses related to the marketing segment are not allocated because they are immaterial. Other income, income taxes, and interest expense are primarily managed and evaluated on a consolidated basis. Intersegment sales are at a price which approximates market. Accounting policies for each segment are the same as the Company's accounting policies described in note 2 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The operating results and assets of the Company's reportable segments were as follows for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015 (in thousands):

	Exploration and production	Gathering and compression	Fresh water distribution	Marketing	Elimination of intersegment transactions	Consolidated total
Three months ended March 31, 2014:						
Sales and revenues:						
Third-party	\$ 161,457	930	2,594	3,226	—	168,207
Intersegment	—	10,843	22,165	—	(33,008)	—
	\$ 161,457	11,773	24,759	3,226	(33,008)	168,207
Operating expenses:						
Lease operating	\$ 4,869	—	4,274	—	(4,274)	4,869
Gathering, compression, processing, and transportation	93,412	941	—	—	(10,843)	83,510
Depletion, depreciation, and	82,180	6,108	2,918	—	—	91,206

amortization						
General and administrative expense	45,316	3,776	1,893	—	—	50,985
Other operating expenses	28,678	—	1,057	11,981	—	41,716
Total	254,455	10,825	10,142	11,981	(15,117)	272,286
Operating income (loss)	\$ (92,998)	948	14,617	(8,755)	(17,891)	(104,079)
Segment assets	\$ 6,175,588	704,529	289,744	—	(35,404)	7,134,457
Capital expenditures for segment assets	\$ 582,044	107,523	60,030	—	(17,891)	731,706

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	Exploration and production	Gathering and compression	Fresh water distribution	Marketing	Elimination of intersegment transactions	Consolidated total
Three months ended March 31, 2015:						
Sales and revenues:						
Third-party	\$ 1,165,739	2,301	3,867	57,780	—	1,229,687
Intersegment	350	49,942	30,563	—	(80,855)	—
	\$ 1,166,089	52,243	34,430	57,780	(80,855)	1,229,687
Operating expenses:						
Lease operating	\$ 7,783	—	6,752	—	(6,433)	8,102
Gathering, compression, processing, and transportation	205,679	7,988	—	—	(50,005)	163,662
Depletion, depreciation, and amortization	161,505	14,675	6,120	—	—	182,300
General and administrative expense	47,417	9,501	2,418	—	(287)	59,049
Other operating expenses	38,970	3,701	860	73,349	—	116,880
Total	461,354	35,865	16,150	73,349	(56,725)	529,993
Operating income (loss)	\$ 704,735	16,378	18,280	(15,569)	(24,130)	699,694
Segment assets	\$ 10,835,973	1,410,631	421,320	28,007	(213,980)	12,481,951
Capital expenditures for segment assets	\$ 646,842	125,988	22,126	—	(24,130)	770,826

(11)Subsidiary Guarantors

Antero's wholly-owned subsidiaries each have fully and unconditionally guaranteed Antero's senior notes. Antero Midstream and its subsidiary have been designated unrestricted subsidiaries under the Credit Facility and the indentures governing Antero's senior notes, and do not guarantee any of Antero's obligations (see note 3). In the event a subsidiary guarantor is sold or disposed of (whether by merger, consolidation, the sale of a sufficient amount of its capital stock so that it no longer qualifies as a "Subsidiary" of the Company (as defined in the indentures governing the notes) or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets (other than by lease)) and whether or not the subsidiary guarantor is the surviving entity in such transaction to a person which is not Antero or a restricted subsidiary of Antero, such subsidiary guarantor will be released from its obligations under its subsidiary guarantee if the sale or other disposition does not violate the covenants set forth in the indentures governing the notes.

In addition, a subsidiary guarantor will be released from its obligations under the indentures and its guarantee, upon the release or discharge of the guarantee of other Indebtedness (as defined in the indentures governing the notes) that resulted in the creation of such guarantee, except a release or discharge by or as a result of payment under such guarantee; if Antero designates such subsidiary as an unrestricted subsidiary and such designation complies with the other applicable provisions of the indentures governing the notes or in connection with any covenant defeasance, legal defeasance or satisfaction and discharge of the notes.

The following Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets at December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015, and the related statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) and statements of cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2015 present financial information for Antero on a stand-alone basis (carrying its investment in wholly-owned subsidiaries using the equity method), financial information for the subsidiary guarantors, financial information for the non-guarantor subsidiaries, and the consolidation and elimination entries necessary to arrive at the information for the Company on a consolidated basis. Antero's wholly-owned subsidiaries during the three months ended March 31, 2014 had no revenues, expenses, or cash flows. Antero's wholly-owned subsidiaries are not restricted from making distributions to the Parent.

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## Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets

December 31, 2014

(In thousands)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,787	—	230,192	—	245,979
Accounts receivable, net	116,203	—	—	—	116,203
Intercompany receivables	1,380	—	17,646	(19,026)	—
Accrued revenue	191,558	—	—	—	191,558
Derivative instruments	692,554	—	—	—	692,554
Other current assets	5,348	1	518	(1)	5,866
Total current assets	1,022,830	1	248,356	(19,027)	1,252,160
<b>Property and equipment:</b>					
<b>Natural gas properties, at cost (successful efforts method):</b>					
Unproved properties	2,060,936	—	—	—	2,060,936
Proved properties	6,515,221	—	—	—	6,515,221
Fresh water distribution systems	421,012	—	—	—	421,012
Gathering systems and facilities	16,532	—	1,180,707	—	1,197,239
Other property and equipment	37,687	—	—	—	37,687
	9,051,388	—	1,180,707	—	10,232,095
Less accumulated depletion, depreciation, and amortization	(828,533)	—	(51,110)	—	(879,643)
Property and equipment, net	8,222,855	—	1,129,597	—	9,352,452
Derivative instruments	899,997	—	—	—	899,997
Investments in subsidiaries	137,423	—	—	(137,423)	—
Other assets, net	51,718	—	17,168	—	68,886
Total assets	\$ 10,334,823	1	1,395,121	(156,450)	11,573,495
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>					
<b>Current liabilities:</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 485,628	—	45,936	—	531,564
Intercompany payable	17,646	—	1,380	(19,026)	—

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Accrued liabilities	163,268	—	5,346	—	168,614
Revenue distributions payable	182,352	—	—	—	182,352
Deferred income tax liability	260,373	—	—	—	260,373
Other current liabilities	12,203	—	—	(1)	12,202
Total current liabilities	1,121,470	—	52,662	(19,027)	1,155,105
Long-term liabilities:					
Long-term debt	4,247,550	115,000	—	—	4,362,550
Deferred income tax liability	534,423	—	—	—	534,423
Other liabilities	47,587	—	—	—	47,587
Total liabilities	5,951,030	115,000	52,662	(19,027)	6,099,665
Equity:					
Stockholders' equity:					
Parent net investment	—	(114,999)	—	114,999	—
Partners' capital	—	—	1,342,459	(1,342,459)	—
Common stock	2,621	—	—	—	2,621
Additional paid-in capital	3,513,725	—	—	—	3,513,725
Accumulated earnings	867,447	—	—	—	867,447
Total stockholders' equity	4,383,793	(114,999)	1,342,459	(1,227,460)	4,383,793
Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiary	—	—	—	1,090,037	1,090,037
Total equity	4,383,793	(114,999)	1,342,459	(137,423)	5,473,830
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 10,334,823	1	1,395,121	(156,450)	11,573,495

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December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015

## Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

March 31, 2015

(In thousands)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,152	—	162,339	—	185,491
Accounts receivable, net	118,410	—	—	—	118,410
Intercompany receivables	2,021	—	18,816	(20,837)	—
Accrued revenue	165,904	—	—	—	165,904
Derivative instruments	713,966	—	—	—	713,966
Other current assets	3,903	1	356	(1)	4,259
Total current assets	1,027,356	1	181,511	(20,838)	1,188,030
<b>Property and equipment:</b>					
Natural gas properties, at cost (successful efforts method):					
Unproved properties	2,053,669	—	—	—	2,053,669
Proved properties	7,013,366	—	—	—	7,013,366
Fresh water distribution systems	433,632	—	—	—	433,632
Gathering systems and facilities	16,558	—	1,254,077	—	1,270,635
Other property and equipment	41,136	—	—	—	41,136
	9,558,361	—	1,254,077	—	10,812,438
Less accumulated depletion, depreciation, and amortization	(996,251)	—	(65,692)	—	(1,061,943)
Property and equipment, net	8,562,110	—	1,188,385	—	9,750,495
Derivative instruments	1,453,300	—	—	—	1,453,300
Investments in subsidiaries	121,849	—	—	(121,849)	—
Other assets, net	65,673	—	24,453	—	90,126
Total assets	\$ 11,230,288	1	1,394,349	(142,687)	12,481,951
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>					
<b>Current liabilities:</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 318,740	—	33,737	—	352,477
Intercompany payable	18,817	—	2,021	(20,838)	—
Accrued liabilities	224,886	—	10,183	—	235,069
Revenue distributions payable	183,455	—	—	—	183,455

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Deferred income tax liability	269,822	—	—	—	269,822
Other current liabilities	13,171	—	—	(1)	13,170
Total current liabilities	1,028,891	—	45,941	(20,839)	1,053,993
Long-term liabilities:					
Long-term debt	4,037,295	135,000	—	—	4,172,295
Deferred income tax liability	772,312	—	—	—	772,312
Other liabilities	49,076	—	—	—	49,076
Total liabilities	5,887,574	135,000	45,941	(20,839)	6,047,676
Equity:					
Stockholders' equity:					
Parent net investment	—	(134,999)	—	134,999	—
Partners' capital	—	—	1,348,408	(1,348,408)	—
Common stock	2,768	—	—	—	2,768
Additional paid-in capital	4,078,068	—	—	—	4,078,068
Accumulated earnings	1,261,878	—	—	—	1,261,878
Total stockholders' equity	5,342,714	(134,999)	1,348,408	(1,213,409)	5,342,714
Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiary	—	—	—	1,091,561	1,091,561
Total equity	5,342,714	(134,999)	1,348,408	(121,848)	6,434,275
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 11,230,288	1	1,394,349	(142,687)	12,481,951



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## ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

## Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015

## Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income

Three months ended March 31, 2015

(In thousands)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Revenue:					
Natural gas sales	\$ 314,942	—	—	—	314,942
Natural gas liquids sales	78,786	—	—	—	78,786
Oil sales	12,457	—	—	—	12,457
Gathering, compression, and water distribution	3,867	—	52,243	(49,942)	6,168
Marketing	57,780	—	—	—	57,780
Commodity derivative fair value gains	759,554	—	—	—	759,554
Fee income	276	—	—	(276)	—
Total revenue	1,227,662	—	52,243	(50,218)	1,229,687
Operating expenses:					
Lease operating	8,102	—	—	—	8,102
Gathering, compression, processing, and transportation	205,679	—	7,988	(50,005)	163,662
Production and ad valorem taxes	20,517	—	3,701	—	24,218
Marketing	73,349	—	—	—	73,349
Exploration	1,371	—	—	—	1,371
Impairment of unproved properties	8,577	—	—	—	8,577
Depletion, depreciation, and amortization	167,718	—	14,582	—	182,300
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	400	—	—	—	400
General and administrative	49,761	—	9,501	(213)	59,049
Contract termination and rig stacking	8,965	—	—	—	8,965
Total operating expenses	544,439	—	35,772	(50,218)	529,993
Operating income	683,223	—	16,471	—	699,694
Other income (expenses):					
Interest	(52,362)	—	(823)	—	(53,185)
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	10,908	—	—	(10,908)	—
Total other expenses	(41,454)	—	(823)	(10,908)	(53,185)
Income before income taxes	641,769	—	15,648	(10,908)	646,509
Provision for income tax expense	(247,338)	—	—	—	(247,338)
Net income and comprehensive income including noncontrolling interest	394,431	—	15,648	(10,908)	399,171

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Net income and comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	4,740	4,740
Net income and comprehensive income attributable to Antero Resources Corporation	\$ 394,431	—	15,648	(15,648)	394,431

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## ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

## Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015

## Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

Three months ended March 31, 2015

(In thousands)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 311,659	—	39,735	—	351,394
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Additions to unproved properties	(51,541)	—	—	—	(51,541)
Drilling and completion costs	(569,068)	—	—	—	(569,068)
Additions to fresh water distribution systems	(22,126)	—	—	—	(22,126)
Additions to gathering systems and facilities	(40,251)	—	(85,737)	—	(125,988)
Additions to other property and equipment	(2,103)	—	—	—	(2,103)
Change in other assets	(895)	—	(7,515)	—	(8,410)
Distributions from guarantor subsidiary	20,000	—	—	(20,000)	—
Distributions from non-guarantor subsidiary	9,984	—	—	(9,984)	—
Proceeds from asset sales	40,000	—	—	—	40,000
Net cash used in investing activities	(616,000)	—	(93,252)	(29,984)	(739,236)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Issuance of common stock	537,875	—	—	—	537,875
Issuance of senior notes	750,000	—	—	—	750,000
Borrowings (repayments) on bank credit facility, net	(960,000)	20,000	—	—	(940,000)
Payments of deferred financing costs	(15,008)	—	(14)	—	(15,022)
Distributions	—	(20,000)	(14,322)	29,984	(4,338)
Other	(1,161)	—	—	—	(1,161)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	311,706	—	(14,336)	29,984	327,354
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	7,365	—	(67,853)	—	(60,488)
	15,787	—	230,192	—	245,979

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning  
of period  
Cash and cash equivalents, end of  
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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report. The following discussion contains "forward-looking statements" that reflect our future plans, estimates, beliefs and expected performance. We caution that assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions, or beliefs about future events may, and often do, vary from actual results and the differences can be material. Some of the key factors that could cause actual results to vary from our expectations include changes in natural gas, NGLs, and oil prices, the timing of planned capital expenditures, our ability to fund our development programs, availability of acquisitions, uncertainties in estimating proved reserves and forecasting production results, operational factors affecting the commencement or maintenance of producing wells, the condition of the capital markets generally, as well as our ability to access them, and uncertainties regarding environmental regulations or litigation and other legal or regulatory developments affecting our business, as well as those factors discussed below, all of which are difficult to predict. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed may not occur. See "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements." Also, see the risk factors and other cautionary statements described under the heading "Item 1A. Risk Factors." We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements except as otherwise required by applicable law.

In this section, references to "Antero Resources," "the Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Antero Resources Corporation and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires.

Our Company

Antero Resources Corporation is an independent oil and natural gas company engaged in the exploitation, development and acquisition of natural gas, NGLs, and oil properties located in the Appalachian Basin. We focus on unconventional reservoirs, which can generally be characterized as fractured shale formations. Our management team has worked together for many years and has a successful track record of reserve and production growth as well as significant expertise in unconventional resource plays. Our strategy is to leverage our team's experience delineating and developing natural gas resource plays to profitably grow our reserves and production, primarily on our existing multi-year project inventory.

We have assembled a portfolio of long-lived properties that are characterized by what we believe to be low geologic risk and repeatability. Our drilling opportunities are focused in the Marcellus Shale and Utica Shale of the Appalachian Basin. As of March 31, 2015, we held approximately 550,000 net acres of rich gas and dry gas properties located in the Appalachian Basin in West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Our corporate headquarters are in Denver, Colorado.

We believe we have secured sufficient long-term firm takeaway capacity on major pipelines that are operating, or are currently under construction, in each of our core operating areas to accommodate our current development plans.

We operate in the following industry segments: (i) the exploration, development and production of natural gas, NGLs, and oil; (ii) gathering and compression; (iii) fresh water distribution; and (iv) marketing of excess firm transportation capacity. All of our operations are conducted in the United States.

#### Address, Internet Website and Availability of Public Filings

Our principal executive offices are at 1615 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202. Our telephone number is (303) 357-7310. Our website is located at [www.anteroresources.com](http://www.anteroresources.com).

We make available our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and our Current Reports on Form 8-K. These documents are located [www.anteroresources.com](http://www.anteroresources.com) under the “Investors Relations” link.

Information on our website is not incorporated into this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or our other filings with the SEC and is not a part of them.

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### 2015 Developments and Highlights

#### Energy Industry Environment

In late 2014, global energy commodity prices declined precipitously as a result of several factors, including an increase in worldwide commodity supplies, a stronger U.S. dollar, relatively mild weather in large portions of the U.S. during winter months, and strong competition among oil producing countries for market share. Commodity prices have continued to remain low in recent months; prices for West Texas Intermediate have remained near \$50 per Bbl, and Henry Hub natural gas prices have dropped below \$3.00 per MMBtu. In response to these market conditions and concerns about access to capital markets, many U.S. exploration and development companies significantly reduced their capital spending plans for 2015. Our capital budget for 2015 is \$1.8 billion (exclusive of the capital budget for Antero Midstream Partners LP, or “Antero Midstream”), a 49% reduction from our 2014 capital expenditures. We plan to operate an average of 14 drilling rigs in 2015 as compared to an average of 21 rigs in 2014, and we plan to complete 130 horizontal wells in the Marcellus and Utica wells in 2015 as compared to 177 in 2014. We believe that our 2015 capital budget will be fully funded through operating cash flows and available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility. We will continue to monitor commodity prices and may revise the capital budget if conditions warrant.

#### Production and Financial Results

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, we generated cash flow from operations of \$351 million, net income of \$394 million, and Adjusted EBITDAX of \$355 million. This compares to cash flow from operations of \$274 million, a net loss of \$95 million, and Adjusted EBITDAX of \$274 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Net income of \$394 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 included \$760 million of commodity derivative fair value gains, including \$185 million of cash settled derivative gains, deferred tax expense of \$247 million, and a noncash charge of \$28 million for equity-based compensation. See “—Non-GAAP Financial Measure” for a definition of Adjusted EBITDAX (a non-GAAP measure) and a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDAX to net income (loss).

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, our production totaled approximately 134 Bcfe, or 1,485 MMcfe per day, an 89% increase compared to 71 Bcfe, or 786 MMcfe per day, for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The average price received for production for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$3.04 per Mcfe before the effects of cash settled commodity hedges compared to \$5.80 per Mcfe for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Average prices after the effects of cash settled commodity hedges were \$4.42 per Mcfe for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$5.79 per Mcfe for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

#### 2015 Capital Budget

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, our total capital expenditures were approximately \$771 million, including drilling and completion costs of \$569 million, gathering and compression project costs of \$126 million, fresh water distribution system costs of \$22 million, leasehold acquisition costs of \$52 million, and other capital expenditures of \$2 million. Our capital budget for 2015 is \$1.8 billion and includes \$1.6 billion for drilling and completion, \$50 million for fresh water distribution infrastructure, and \$150 million for core leasehold acquisitions. We do not budget for producing property acquisitions. Substantially all of the \$1.6 billion allocated for drilling and completion is allocated to our operated drilling in liquids-rich gas areas. Approximately 60% of the drilling and completion budget is allocated to the Marcellus Shale, and the remaining 40% is allocated to the Utica Shale. During 2015, we plan to operate an average of nine drilling rigs in the Marcellus Shale and five drilling rigs in the Utica Shale. Additionally, the capital budget for Antero Midstream for 2015 is a range of \$425 million to \$450 million. We periodically review our capital expenditures and adjust our budget and its allocation based on liquidity, drilling results, leasehold acquisition opportunities, and commodity prices.

#### Credit Facilities

The current borrowing base under our revolving credit facility is \$4.0 billion and lender commitments are \$4.0 billion. The borrowing base under our revolving credit facility is redetermined semi-annually and is based on the lenders' judgment of the volume of our proved oil and gas reserves, the estimated future cash flows from these reserves, and the values of our commodity hedge positions. The next redetermination is scheduled to occur in October 2015. At March 31, 2015, we had \$790 million of borrowings and \$474 million of letters of credit outstanding under the revolving credit facility. Our revolving credit facility matures in May 2019.



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See “—Debt Agreements and Contractual Obligations—Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility” for a description of our revolving credit facility.

Our consolidated subsidiary, Antero Midstream, has a revolving credit facility agreement that provides for lender commitments of \$1.0 billion. The facility will mature on November 10, 2019. See “—Debt Agreements and Contractual Obligations—Midstream Credit Facility” for a description of this revolving credit facility.

### Issuance of 5.625% Notes due 2023

On March 17, 2015, we issued \$750 million of 5.625% senior notes due June 1, 2023 at par. The proceeds from the issuance were used to pay down amounts outstanding under our revolving credit facility.

Our outstanding senior notes totaling \$3.375 billion have interest rates ranging from 5.125% to 6.00% and have maturity dates ranging from December 1, 2020 to June 1, 2023.

### Issuance of Common Stock

On March 10, 2015, we completed an offering of 13,100,000 shares of our common stock. In connection with the offering, we granted the underwriter a 30-day option to purchase a maximum of 1,900,000 additional shares of our common stock at the offering price. On March 31, 2015, the underwriter exercised its option and purchased 1,600,000 shares. After deducting underwriting discounts and other expenses related to the offering, we received total net proceeds of approximately \$538 million. The proceeds from the offering were used to pay down amounts outstanding under our revolving credit facility.

### Hedge Position

As of March 31, 2015, we had entered into hedging contracts for April 1, 2015 through December 31, 2020 for 2.344 Tcf of our projected natural gas production at a weighted average index price of \$4.18 per MMBtu, 825 MBbls of oil at a weighted average price of \$64.91 per Bbl, and 681 million gallons of propane at a weighted average price of \$0.60 per gallon. These hedging contracts include contracts for the year ended December 31, 2015 of approximately 319 Bcf of natural gas at a weighted average index price of \$4.29 per Mcf, 825 MBbls of oil at \$64.91 per Bbl, and 266 million gallons of propane at a weighted average price of \$0.62 per gallon.

In addition, we had entered into natural gas basis differential positions for 2015 through 2017 for 259 Bcf at a weighted average index price of \$0.40 which settle on the pricing index to basis differential of Columbia Gas (TCO) to the NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas price.

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## Results of Operations

## Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2015

The Company has four operating segments: (1) the exploration, development, and production of natural gas, NGLs, and oil; (2) gathering and compression; (3) fresh water distribution; and (4) marketing of excess firm transportation capacity. Revenues from the gathering and compression and fresh water distribution operations are primarily derived from intersegment transactions for services provided to our exploration and production operations. Marketing revenues are primarily derived from activities to purchase and sell third-party natural gas and to market excess firm transportation capacity to third parties. The operating results and assets of the Company's reportable segments were as follows for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015:

	Exploration and production	Gathering and compression	Fresh water distribution	Marketing	Elimination of intersegment transactions	Consolidated total
Three months ended March 31, 2014:						
Sales and revenues:						
Third-party	\$ 161,457	930	2,594	3,226	—	168,207
Intersegment	—	10,843	22,165	—	(33,008)	—
	\$ 161,457	11,773	24,759	3,226	(33,008)	168,207
Operating expenses:						
Lease operating	\$ 4,869	—	4,274	—	(4,274)	4,869
Gathering, compression, processing, and transportation	93,412	941	—	—	(10,843)	83,510
Depletion, depreciation, and amortization	82,180	6,108	2,918	—	—	91,206
General and administrative expense (before equity-based compensation)	18,122	2,463	1,263	—	—	21,848
Equity-based compensation expense	27,194	1,313	630	—	—	29,137
Other operating expenses	28,678	—	1,057	11,981	—	41,716
Total	254,455	10,825	10,142	11,981	(15,117)	272,286
Operating income (loss)	\$ (92,998)	948	14,617	(8,755)	(17,891)	(104,079)

	Exploration and production	Gathering and compression	Fresh water distribution	Marketing	Elimination of intersegment transactions	Consolidated total
Three months ended March 31, 2015:						
Sales and revenues:						
Third-party	\$ 1,165,739	2,301	3,867	57,780	—	1,229,687
Intersegment	350	49,942	30,563	—	(80,855)	—
	\$ 1,166,089	52,243	34,430	57,780	(80,855)	1,229,687
Operating expenses:						
Lease operating	\$ 7,783	—	6,752	—	(6,433)	8,102
Gathering, compression, processing, and transportation	205,679	7,988	—	—	(50,005)	163,662
Depletion, depreciation, and amortization	161,505	14,675	6,120	—	—	182,300
General and administrative expense (before equity-based compensation)	25,413	4,878	1,262	—	(287)	31,266
Equity-based compensation expense	22,004	4,623	1,156	—	—	27,783
Other operating expenses	38,970	3,701	860	73,349	—	116,880
Total	461,354	35,865	16,150	73,349	(56,725)	529,993
Operating income (loss)	\$ 704,735	16,378	18,280	(15,569)	(24,130)	699,694

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The following tables set forth selected operating data for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015:

(in thousands, except per unit and production data)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Amount of Increase	Percent Change	
	2014	2015	(Decrease)		
<b>Operating revenues:</b>					
Natural gas sales	\$ 312,336	\$ 314,942	\$ 2,606	1	%
NGLs sales	73,928	78,786	4,858	7	%
Oil sales	24,122	12,457	(11,665)	(48)	%
Gathering, compression, and water distribution	3,524	6,168	2,644	75	%
Marketing	3,226	57,780	54,554	1,691	%
Commodity derivative fair value gains (losses)	(248,929)	759,554	1,008,483	*	
Total operating revenues	168,207	1,229,687	1,061,480	631	%
<b>Operating expenses:</b>					
Lease operating	4,869	8,102	3,233	66	%
Gathering, compression, processing, and transportation	83,510	163,662	80,152	96	%
Production and ad valorem taxes	21,039	24,218	3,179	15	%
Marketing	11,981	73,349	61,368	512	%
Exploration	6,997	1,371	(5,626)	(80)	%
Impairment of unproved properties	1,397	8,577	7,180	514	%
Depletion, depreciation, and amortization	91,206	182,300	91,094	100	%
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	302	400	98	32	%
General and administrative (before equity-based compensation)	21,848	31,266	9,418	43	%
Equity-based compensation	29,137	27,783	(1,354)	(5)	%
Contract termination and rig stacking	—	8,965	8,965	*	
Total operating expenses	272,286	529,993	257,707	95	%
Operating income (loss)	(104,079)	699,694	803,773	*	
<b>Other Expenses:</b>					
Interest expense	(31,342)	(53,185)	(21,843)	70	%
Income (loss) before income taxes	(135,421)	646,509	781,930	*	
Income tax (expense) benefit	40,662	(247,338)	(288,000)	*	
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) including noncontrolling interest	(94,759)	399,171	493,930	*	
Net income and comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	—	4,740	4,740	*	
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Antero Resources Corporation	\$ (94,759)	\$ 394,431	\$ 489,190	*	
Adjusted EBITDAX (1)	\$ 273,656	\$ 354,611	\$ 80,955	30	%

(1) See “—Non-GAAP Financial Measure” for a definition of Adjusted EBITDAX (a non-GAAP measure) and a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDAX to net income (loss).

\*Not meaningful or applicable



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(in thousands, except per unit and production data)	Three Months		Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change	
	Ended March 31, 2014	2015			
Production data:					
Natural gas (Bcf)	62	112	50	81	%
NGLs (MBbl)	1,198	3,241	2,043	170	%
Oil (MBbl)	271	366	95	35	%
Combined (Bcfe)	71	134	63	89	%
Daily combined production (MMcfe/d)	786	1,485	699	89	%
Average prices before effects of hedges(2):					
Natural gas (per Mcf)	\$ 5.05	\$ 2.81	\$ (2.24)	(44)	%
NGLs (per Bbl)	\$ 61.69	\$ 24.31	\$ (37.38)	(61)	%
Oil (per Bbl)	\$ 88.87	\$ 34.03	\$ (54.84)	(62)	%
Combined (per Mcfe)	\$ 5.80	\$ 3.04	\$ (2.76)	(48)	%
Average realized prices after effects of hedges(2):					
Natural gas (per Mcf)	\$ 5.02	\$ 4.37	\$ (0.65)	(13)	%
NGLs (per Bbl)	\$ 61.69	\$ 26.23	\$ (35.46)	(57)	%
Oil (per Bbl)	\$ 90.78	\$ 45.08	\$ (45.70)	(50)	%
Combined (per Mcfe)	\$ 5.79	\$ 4.42	\$ (1.37)	(24)	%
Average Costs (per Mcfe):					
Lease operating	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.01)	(14)	%
Gathering, compression, processing, and transportation	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.22	\$ 0.04	3	%
Production and ad valorem taxes	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.12)	(40)	%
Depletion, depreciation, amortization, and accretion	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.37	\$ 0.08	6	%
General and administrative (before equity-based compensation)	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.23	\$ (0.08)	(26)	%

(2) Average sales prices shown in the table reflect both of the before and after effects of our cash settled derivatives. Our calculation of such after effects includes realized gains or losses on cash settlements for commodity derivatives, which do not qualify for hedge accounting because we do not designate or document them as hedges for accounting purposes. Oil and NGL production was converted at 6 Mcf per Bbl to calculate total Bcfe production and per Mcfe amounts. This ratio is an estimate of the equivalent energy content of the products and does not necessarily reflect their relative economic value.

Discussion of Consolidated Results for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2014

Our gathering and compression, fresh water distribution, and marketing segments are primarily for the benefit of our exploration and production activities. The following discussion of our results consolidates those segments with our exploration and production segment.

Natural gas, NGLs, and oil sales. Revenues from production of natural gas, NGLs, and oil decreased from \$410 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$406 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, a decrease of \$4 million, or 1%. Our production increased by 89% over that same period, from 71 Bcfe, or 786 MMcfe per day, for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to 134 Bcfe, or 1,485 MMcfe per day, for the three months ended March 31, 2015. Net equivalent prices before the effects of realized hedge gains decreased from \$5.80 per Mcfe for

the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$3.04 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, a decrease of 48%. Prices for natural gas, NGLs, and oil all declined from 2014 levels. Net equivalent prices after the effects of realized hedge gains decreased from \$5.79 for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$4.42 for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Increased production volumes accounted for an approximate \$365 million increase in year-over year product revenues (calculated as the change in year-to-year volumes times the prior year average price), and decreases in our equivalent prices accounted for an approximate \$369 million decrease in year-over-year revenues (calculated as the change in year-to-year average price times current year production volumes). Production increases resulted from an increase in the number of producing wells as a result of our active drilling program. Based on our current drilling and completion plans for the remainder of 2015, the increasing size of our production base, and the current commodity price environment, we expect the rate of growth in both our production and our product revenues to decline from the rates of growth realized in 2014.

Commodity derivative fair value gains (losses). To achieve more predictable cash flows, and to reduce our exposure to downward price fluctuations, we enter into derivative contracts using fixed for variable swap contracts when management believes that favorable future sales prices for our natural gas, NGLs, and oil production can be secured. Because we do not designate these derivatives as



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accounting hedges, they do not receive accounting hedge treatment, and all mark-to-market gains or losses, as well as cash receipts or payments on settled derivative instruments, are recognized in our statements of operations. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015, our hedges resulted in derivative fair value gains (losses) of \$(249) million and \$760 million, respectively. The derivative fair value gains and losses included \$(1) million and \$185 million of cash settlements received (paid) on derivatives for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively. Commodity derivative fair value gains or losses will vary based on future commodity prices and have no cash flow impact until the derivative contracts are settled. Derivative asset or liability positions at the end of any accounting period may reverse to the extent natural gas, NGLs, and oil strip prices increase or decrease from their levels at the end of the accounting period, or as gains or losses are realized through settlement. We expect continued volatility in commodity prices and the related fair value of our derivative instruments in the future.

Gathering, compression, and water distribution. Gathering, compression, and water distribution fees increased from \$4 million (net of intercompany eliminations of \$33 million) during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$6 million (net of intercompany eliminations of \$81 million) during the three months ended March 31, 2015 as a result of water usage during increased drilling activities, and increased throughput from production. These amounts represent the portion of such fees that are charged to outside working interest owners in Company-operated wells, as well fees charged to other third parties for water provided by the Company or usage of Antero Midstream's gathering pipelines.

Lease operating expenses. Lease operating expenses increased from \$5 million (net of intercompany eliminations of \$4 million) for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$8 million (net of intercompany eliminations of \$6 million) for the three months ended March 31, 2015, an increase of 66%. The increase is a result of an increase in the number of producing wells. On a per unit basis, lease operating expenses decreased from \$0.07 per Mcfe for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$0.06 for the three months ended March 31, 2015. Lease operating expenses are expected to slowly increase on a per unit basis as older properties mature and production declines on a per well basis.

Gathering, compression, processing, and transportation expense. Gathering, compression, processing, and transportation expense increased from \$84 million (net of intercompany eliminations of \$11 million) for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$164 million (net of intercompany eliminations of \$50 million) for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase in these expenses is a result of the increase in production, firm transportation commitments, and third-party gathering, compression, and processing expenses. On a per Mcfe basis, total gathering, compression, processing and transportation expenses increased from \$1.18 per Mcfe for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$1.22 for the three months ended March 31, 2015 due to an increase in midstream operating expenses.

We have entered into contracts for significant firm transportation volumes in advance of having sufficient production to fully utilize the capacity. Based on current projections for our 2015 annual production levels, we estimate that we could incur total annual marketing expense of \$100 million to \$150 million in 2015 for unutilized transportation capacity depending on the amount of unutilized capacity that can be marketed to third parties or utilized to transport third party gas and capture positive basis differentials.

Production and ad valorem tax expense. Total production and ad valorem taxes increased from \$21 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$24 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily as a result of increased production and a larger midstream asset base subject to ad valorem taxes. Production taxes as a percentage of natural gas, NGLs, and oil revenues before the effects of hedging increased from 5.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to 6.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2015. Production taxes as a percentage of revenues increased primarily due to an increase in midstream assets subject to ad valorem taxes. Legislative proposals in the State of Ohio to increase severance taxes on production from horizontally drilled wells could increase our future production tax rates in Ohio if such legislation is enacted.

Exploration expense. Exploration expense of \$7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 decreased to \$1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 primarily because of an overall decrease in lease acquisition efforts, resulting in a decrease in unsuccessful lease acquisitions.

Impairment of unproved properties. Impairment of unproved properties increased from \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$8.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. We charge impairment expense for expired or soon-to-be expired leases when we determine they are impaired based on factors such as remaining lease terms, reservoir performance, commodity price outlooks, or future plans to develop the acreage, and recognize impairment costs accordingly.

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DD&A. DD&A increased from \$91 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$182 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily because of increased production. DD&A per Mcfe increased by 6%, from \$1.29 per Mcfe during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$1.37 per Mcfe during the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily due to an increase in depreciation as a result of a larger base of midstream assets and facilities.

We evaluate the impairment of our proved natural gas, NGLs, and oil properties on a field-by-field basis whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that a property's carrying amount may not be recoverable. If the carrying amount exceeds the estimated undiscounted future cash flows, we reduce the carrying amount of the oil and gas properties to their estimated fair value. No impairment expenses were recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2014 or 2015 for proved properties.

General and administrative and equity-based compensation expense. General and administrative expense (before equity-based compensation expense) increased from \$22 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$31 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily as a result of increased staffing levels and related salary and benefits expenses, as well as increases in legal and other general corporate expenses, all of which are due to our increase in development activities and production levels. On a per unit basis, general and administrative expense before equity-based compensation decreased by 26%, from \$0.31 per Mcfe during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$0.23 per Mcfe during the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily due to an 89% increase in production. We had 277 employees as of March 31, 2014 and 457 employees as of March 31, 2015.

Noncash equity-based compensation expense decreased from \$29 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$28 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as a result of a \$14 million decrease in amortization of expense related to the vesting of profits interests, net of a \$13 million increase in equity-based compensation primarily related to restricted stock unit awards. See note 1 to the condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report for more information on the vested profits interest charges.

Contract termination and rig stacking. Contract termination and rig stacking of \$9 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015 represent fees incurred upon the delay or cancelation of drilling contracts with third-party contractors. We undertook these actions in order to align our drilling and completion activity level for the remainder of 2015 with our 2015 capital budget.

Interest expense. Interest expense increased from \$31 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$53 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily due to increased indebtedness. Interest expense includes approximately \$1.7 million and \$2.2 million of non-cash amortization of deferred financing costs for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Income tax expense. Income tax expense changed from a deferred tax benefit of \$41 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to a deferred tax expense of \$247 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The deferred tax benefit for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was due to a pre-tax loss incurred for financial reporting purposes, whereas we had pre-tax income for the three months ended March 31, 2015. Equity-based compensation expense of \$29 million and \$15 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively, related to the vested profits interests charges is not deductible for federal or state income taxes and, along with the effect of state taxes, largely accounts for the difference between the federal tax rate of 35% and the rates at which income tax expense was provided for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

At December 31, 2014, we had approximately \$1.1 billion of U.S. federal net operating loss carryforwards (“NOLs”) and approximately \$1.0 billion of state NOLs, which expire from 2024 through 2034. From time to time there has been proposed legislation in the U.S. Congress to eliminate or limit future deductions for intangible drilling costs. Such legislation could significantly affect our future taxable position if passed. The impact of any change will be recorded in the period that any such legislation might be enacted.

The calculation of our tax liabilities involves uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws and regulations. We give financial statement recognition to those tax positions that we believe are more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service or state revenue authorities. The financial statements include unrecognized benefits at March 31, 2015 of \$11 million that, if recognized, would result in a reduction of current income taxes payable and an increase in noncurrent deferred tax liabilities. As of March 31, 2015, we have accrued approximately \$1.3 million of interest on unrecognized tax benefits.

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Adjusted EBITDAX. Adjusted EBITDAX increased from \$274 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$355 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, an increase of 30%. The increase in Adjusted EBITDAX was primarily due to a 89% increase in production, which was partially offset by a 24% decrease in the average per Mcfe price received after the impact of cash settled derivatives, net of the related increases in cash operating and general and administrative expenses. See “—Non-GAAP Financial Measure” for a definition of Adjusted EBITDAX (a non-GAAP measure) and a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDAX to net income (loss) from continuing operations.

## Discussion of Segment Results for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2014

### Gathering and Compression

Revenue for the gathering and compression segment increased from \$11.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$52.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, an increase of \$40.4 million, or 344%. Gathering revenues increased by \$35.0 million from the prior year period and compression revenues increased by \$5.4 million as additional wells on production increased throughput volumes. Total operating expenses related to gathering and compression increased from \$10.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$35.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as a result of the increased throughput volumes.

### Fresh Water Distribution

Revenue for the fresh water distribution segment increased from \$24.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$34.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, an increase of \$9.6 million, or 39%. The increase was due to the build out of our water systems and resulting increased use of the water system in our hydraulic fracturing activities. The volume of water delivered through the system increased from 7.0 MMBbls for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to 9.4 MMBbls for the three months ended March 31, 2015. Operating expenses for the fresh water distribution system increased from \$10.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$16.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as a result of the increased use of the water distribution systems.

### Marketing

We purchase and sell third-party natural gas and NGLs and market our excess firm transportation capacity in order to optimize the revenues from these transportation agreements. Marketing revenues of \$3 million and \$58 million and expenses of \$12 million and \$73 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively, relate to these activities. Net losses on our marketing activities were \$9 million and \$15 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively. Marketing costs include firm transportation costs related to current excess capacity as well as the cost of third-party purchased gas and NGLs. This includes firm transportation costs of \$15 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 related to unutilized excess capacity. We enter into long-term firm transportation agreements for a significant part of our current and expected future production in order to secure

guaranteed capacity to favorable markets.

### Capital Resources and Liquidity

Historically, our primary sources of liquidity have been through issuances of debt and equity securities, borrowings under our revolving credit facility, asset sales, and net cash provided by operating activities. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we raised capital through the issuance of \$750 million of 5.625% senior notes due 2023 and an offering of our common stock which resulted in net proceeds of approximately \$538 million. Historically, our primary use of cash has been for the exploration, development, and acquisition of natural gas, NGLs, and oil properties, as well as for the development of gathering, compression, and fresh water distribution system infrastructure. As we pursue reserve and production growth, we continually monitor what capital resources, including equity and debt financings, are available to meet our future financial obligations, planned capital expenditure activities, and liquidity requirements. Our future success in growing proved reserves and production will be highly dependent on the capital resources available to us.

We believe that funds from operating cash flows and available borrowings under our revolving credit facility will be sufficient to meet our cash requirements, including normal operating needs, debt service obligations, capital expenditures, and commitments and

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contingencies for at least the next 12 months. For more information on our outstanding indebtedness, see “—Debt Agreements and Contractual Obligations.”

The following table summarizes our cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2014	2015
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 274,307	\$ 351,394
Net cash used in investing activities	(735,513)	(739,236)
Net cash provided by financing activities	456,299	327,354
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (4,907)	\$ (60,488)

#### Cash Flow Provided by Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$274 million and \$351 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2015, respectively. The increase in cash flows from operations from the three months ended March 31, 2014 to the three months ended March 31, 2015 was primarily the result of increased revenues from oil and gas production and cash settled derivatives, net of increases in cash operating costs, interest expense, and changes in working capital levels.

Our operating cash flow is sensitive to many variables, the most significant of which is the volatility of natural gas, NGLs, and oil prices. Prices for these commodities are determined primarily by prevailing market conditions. Regional and worldwide economic activity, weather, infrastructure capacity to reach markets, and other variables influence the market conditions for these products. These factors are beyond our control and are difficult to predict. For additional information on the impact of changing prices on our financial position, see “Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk” below.

#### Cash Flow Used in Investing Activities

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we used cash totaling \$739 million in investing activities, including \$569 million for drilling and completion costs, \$52 million for undeveloped leasehold acquisitions, \$22 million for fresh water distribution facilities, \$126 million for gathering and compression systems (through Antero Midstream), and \$2 million for other property and equipment. These expenditures were partially offset by the receipt of \$40 million attributable to final purchase price adjustments from the sale of a gathering system in 2012. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we used cash totaling \$736 million in investing activities, including \$496 million for drilling and completion costs, \$60 million for undeveloped leasehold acquisitions, \$60 million for fresh water

distribution systems, \$108 million for gathering and compression systems and \$8 million for other property and equipment.

Our board of directors has approved a capital budget of \$1.8 billion for 2015, which does not include the capital budget of \$425 million to \$450 million for Antero Midstream, our consolidated subsidiary. Our capital budget may be adjusted as business conditions warrant. The amount, timing and allocation of capital expenditures is largely discretionary and within our control. If natural gas, NGLs, and oil prices decline to levels below our acceptable levels or costs increase to levels above our acceptable levels, we could choose to defer a significant portion of our budgeted capital expenditures until later periods to achieve the desired balance between sources and uses of liquidity, and prioritize capital projects that we believe have the highest expected returns and potential to generate near-term cash flow. We routinely monitor and adjust our capital expenditures in response to changes in prices, availability of financing, drilling and acquisition costs, industry conditions, the timing of regulatory approvals, the availability of rigs, success or lack of success in drilling activities, contractual obligations, internally generated cash flow, and other factors both within and outside our control.

#### Cash Flow Provided by Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2015 of \$327 million consisted of the issuance of \$750 million of our 5.625% Senior Notes due 2023 and net proceeds of \$538 million from the issuance of common stock, partially offset by net repayments on our revolving credit facility of \$940 million and other items totaling \$21 million. Net cash provided by financing activities of \$456 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 primarily consisted of additional borrowings on our revolving credit facility.



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Debt Agreements and Contractual Obligations

Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility. We have a senior secured revolving bank credit facility (the “Credit Facility”) with a consortium of bank lenders. Borrowings under the Credit Facility are subject to borrowing base limitations based on the collateral value of our proved properties and commodity hedge positions and are subject to regular semiannual redeterminations. At March 31, 2015, the borrowing base was \$4.0 billion and lender commitments were \$4.0 billion, including \$200 million of commitments under the Water Facility described below. The next redetermination of the borrowing base is scheduled to occur in October 2015. At March 31, 2015, we had \$790 million of borrowings and \$474 million of letters of credit outstanding under the Credit Facility and the Water Facility, with a weighted average interest rate of 1.94%. At December 31, 2014, we had \$1.73 billion of borrowings and \$387 million of letters of credit outstanding under the Credit Facility and the Water Facility, with a weighted average interest rate of 2.06%. The Credit Facility matures on May 5, 2019.

On November 10, 2014, the Company and Antero Water LLC (“Antero Water”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a new water credit facility (the “Water Facility”) in order to provide for separate borrowings attributable to our fresh water distribution business. In accordance with the Credit Facility and the Water Facility agreements, borrowings under the Water Facility reduce availability under the Credit Facility on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The Water Facility will mature at the earlier of the sale of Antero Water to Antero Midstream, the sale of Antero Water’s assets to Antero Midstream, or May 12, 2016.

Principal amounts borrowed on the Credit Facility and Water Facility are payable on the maturity dates with such borrowings bearing interest that is payable quarterly or, in the case of Eurodollar Rate Loans, at the end of the applicable interest period if shorter than three months. We have a choice of borrowing in Eurodollars or at the base rate. Eurodollar loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the LIBOR Rate administered by the ICE Benchmark Administration for one, two, three, six or twelve months plus an applicable margin ranging from 150 to 250 basis points, depending on the percentage of our borrowing base utilized. Base rate loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (i) the agent bank’s reference rate, (ii) the federal funds effective rate plus 50 basis points and (iii) the rate for one month Eurodollar loans plus 100 basis points, plus an applicable margin ranging from 50 to 150 basis points, depending on the percentage of our borrowing base utilized. The amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of our natural gas, NGLs, and oil properties and associated assets and are cross guaranteed by each borrower entity along with each of their current and future wholly-owned subsidiaries. The amounts outstanding under the Water Facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of our water distribution assets and are cross-guaranteed by each borrower entity along with each of their current and future wholly-owned subsidiaries. For information concerning the effect of changes in interest rates on interest payments under these facilities, see “Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk.”

The Credit Facility and Water Facility contain restrictive covenants that may limit our ability to, among other things:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- sell assets;
- make loans to others;
- make investments;
- enter into mergers;

- pay dividends;
- hedge future production;
- incur liens; and
- engage in certain other transactions without the prior consent of the lenders.

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The Credit Facility and Water Facility also require us to maintain the following two financial ratios:

- a current ratio, which is the ratio of our consolidated current assets (including any unused borrowing base under the facilities and excluding derivative assets) to our consolidated current liabilities, of not less than 1.0 to 1.0 as of the end of each fiscal quarter; and
- a minimum interest coverage ratio, which is the ratio of consolidated EBITDAX to consolidated interest expense over the most recent four quarters, of not less than 2.5 to 1.0.

We were in compliance with such covenants and ratios as of December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015. The actual borrowing capacity available to us may be limited by these current ratio and minimum interest coverage ratio covenants. At March 31, 2015, our current ratio was 4.02 to 1.0 (based on the \$4.0 billion borrowing base in effect as of March 31, 2015) and our interest coverage ratio was 6.93 to 1.0.

**Midstream Credit Facility.** On November 10, 2014, in connection with the closing of its IPO, Antero Midstream entered into a new revolving credit facility (the “Midstream Facility”) among Antero Midstream, certain lenders party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, letter of credit issuer, and swing line lender. The Midstream Facility provides for lender commitments of \$1.0 billion and for a letter of credit sublimit of \$150 million. There were no borrowings or letters of credit outstanding under the Midstream Facility as of March 31, 2015. The Midstream Facility will mature on November 10, 2019.

Principal amounts borrowed are payable on the maturity date with such borrowings bearing interest that is payable quarterly. Antero Midstream has a choice of borrowing in Eurodollars or at the base rate. Eurodollar loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the LIBOR Rate administered by the ICE Benchmark Administration for one, two, three, six or twelve months plus an applicable margin ranging from 150 to 225 basis points, depending on the leverage ratio then in effect. Base rate loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (i) the agent bank’s reference rate, (ii) the federal funds effective rate plus 50 basis points and (iii) the rate for one month Eurodollar loans plus 100 basis points, plus an applicable margin ranging from 50 to 125 basis points, depending on the leverage ratio then in effect.

The Midstream Facility is secured by mortgages on substantially all of Antero Midstream’s and its restricted subsidiaries’ properties – primarily assets used in the provision of gathering and compression services to the Company and third parties – and guarantees from its restricted subsidiaries. The Midstream Facility is not guaranteed by Antero. Interest is payable at a variable rate based on LIBOR or the prime rate based on Antero Midstream’s election at the time of borrowing. The Midstream Facility contains restrictive covenants that may limit Antero Midstream’s ability to, among other things:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- sell assets;
- make loans to others;
- make investments;
- enter into mergers;
- make certain restricted payments;
- incur liens; and
- engage in certain other transactions without the prior consent of the lenders.

Borrowings under the Midstream Facility also require Antero Midstream to maintain the following financial ratios:



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- an interest coverage ratio, which is the ratio of Antero Midstream's consolidated EBITDA to its consolidated current interest charges of at least 2.5 to 1.0 at the end of each fiscal quarter; provided that upon obtaining an investment grade rating, the borrower may elect not to be subject to such ratio;
- a consolidated total leverage ratio, which is the ratio of consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA, of not more than 5.0 to 1.0; provided that after electing to issue unsecured high yield notes, the consolidated total leverage ratio will not be more than 5.25 to 1.0, or, following the election of the borrower for two fiscal quarters after a material acquisition, 5.50 to 1.0; and
- if Antero Midstream elects to issue unsecured high yield notes, a consolidated senior secured leverage ratio, which is the ratio of consolidated senior secured debt to consolidated EBITDA, of not more than 3.75 to 1.0.

Antero Midstream was in compliance with such covenants and ratios as of December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

Senior Notes. We have \$525 million of 6.00% senior notes outstanding, which are due December 1, 2020. The 2020 notes are unsecured and effectively subordinated to the Credit Facility and the Water Facility to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such facilities. The 2020 notes rank pari passu to our other outstanding senior notes. The 2020 notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by our wholly-owned subsidiaries and certain of our future restricted subsidiaries. Interest on the 2020 notes is payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year. We may redeem all or part of the 2020 notes at any time on or after December 1, 2015 at redemption prices ranging from 104.50% on or after December 1, 2015 to 100.00% on or after December 1, 2018. In addition, on or before December 1, 2015, we may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2020 notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings, if certain conditions are met, at a redemption price of 106.00% of the principal amount of the 2020 notes, plus accrued interest. At any time prior to December 1, 2015, we may redeem the 2020 notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2020 notes plus a "make-whole" premium and accrued interest. If we undergo a change of control, the holders of the 2020 notes will have the right to require us to repurchase all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 2020 notes, plus accrued interest.

We also have \$1.0 billion of 5.375% senior notes outstanding, which are due November 1, 2021. The 2021 notes are unsecured and effectively subordinated to the Credit Facility and the Water Facility to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such facilities. The 2021 notes rank parri passu to our other outstanding senior notes. The 2021 notes are guaranteed by our wholly-owned subsidiaries and certain of our future restricted subsidiaries. Interest on the 2021 notes is payable on May 1 and November 1 of each year. We may redeem all or part of the 2021 notes at any time on or after November 1, 2016 at redemption prices ranging from 104.031% on or after November 1, 2016 to 100.00% on or after November 1, 2019. In addition, on or before November 1, 2016, we may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2021 notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings, if certain conditions are met, at a redemption price of 105.375%. At any time prior to November 1, 2016, we may also redeem the 2021 notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2021 notes plus a "make-whole" premium and accrued interest. If we undergo a change of control prior to May 1, 2015, we may redeem all, but not less than all, of the 2021 notes at a redemption price equal to 110% of the principal amount of the 2021 notes. If we undergo a change of control, we may be required to offer to purchase the 2021 notes from the holders at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 2021 notes, plus accrued interest.

We also have \$1.1 billion of 5.125% senior notes outstanding, which are due December 1, 2022. The 2022 notes are unsecured and effectively subordinated to the Credit Facility and the Water Facility to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such facilities. The 2022 notes rank parri passu to our other outstanding senior notes. The 2022 notes are guaranteed by our wholly-owned subsidiaries and certain of our future restricted subsidiaries. Interest on the

2022 notes is payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year. We may redeem all or part of the 2022 notes at any time on or after June 1, 2017 at redemption prices ranging from 103.844% on or after June 1, 2017 to 100.00% on or after June 1, 2020. In addition, on or before June 1, 2017, we may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2022 notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings, if certain conditions are met, at a redemption price of 105.125%. At any time prior to June 1, 2017, we may also redeem the 2022 notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2022 notes plus a “make-whole” premium and accrued interest. If we undergo a change of control prior to December 1, 2015, we may redeem all, but not less than all, of the 2022 notes at a redemption price equal to 110% of the principal amount of the 2022 notes. If we undergo a change of control, the holders of the 2022 notes will have the right to require us to repurchase all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 2022 notes, plus accrued interest.

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We also have \$750 million of 5.625% senior notes outstanding, which are due June 1, 2023. The 2023 notes are unsecured and effectively subordinated to the Credit Facility and the Water Facility to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such facilities. The 2023 notes rank parri passu to our other outstanding senior notes. The 2023 notes are guaranteed by our wholly-owned subsidiaries and certain of our future restricted subsidiaries. Interest on the 2023 notes is payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year. We may redeem all or part of the 2023 notes at any time on or after June 1, 2018 at redemption prices ranging from 104.219% on or after June 1, 2018 to 100.00% on or after June 1, 2021. In addition, on or before June 1, 2018, we may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings, if certain conditions are met, at a redemption price of 105.625%. At any time prior to June 1, 2018, we may also redeem the 2023 notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2023 notes plus a “make-whole” premium and accrued interest. If we undergo a change of control prior to June 1, 2016, we may redeem all, but not less than all, of the 2023 notes at a redemption price equal to 110% of the principal amount of the 2023 notes. If we undergo a change of control, the holders of the 2023 notes will have the right to require us to repurchase all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 2023 notes, plus accrued interest.

We used the proceeds from the issuances of the senior notes to repay borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility, redeem previously issued senior notes, and for development of our oil and natural gas properties.

The senior notes indentures each contain restrictive covenants and restrict our ability to incur additional debt unless a pro forma minimum interest coverage ratio requirement of 2.25:1 is maintained. We were in compliance with such covenants as of December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

Treasury Management Facility. We have a stand-alone revolving note with a lender under the Credit Facility which provides for up to \$25 million of cash management obligations in order to facilitate our daily treasury management. Borrowings under the revolving note are secured by the collateral for the Credit Facility. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at the lender’s prime rate plus 1.0%. The note matures on June 1, 2015. At December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015, there were no outstanding borrowings under this facility.

Contractual Obligations. A summary of our contractual obligations as of March 31, 2015 is provided in the following table.

(in millions)	Year						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	Thereafter	
Credit Facility and Water Facility(1)	\$ —	135	—	—	655	—	790
Senior notes—principal(2)	—	—	—	—	—	3,375	3,375
Senior notes—interest(2)	171	184	184	184	184	429	1,336
Drilling rig and frac service commitments(3)	196	156	71	2	—	—	425

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Firm transportation (4)	371	673	810	925	1,026	11,081	14,886
Gas processing, gathering, and compression services (5)	211	284	240	223	186	1,000	2,144
Office and equipment leases	10	9	8	6	4	9	46
Asset retirement obligations(6)	—	—	—	—	—	18	18
Total	\$ 959	1,441	1,313	1,340	2,055	15,912	23,020

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(1) Includes outstanding principal amounts at March 31, 2015. This table does not include future commitment fees, interest expense or other fees on our Credit Facility and Water Facility because they are floating rate instruments and we cannot determine with accuracy the timing of future loan advances, repayments, or future interest rates to be charged.

(2) Includes the 6.00% notes due 2020, the 5.375% notes due 2021, the 5.125% notes due 2022, and the 5.625% notes due 2023.

(3) Includes contracts for the services of drilling rigs and hydraulic fracturing fleets, which expire at various dates from June 2015 through June 2018. The values in the table represent the gross amounts that we are committed to pay; however, we will record in our financial statements our proportionate share of costs based on our working interest.

(4) Includes firm transportation agreements with various pipelines in order to facilitate the delivery of production to market. These contracts commit us to transport minimum daily natural gas or NGLs volumes at negotiated rates, or pay for any deficiencies at specified reservation fee rates. The amounts in this table represent our minimum daily volumes at the reservation fee rate. The values in the table represent the gross amounts that we are committed to pay; however, we will record in our financial statements our proportionate share of costs based on our working interest.



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- (5) Contractual commitments for gas processing, gathering and compression services agreements represent minimum commitments under long-term agreements. The values in the table represent the gross amounts that we are committed to pay; however, we will record in our financial statements our proportionate share of costs based on our working interest.
- (6) Represents the present value of our estimated asset retirement obligations. Neither the ultimate settlement amounts nor the timing of our asset retirement obligations can be precisely determined in advance; however, we believe it is likely that a very small amount of these obligations will be settled within the next five years.

Non-GAAP Financial Measure

“Adjusted EBITDAX” is a non-GAAP financial measure that we define as net income (loss) before interest expense, interest income, derivative fair value gains or losses (excluding net cash receipts or payments on derivative instruments included in derivative fair value gains or losses), taxes, impairments, depletion, depreciation, amortization, exploration expense, franchise taxes, equity-based compensation, loss on early extinguishment of debt, contract termination and rig stacking costs, and gain or loss on sale of assets. Adjusted EBITDAX also excludes net income attributable to noncontrolling interests. “Adjusted EBITDAX,” as used and defined by us, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other companies and is not a measure of performance calculated in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDAX should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for operating income, net income or loss, cash flows provided by operating, investing, and financing activities, or other income or cash flow statement data prepared in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDAX provides no information regarding a company’s capital structure, borrowings, interest costs, capital expenditures, and working capital movement or tax position. Adjusted EBITDAX does not represent funds available for discretionary use because those funds may be required for debt service, capital expenditures, working capital, income taxes, franchise taxes, exploration expenses, and other commitments and obligations. However, our management team believes Adjusted EBITDAX is useful to an investor in evaluating our financial performance because this measure:

- is widely used by investors in the oil and natural gas industry to measure a company’s operating performance without regard to items excluded from the calculation of such term, which can vary substantially from company to company depending upon accounting methods and book value of assets, capital structure and the method by which assets were acquired, among other factors;
- helps investors to more meaningfully evaluate and compare the results of our operations from period to period by removing the effect of our capital structure from our operating structure; and
- is used by our management team for various purposes, including as a measure of operating performance, in presentations to our board of directors, as a basis for strategic planning and forecasting, and by our lenders pursuant to covenants under our revolving credit facility and the indentures governing our senior notes.

There are significant limitations to using Adjusted EBITDAX as a measure of performance, including the inability to analyze the effects of certain recurring and non-recurring items that materially affect our net income or loss, the lack of comparability of results of operations of different companies, and the different methods of calculating Adjusted EBITDAX reported by different companies. The following table represents a reconciliation of our net income (loss) from continuing operations to Adjusted EBITDAX from continuing operations, a reconciliation of our net income from discontinued operations to Adjusted EBITDAX from discontinued operations, and a reconciliation of our total Adjusted EBITDAX to net cash provided by operating activities per our consolidated statements of cash flows, in each case, for the periods presented:

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(in thousands)	Three months ended	
	March 31, 2014	2015
Net income (loss) including noncontrolling interest	\$ (94,759)	399,171
Commodity derivative fair value (gains) losses(1)	248,929	(759,554)
Net cash receipts (payments) on settled derivative instruments(1)	(1,071)	184,840
Interest expense	31,342	53,185
Income tax expense (benefit)	(40,662)	247,338
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion	91,508	182,700
Impairment of unproved properties	1,397	8,577
Exploration expense	6,997	1,371
Equity-based compensation expense	29,137	27,783
State franchise taxes	838	235
Contract termination and rig stacking	—	8,965
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDAX	273,656	354,611
Interest expense	(31,342)	(53,185)
Exploration expense	(6,997)	(1,371)
Changes in current assets and liabilities	36,646	58,937
State franchise taxes	(838)	(235)
Other noncash items	3,182	(7,363)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 274,307	351,394

(1) The adjustments for the derivative fair value (gains) losses and net cash received on settled commodity derivative instruments have the effect of adjusting net income (loss) from operations for changes in the fair value of unsettled derivative instruments, which are recognized at the end of each accounting period. As a result, commodity derivative gains and losses are reflected on a cash basis in the calculation of Adjusted EBITDAX for derivatives which settled during the period.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of our financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Certain accounting policies involve judgments and uncertainties to such an extent that there is reasonable likelihood that materially different amounts could have been reported under different conditions, or if different assumptions had been used. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on a regular basis. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates and assumptions used in preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Our more significant accounting policies and estimates include the successful efforts method of accounting for oil and gas production activities, estimates of natural gas and oil reserve quantities and standardized measures of future cash flows, and impairment of unproved properties. We provide an expanded discussion of our more significant accounting policies, estimates and judgments in our 2014 Form 10-K. We believe these accounting

policies reflect our more significant estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Also, see note 2 of the notes to our audited consolidated financial statements, included in our 2014 Form 10-K, for a discussion of additional accounting policies and estimates made by management.

#### New Accounting Pronouncements

On May 28, 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective. The new standard becomes effective for the Company on January 1, 2017. Early application is not permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. The Company has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its ongoing financial reporting.

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On April 7, 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, Interest–Imputation of Interest, which requires debt issuance costs to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the associated debt liability. The new standard becomes effective for the Company on January 1, 2016. The Company does not believe that this standard will have a material impact on its ongoing financial reporting upon adoption.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of March 31, 2015, we did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements other than operating leases and contractual commitments for drilling rigs, hydraulic fracturing services, firm transportation, gas processing, and gathering and compression services. See “—Debt Agreements and Contractual Obligations—Contractual Obligations” for commitments under operating leases, drilling rig and hydraulic fracturing service agreements, firm transportation, gas processing, and gathering and compression service agreements.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

The primary objective of the following information is to provide forward-looking quantitative and qualitative information about our potential exposure to market risk. The term “market risk” refers to the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in natural gas, NGLs, and oil prices, and interest rates. The disclosures are not meant to be precise indicators of expected future losses, but rather indicators of reasonably possible losses. This forward-looking information provides indicators of how we view and manage our ongoing market risk exposures. All of our market risk sensitive instruments were entered into for hedging purposes, rather than for speculative trading.

Commodity Hedging Activities

Our primary market risk exposure is in the price we receive for our natural gas, NGLs, and oil production. Realized pricing is primarily driven by spot regional market prices applicable to our U.S. natural gas production and the prevailing worldwide price for crude oil. Pricing for natural gas, NGLs, and oil production has been volatile and unpredictable for several years, and we expect this volatility to continue in the future. The prices we receive for production depend on many factors outside of our control, including volatility in the differences between product prices at sales points and the applicable index price.

To mitigate some of the potential negative impact on our cash flow caused by changes in commodity prices, we enter into financial commodity swap contracts to receive fixed prices for a portion of our natural gas, NGLs, and oil production when management believes that favorable future prices can be secured. We hedge part of our natural gas production at fixed prices for our sales points to mitigate the risk of differentials to the sales point prices. Part of our production is also hedged at New York Mercantile Exchange prices.

Our financial hedging activities are intended to support natural gas, NGLs, and oil prices at targeted levels and to manage our exposure to natural gas, NGLs, and oil price fluctuations. The counterparty is required to make a payment to us for the difference between the fixed price and the settlement price if the settlement price is below the fixed price. We are required to make a payment to the counterparty for the difference between the fixed price and the settlement price if the fixed price is below the settlement price. These contracts may include financial commodity price swaps whereby we receive a fixed price for our production and pay a variable market price to the contract counterparty, cashless price collars that set a floor and ceiling price for the hedged production, or basis differential swaps. If the applicable monthly price indices are outside of the ranges set by the floor and ceiling prices in the various collars, we and the counterparty to the collars would be required to settle the difference. The Company was not party to any collars as of, or during the three months ended, March 31, 2015.

At March 31, 2015, we had in place natural gas, NGLs, and oil swaps covering portions of our projected production from 2015 through 2020. Our commodity hedge position as of March 31, 2015 is summarized in note 7 to our condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere herein. Our financial hedging activities are intended to support natural gas, NGLs, and oil prices at targeted levels and to manage our exposure to price fluctuations. The Credit Facility allows us to hedge up to 75% of our projected production for the next five years, and 65% of our subsequent estimated proved reserves through December 31, 2021. Based on our production and our fixed price swap contracts in place during the three months ended March 31, 2015, our income before taxes would have decreased by approximately \$2 million for each \$0.10 decrease per MMBtu in natural gas prices and \$1.00 decrease per Bbl in oil and NGLs prices.

All derivative instruments, other than those that meet the normal purchase and normal sales exception, are recorded at fair market value in accordance with U.S. GAAP and are included in our consolidated balance sheets as assets or liabilities. The fair values of our derivative instruments are adjusted for non-performance risk. Because we do not designate these derivatives as accounting hedges, they do not receive hedge accounting treatment; and all mark-to-market gains or losses, as well as cash receipts or payments on settled derivative instruments, are recognized in our statements of operations. We present total gains or losses on commodity derivatives (both cash-settled derivatives and derivative positions which remain open) in our operating revenues as “Commodity derivative fair value gains (losses).”

Mark-to-market adjustments of derivative instruments cause earnings volatility but have no cash flow impact relative to changes in market prices until the derivative contracts are settled. We expect continued volatility in the fair value of our derivative instruments. Our cash flows are only impacted when the associated derivative instrument contracts are settled by making or receiving payments to or from the counterparty. At March 31, 2015, the estimated fair value of our commodity derivative instruments was a net

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asset of \$2.2 billion comprised of current and noncurrent assets. At December 31, 2014, the estimated fair value of our commodity derivative instruments was a net asset of \$1.6 billion comprised of current and noncurrent assets.

By removing price volatility from a portion of our expected production through December 2020, we have mitigated, but not eliminated, the potential effects of changing prices on our operating cash flows in future periods. While mitigating negative effects of falling commodity prices, these derivative contracts also limit the benefits we would receive from increases in commodity prices above the fixed hedge prices.

## Counterparty and Customer Credit Risk

Our principal exposures to credit risk are through receivables resulting from commodity derivatives contracts (\$2.2 billion at March 31, 2015), the sale of our oil and gas production (\$166 million at March 31, 2015) which we market to energy companies, and joint interest receivables (\$118 million at March 31, 2015).

By using derivative instruments that are not traded on an exchange to hedge exposures to changes in commodity prices, we expose ourselves to the credit risk of our counterparties. Credit risk is the potential failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty is expected to owe us, which creates credit risk. To minimize the credit risk in derivative instruments, it is our policy to enter into derivative contracts only with counterparties that are creditworthy financial institutions which management deems to be competent and competitive market makers. The creditworthiness of our counterparties is subject to periodic review. We have economic hedges in place with twelve different counterparties, all of which are lenders under our Credit Facility. The fair value of our commodity derivative contracts of approximately \$2.2 billion at March 31, 2015 includes the following values by bank counterparty: Citigroup - \$406 million; Barclays - \$388 million; JP Morgan - \$354 million; Credit Suisse - \$313 million; Wells Fargo - \$258 million; BNP Paribas - \$217 million; Scotiabank - \$131 million; Toronto Dominion - \$49 million; Fifth Third - \$37 million; Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce - \$7 million; Bank of Montreal - \$4 million; and Morgan Stanley - \$3 million. In April 2015, the derivative contracts with Credit Suisse were novated and the obligation under the contracts was assumed by Citigroup. The credit ratings of certain of these banks were downgraded in recent years because of the sovereign debt crisis in Europe. The estimated fair value of our commodity derivative assets has been risk adjusted using a discount rate based upon the respective published credit default swap rates (if available, or if not available, a discount rate based on the applicable Reuters bond rating) at March 31, 2015 for each of the European and American banks. We believe that all of these institutions currently are acceptable credit risks. Other than as provided by our Credit Facility, we are not required to provide credit support or collateral to any of our counterparties under our derivative contracts, nor are they required to provide credit support to us. As of March 31, 2015, we did not have any past-due receivables from, or payables to, any of the counterparties to our derivative contracts.

We are also subject to credit risk due to the concentration of our receivables from several significant customers for sales of natural gas, NGLs, and oil. We generally do not require our customers to post collateral. The inability or failure of our significant customers to meet their obligations to us, or their insolvency or liquidation, may adversely



affect our financial results.

Joint interest receivables arise from billing entities who own partial interests in the wells we operate. These entities participate in our wells primarily based on their ownership in leased properties on which we drill. We have minimal control over deciding who participates in our wells.

#### Interest Rate Risks

Our primary exposure to interest rate risk results from outstanding borrowings under our Credit Facility and Water Facility, and the Midstream Facility of our subsidiary, Antero Midstream. Each of these credit facilities has a floating interest rate. The average annual interest rate incurred on this indebtedness during the three months ended March 31, 2015 was approximately 2.18%. A 1.0% increase in each of the applicable average interest rates for the three months ended March 31, 2015 would have resulted in an estimated \$4.1 million increase in interest expense.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), we have evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC. Based upon that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2015 at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the three months ended March 31, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

In March 2011, we received orders for compliance from federal regulatory agencies, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the “EPA”) relating to certain of our activities in West Virginia. The orders allege that certain of our operations at several well sites are in non-compliance with certain environmental regulations, such as unpermitted discharges of fill material into wetlands or waters of the United States that are potentially in violation of the Clean Water Act. We have responded to all pending orders and are actively cooperating with the relevant agencies. No fine or penalty relating to these matters has been proposed at this time, but we believe that these actions will result in monetary sanctions exceeding \$100,000. We are unable to estimate the total amount of such monetary sanctions or costs to remediate these locations in order to bring them into compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations. We have not, however, been required to suspend our operations at these locations to date, and management does not expect these matters to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

We have been named in separate lawsuits in Colorado, West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania in which the plaintiffs have alleged that our oil and natural gas activities exposed them to hazardous substances and damaged their properties and their persons. The plaintiffs have requested unspecified damages and other injunctive or equitable relief. The Company denies any such allegations and intends to vigorously defend itself against these actions. We are unable to estimate the amount of monetary damages, if any, that might result from these claims.

The Company is the subject of two nearly identical lawsuits brought by South Jersey Gas Company and South Jersey Resources Group, LLC (collectively “SJGC”) filed on February 4, 2015 in the Superior Court of New Jersey. The lawsuits have since been consolidated into one case. SJGC are purchasers of some of the Company’s natural gas production under contracts entered into in 2011. Deliveries under the contracts began in October 2011 and the delivery obligation continues through October 2019. SJGC allege that the index prices specified in the contracts, and the index prices at which SJGC paid for deliveries from 2011 through September 2014, are no longer appropriate under the contracts because a market disruption event (as defined by the contract) has occurred and, as a result, a new index price is to be determined by the parties. The lawsuit seeks a reformation of the contracts, compensatory and punitive damages to be determined at trial, and costs and expenses of the actions. Beginning in October 2014, SJGC began paying the Company under indexes unilaterally selected by SJGC and not specified in the contract. The Company contends that no market disruption event has occurred and that SJGC has breached the contracts by failing to pay the Company based on the express price terms of the contracts. The Company further contends that jurisdiction and venue are improper in New Jersey. On March 30, 2015, the Company filed suit against SJGC in United States District Court in Colorado seeking relief for breach of contract, damages in the amounts that SJGC has short paid and continues to short pay, as well as costs of the suit. Through March 31, 2015, the Company estimates that it is owed approximately \$14.3 million more than SJGC has paid using the indexes unilaterally selected by them.

We are party to various other legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of our business. We believe that certain of these matters will be covered by insurance and that the outcome of other matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, or liquidity.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

We are subject to certain risks and hazards due to the nature of the business activities we conduct. For a discussion of these risks, see “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our 2014 Form 10-K. The risks described in our 2014 Form 10-K could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, cash flows, and results of operations. There have been no material changes to the risks described in our 2014 Form 10-K. We may experience additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us; or, as a result of developments occurring in the future, conditions that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, cash flows, and results of operations.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table sets forth our share repurchase activity for each period presented:

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Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plan
January 1, 2015 - January 31, 2015	1,020	\$ 35.18	—	N/A
February 1, 2015 - February 28, 2015	—	\$ —	—	N/A
March 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015	—	\$ —	—	N/A

Shares purchased represent shares of our common stock transferred to us in order to satisfy tax withholding obligations incurred upon the vesting of restricted stock and restricted stock units held by our employees.

## Item 5. Other Information.

## Disclosure pursuant to Section 13(r) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Pursuant to Section 13(r) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we, Antero Resources Corporation, may be required to disclose in our annual and quarterly reports to the SEC, whether we or any of our “affiliates” knowingly engaged in certain activities, transactions or dealings relating to Iran or with certain individuals or entities targeted by US economic sanctions. Disclosure is generally required even where the activities, transactions or dealings were conducted in compliance with applicable law. Because the SEC defines the term “affiliate” broadly, it includes any entity under common “control” with us (and the term “control” is also construed broadly by the SEC).

The description of the activities below has been provided to us by Warburg Pincus LLC (“WP”), affiliates of which: (i) beneficially own more than 10% of our outstanding common stock and/or are members of our board of directors and (ii) beneficially own more than 10% of the equity interests of, and have the right to designate members of the board of directors of Santander Asset Management Investment Holdings Limited (“SAMIH”). SAMIH may therefore be deemed to be under common “control” with us; however, this statement is not meant to be an admission that common control exists.

The disclosure below relates solely to activities conducted by SAMIH and its non-U.S. affiliates that may be deemed to be under common “control” with us. The disclosure does not relate to any activities conducted by us or by WP and does not involve our or WP’s management. Neither we nor WP has had any involvement in or control over the disclosed activities of SAMIH, and neither we nor WP has independently verified or participated in the preparation of

the disclosures. Neither we nor WP is representing to the accuracy or completeness of the disclosures nor do we or WP undertake any obligation to correct or update them.

We understand that SAMIH's affiliates intend to disclose in their next annual or quarterly SEC report that "Santander UK holds frozen savings and current accounts for two customers resident in the U.K. who are currently designated by the U.S. for terrorism. The accounts held by each customer were blocked after the customer's designation and remained blocked and dormant throughout the first quarter of 2015. No revenue has been generated by Santander UK on these accounts."

"An Iranian national, resident in the U.K., who is currently designated by the U.S. under the Iranian Financial Sanctions Regulations and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators Sanctions Regulations ("NPWMD sanctions program"), holds a mortgage with Santander UK that was issued prior to any such designation. No further drawdown has been made (or would be permitted) under this mortgage although Santander UK continues to receive repayment installments. In the first quarter of 2015, total revenue in connection with the mortgage was approximately £800 and net profits were negligible relative to the overall profits of Santander UK. Santander UK does not intend to enter into any new relationships with this customer, and any disbursements will only be made in accordance with applicable sanctions. The same Iranian national also holds two investment accounts with Santander Asset Management UK Limited. The accounts have remained frozen during quarter one of 2015. The investment returns are being automatically reinvested, and no disbursements have been made to the customer. Total revenue for the Santander Group in connection with the investment accounts was approximately £70 and net profits in the first quarter of 2015 were negligible relative to the overall profits of Banco Santander, S.A."

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Item 6.Exhibits.

The exhibits required to be filed pursuant to the requirements of Item 601 of Regulation S-K are set forth in the Exhibit Index accompanying this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and are incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURES

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

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

By: /s/ GLEN C. WARREN, JR.  
Glen C. Warren, Jr.  
President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

Date: April 29, 2015



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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Antero Resources Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File No. 001-36120) filed on October 17, 2013).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Antero Resources Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File No. 001-36120) filed on October 17, 2013).
4.1	Second Supplemental Indenture related to the 5.125% Senior Notes due 2022, dated as of January 21, 2015, by and among Antero Resources Corporation, the several guarantors named therein and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to Registration Statement Report on Form S-4 (Commission File No. 333-200605) filed on January 22, 2015).
4.2	Indenture related to the 5.625% Senior Notes due 2023, dated as of March 17, 2015, by and among Antero Resources Corporation, the several guarantors named therein and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File No. 001-36120) filed on March 18, 2015).
4.3	Form of 5.625% Senior Note due 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File No. 333-164876) filed on March 18, 2015).
4.4	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 17, 2015, by and among Antero Resources Corporation, the subsidiary guarantors named therein and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC as representative of the initial purchasers named therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File No. 001-36120) filed on March 18, 2015).
10.1	Sixteenth Amendment to Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of February 17, 2015, by and among Antero Resources Corporation, as Borrower, certain subsidiaries of the Borrower, as Guarantors, the Lenders party thereto, and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File No. 001-36120) filed on February 17, 2015).
10.2	Sixth Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of February 17, 2015, by and among Antero Water LLC, as Borrower, certain subsidiaries of the Borrower, as Guarantors, the Lenders party thereto, and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File No. 001-36120) filed on February 17, 2015).
31.1*	Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 7241).
31.2*	Certification of the Company's Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 7241).
32.1*	Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350).
32.2*	Certification of the Company's Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350).
101*	The following financial information from this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Antero Resources Corporation for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of

Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss), (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Equity, (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text.

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The exhibits marked with the asterisk symbol (\*) are filed or furnished with this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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