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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 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: 1-35365

ROSE ROCK MIDSTREAM, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

45-2934823
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

Two Warren Place
6120 S. Yale Avenue, Suite 700
Tulsa, OK 74136-4216
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(918) 524-7700
(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. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

At October 31, 2015 , there were 36,794,178 common units outstanding.

Rose Rock Midstream, L.P.

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Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters contained in this Form 10-Q include "forward-looking statements". All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this Form 10-Q regarding the prospects of our industry, our anticipated financial performance, management's plans and objectives for future operations, business prospects, outcome of regulatory proceedings, market conditions, and other matters, may constitute forward-looking statements. In addition, forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "may," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "foresee," "project," "anticipate," "believe," "plans," "forecasts," "continue" or "could" or the negative of these terms or variations of them or similar terms. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that these expectations will prove to be correct. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain known and unknown risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in these forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause actual results to differ include, but are not limited to, those discussed in Item 1A of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, entitled "Risk Factors," risk factors discussed in other reports that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and the following:

- Insufficient cash from operations following the establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses to pay the minimum quarterly distribution;
- Any sustained reduction in demand for, or supply of, crude oil in markets served by our midstream assets;
- Our ability to obtain new sources of supply of crude oil;
- The amount of collateral required to be posted from time to time in our purchase, sale or derivative transactions;
- Competition from other midstream energy companies;
- Our ability to comply with the covenants contained in our credit facility and the indentures governing our senior notes, including requirements under our credit facility to maintain certain financial ratios;
- Our ability to access the debt and equity markets, which will depend on general market conditions and the credit ratings for our debt obligations and equity;
- Our ability to renew or replace expiring storage, transportation and related contracts;
- The loss of, or a material nonpayment or nonperformance by, any of our key customers;
- The overall forward market for crude oil;
- The possibility that our hedging activities may result in losses or may have a negative impact on our financial results;
- Weather and other natural phenomena;
- A cyber attack involving our information systems and related infrastructure, or that of our business associates;
- Hazards or operating risks incidental to the gathering, transporting or storing of crude oil;
- Changes in laws and regulations and our failure to comply with new or existing laws or regulations, particularly with regard to taxes, safety and protection of the environment;
- The possibility that the construction or acquisition of new assets may not result in the corresponding anticipated revenue increases; and
- General economic, market and business conditions.

New factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all such factors, or the extent to which any such factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-Q, which reflect management's opinions only as of the date hereof. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to revise or publicly release the results of any revision to any forward-looking statements.

Investors and others should note that we announce material company information using our investor relations website (www.rrmidstream.com), SEC filings, press releases, public conference calls and webcasts. We use these channels, as well as social media, to communicate with our investors and the public about our company, our businesses and our results of operations. The information we post on social media could be deemed to be material information. Therefore, we encourage

investors, the media and others interested in our company to review the information we post on the social media channels listed on our investor relations website.

As used in this Form 10-Q, and unless the context indicates otherwise, the term(s) (i) the "Partnership," "Rose Rock," "we," "our," "us" or like terms, refer to Rose Rock Midstream, L.P., its subsidiaries and its predecessor; (ii) "SemGroup" refers to SemGroup Corporation (NYSE: SEMG), and its subsidiaries and affiliates, other than our general partner and us; (iii) "Rose Rock GP" or our "general partner" refer to Rose Rock Midstream GP, LLC; and (iv) "unitholders" refer to our common and subordinated unitholders, and not our general partner.

PART 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Item 1. Financial Statements

ROSE ROCK MIDSTREAM, L.P.
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands, except unit amounts)

	(Unaudited) September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,011	\$ 3,625
Accounts receivable	242,910	224,881
Receivable from affiliates	7,924	15,485
Inventories	49,048	26,722
Other current assets	4,752	4,056
Total current assets	348,645	274,769
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$113,089 and \$82,646 at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively)	425,820	396,066
Equity method investments	430,168	269,635
Goodwill	36,116	36,116
Other intangible assets (net of accumulated amortization of \$1,175 and \$370 at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively)	15,835	16,640
Other noncurrent assets, net	16,911	13,037
Total assets	\$ 1,273,495	\$ 1,006,263
<u>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 225,295	\$ 211,300
Payable to affiliates	16,445	27,909
Accrued liabilities	24,692	23,282
Other current liabilities	4,020	3,191
Total current liabilities	270,452	265,682
Long-term debt	744,468	432,092
Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)		
Partners' capital:		
Common units – public (16,089,760 and 13,765,451 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively)	92,840	69,929
Common units – SemGroup (20,704,418 and 6,814,709 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively)	155,258	155,367
Subordinated units – SemGroup (0 and 8,389,709 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively)	—	(60,760)
Class A units - SemGroup (0 and 3,750,000 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively)	—	76,321
General partner	10,477	67,632
Total partners' capital	258,575	308,489
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$ 1,273,495	\$ 1,006,263

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

ROSE ROCK MIDSTREAM, L.P.
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income
(In thousands, except per unit data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Revenues, including revenues from affiliates (Note 9):				
Product	\$ 211,881	\$ 346,496	\$ 511,973	\$ 879,873
Service	29,205	30,360	87,109	81,653
Total revenues	241,086	376,856	599,082	961,526
Expenses, including expenses from affiliates (Note 9):				
Costs of products sold, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	195,244	333,646	464,614	843,928
Operating	19,081	22,130	63,688	54,783
General and administrative	4,339	4,444	16,288	14,382
Depreciation and amortization	10,634	8,395	31,385	27,153
Total expenses	229,298	368,615	575,975	940,246
Earnings from equity method investments	17,115	16,289	55,662	39,660
Operating income	28,903	24,530	78,769	60,940
Other expenses, net:				
Interest expense	12,491	8,010	30,694	13,127
Other income	(9)	—	(14)	(21)
Total other expenses, net	12,482	8,010	30,680	13,106
Net income	16,421	16,520	48,089	47,834
Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	7,758
Net income attributable to Rose Rock Midstream, L.P.	\$ 16,421	\$ 16,520	\$ 48,089	\$ 40,076
Net income allocated to general partner	\$ 5,658	\$ 2,193	\$ 15,723	\$ 4,065
Net income allocated to common unitholders	\$ 10,763	\$ 10,370	\$ 32,366	\$ 25,989
Net income allocated to subordinated unitholders	\$ —	\$ 4,226	\$ —	\$ 11,086
Net loss allocated to Class A unitholders	\$ —	\$ (269)	\$ —	\$ (1,064)
Net income (loss) per limited partner unit:				
Common unit (basic)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.37
Common unit (diluted)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.89	\$ 1.36
Subordinated unit (basic and diluted)	\$ —	\$ 0.50	\$ —	\$ 1.32
Class A unit (basic and diluted)	\$ —	\$ (0.07)	\$ —	\$ (0.36)
Basic weighted average number of limited partner units outstanding:				
Common units	36,792	20,574	36,136	19,029
Subordinated units	—	8,390	—	8,390
Class A units	—	3,750	—	2,953
Diluted weighted average number of limited partner units outstanding:				
Common units	36,831	20,646	36,179	19,088
Subordinated units	—	8,390	—	8,390
Class A units	—	3,750	—	2,953

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ROSE ROCK MIDSTREAM, L.P.
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 48,089	\$ 47,834
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	31,385	27,153
Loss on disposal of long-lived assets, net	157	230
Amortization of debt issuance costs	2,037	1,003
Inventory valuation adjustment	1,235	—
Non-cash equity compensation	1,013	705
Net unrealized gain related to derivative instruments	(3,430)	(656)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of acquisitions:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(18,029)	(74,196)
Decrease (increase) in receivable from affiliates	7,561	20,456
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(23,561)	(18,208)
Decrease (increase) in other current assets	2,599	(2,743)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14,594	76,480
Increase (decrease) in payable to affiliates	(11,348)	(31,788)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>52,302</u>	<u>46,270</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(59,161)	(39,725)
Proceeds from sale of long-lived assets	170	718
Contributions to equity method investments	(34,059)	(54,527)
Acquisitions	(205,071)	(133,993)
Distributions from equity investments in excess of equity in earnings	19,564	5,421
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(278,557)</u>	<u>(222,106)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Debt issuance costs	(5,688)	(8,577)
Borrowings on revolving credit facility and issuance of senior unsecured notes, net of discount	676,208	783,415
Principal payments on revolving credit facility	(364,000)	(555,415)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(37)	(28)
Proceeds from common L.P. unit issuance, net of offering costs	89,119	—
Contribution from general partner	—	13,574
Cash consideration in excess of historical cost of acquisitions from SemGroup	(46,264)	(24,413)
Cash distributions to partners	(82,697)	(43,462)
Cash distributions to noncontrolling interests	—	(10,683)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	—	14,367
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>266,641</u>	<u>168,778</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	40,386	(7,058)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,625	15,437
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 44,011</u>	<u>\$ 8,379</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

1. OVERVIEW

Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership. The general partner of Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. is Rose Rock Midstream GP, LLC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SemGroup Corporation. SemGroup Corporation is a Delaware corporation headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma that provides diversified midstream services to the energy industry.

The terms "we," "our," "us," "Rose Rock," the "Partnership" and similar language used in these notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements refer to Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. and its subsidiaries. The term "SemGroup" refers to SemGroup Corporation and its controlled subsidiaries, including Rose Rock Midstream GP, LLC.

Basis of presentation

These condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. and its controlled subsidiaries.

Prior period financial information has been recast to reflect the effects of a common control acquisition completed on February 13, 2015. See Note 3 for additional information.

The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2014, which is derived from audited financial statements and the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and the rules and regulations of the SEC. These condensed consolidated financial statements include all normal and recurring adjustments that, in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly the financial position of the Partnership and the results of its operations and its cash flows. All significant transactions between Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. and its consolidated subsidiaries have been eliminated.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Although management believes these estimates are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from these estimates. The results of operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2015.

Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all of the information and notes normally included with financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Certain reclassifications have been made to conform previously reported balances to the current presentation. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2014, which are included in our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on May 11, 2015.

Our significant accounting policies are consistent with those described in Note 2 of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, which are included in our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on May 11, 2015.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2015-11, "Inventory (Topic 330): Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory," which requires that inventory within the scope of the guidance be measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value rather than the lower of cost or market. The standard will be effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The new guidance shall be applied prospectively and early adoption is permitted. We will adopt this guidance in the first quarter of 2017. The impact is not expected to be material.

On April 30, 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-06, "Effects on Historical Earnings per Unit of Master Limited Partnership Dropdown Transactions (a Consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force)," which requires a master limited partnership ("MLP") to allocate earnings (losses) of the transferred business entirely to the general partner when calculating earnings per unit ("EPU") for periods before the dropdown transaction occurred. The EPU that the limited partners previously reported would not change as a result of the dropdown transaction. The ASU also requires an MLP to disclose how the rights to the earnings (losses) differ before and after the dropdown transaction occurs for purposes of computing EPU under the two-class method. The standard will be effective for U.S. public companies for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, and early adoption is permitted. The new guidance shall be applied

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1. OVERVIEW, Continued

on a retrospective basis for all periods presented. We early adopted this guidance in the first quarter of 2015 and the impact was not material.

On April 7, 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, "Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs," which is designed to simplify presentation of debt issuance costs. The standard requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The standard will be effective for U.S. public companies for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. The new guidance shall be applied on a retrospective basis for all periods presented. We will adopt this guidance in the first quarter of 2016. The impact is not expected to be material.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers," which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). The core principle of ASU 2014-09 is to recognize revenues when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled for those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 defines a five step process to achieve this core principle and, in doing so, more judgment and estimates may be required within the revenue recognition process than are required under existing U.S. GAAP.

The standard permits using either of the following transition methods: (i) a full retrospective approach reflecting the application of the standard in each prior reporting period with the option to elect certain practical expedients, or (ii) a retrospective approach with the cumulative effect of initially adopting ASU 2014-09 recognized at the date of adoption (which includes additional footnote disclosures). In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14 which deferred the effective date of ASU 2014-09 by one year. We are currently evaluating the impact of our pending adoption of ASU 2014-09 on our consolidated financial statements and have not yet determined the method by which we will adopt the standard. We will adopt this guidance in the first quarter of 2018.

2. EQUITY METHOD INVESTMENTS

Under the equity method, we do not report the individual assets and liabilities of our investees. Instead, our membership interests are reflected in one line as a noncurrent asset on our condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Our equity method investments consist of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
White Cliffs Pipeline, L.L.C.	\$ 287,090	\$ 269,635
Glass Mountain Pipeline, LLC	143,078	—
Total equity method investments	<u>\$ 430,168</u>	<u>\$ 269,635</u>

Our earnings from equity method investments consist of the following (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
White Cliffs Pipeline, L.L.C.	\$ 16,047	\$ 16,289	\$ 50,682	\$ 39,660
Glass Mountain Pipeline, LLC	1,068	—	4,980	—
Total earnings from equity method investments	<u>\$ 17,115</u>	<u>\$ 16,289</u>	<u>\$ 55,662</u>	<u>\$ 39,660</u>

Cash distributions received from equity method investments consist of the following (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
White Cliffs Pipeline, L.L.C.	\$ 20,631	\$ 17,029	\$ 65,336	\$ 45,081
Glass Mountain Pipeline, LLC	2,971	—	9,891	—
Total cash distributions received from equity method investments	<u>\$ 23,602</u>	<u>\$ 17,029</u>	<u>\$ 75,227</u>	<u>\$ 45,081</u>

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2. EQUITY METHOD INVESTMENTS, Continued

White Cliffs Pipeline, L.L.C.

Certain unaudited summarized income statement information of White Cliffs Pipeline, L.L.C. ("White Cliffs") for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 is shown below (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Revenues	\$ 49,027	\$ 42,211	\$ 152,150	\$ 110,018
Operating, general and administrative expenses	\$ 8,446	\$ 4,055	\$ 25,844	\$ 16,362
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$ 8,746	\$ 5,807	\$ 25,871	\$ 14,737
Net income	\$ 31,835	\$ 32,349	\$ 100,428	\$ 78,919

Our equity in earnings of White Cliffs for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 is less than 51% of the net income of White Cliffs for the same periods. This is due to certain general and administrative expenses incurred in managing the operations of White Cliffs that the other owners are not obligated to share. Such expenses are recorded by White Cliffs and are allocated to our ownership interest. White Cliffs recorded \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million of such general and administrative expense for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. White Cliffs recorded \$1.1 million and \$1.2 million of such general and administrative expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The members of White Cliffs are required to contribute capital to White Cliffs to fund various projects. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we contributed \$31.0 million to these projects, including \$22.7 million of contributions for an expansion project adding approximately 65,000 barrels per day of capacity. Remaining contributions related to the expansion project will be paid in 2015 and 2016 and are expected to total approximately \$14.0 million. The project is expected to be completed during the first half of 2016.

Glass Mountain Pipeline, LLC

Certain summarized unaudited income statement information of Glass Mountain Pipeline, LLC ("Glass Mountain") for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015 is shown below (in thousands):

	Three Months	Nine Months
	Ended September 30, 2015	Ended September 30, 2015
Revenues	\$ 8,348	\$ 29,257
Cost of sales	\$ 253	\$ 2,235
Operating, general and administrative expenses	\$ 1,950	\$ 4,861
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$ 3,903	\$ 11,879
Net income	\$ 2,242	\$ 10,278

Our equity in earnings of Glass Mountain for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015 is less than 50% of the net income of Glass Mountain for the same period due to amortization of capitalized interest for the period.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we contributed \$2.0 million to Glass Mountain related to capital projects.

3. ACQUISITIONS

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we completed the following acquisition:

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3. ACQUISITIONS, Continued

- On February 13, 2015, we acquired the Wattenberg Oil Trunkline ("WOT") and Glass Mountain Holding, LLC, which owns a 50% interest in Glass Mountain, from SemGroup in exchange for (i) cash of approximately \$251.2 million, (ii) the issuance of 1.75 million common units, and (iii) an increase of the capital account of our general partner and a related issuance of general partner interest, to allow our general partner to maintain its 2% general partner interest in us. The WOT is a 75 -mile, 12 -inch diameter crude oil gathering pipeline system that transports crude oil from production facilities in the DJ Basin to White Cliffs' pipeline. It has a capacity of approximately 85,000 barrels per day. Glass Mountain owns a 215 -mile crude oil pipeline in western and north central Oklahoma that is operated by Rose Rock.

The cash consideration was funded through a borrowing under our credit facility and the issuance and sale of common units in an underwritten public offering (Note 7). As the transaction was between entities under common control, we recorded the acquired assets and liabilities based on SemGroup's historical cost. The purchase price in excess of historical cost was treated as an equity transaction with SemGroup, which reduced the partners' capital accounts of our general and limited partners on a pro-rata basis.

The acquisition of WOT created a change in reporting entity, which required our historical results to be recast as if WOT had been part of Rose Rock in prior periods. The historical financial statements have been recast to reflect this change. The impact to prior periods was not significant. Prior period earnings of WOT have been allocated to the general partner.

The acquisition of Glass Mountain Holding, LLC, is equivalent to the acquisition of an equity method investment which does not create a change in reporting entity. As such, prior periods have not been recast to include the historical results of Glass Mountain. The Glass Mountain acquisition is reflected in our results as of January 1, 2015, which was the agreed upon date of transfer between SemGroup and Rose Rock. The difference between accounting for the transfer on January 1, 2015 versus the closing date of the transaction, February 13, 2015, is not significant to our financial results.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, we completed the following acquisitions:

- On June 23, 2014, we acquired the remaining 33% interest in SemCrude Pipeline, L.L.C. ("SCPL") from SemGroup for (i) cash of approximately \$114.4 million, (ii) the issuance of 2.425 million common units, (iii) the issuance of 1.25 million Class A units, and (iv) an increase of the capital account of our general partner and a related issuance of general partner interest, to allow our general partner to maintain its 2% general partner interest in us. SCPL owns a 51% membership interest in White Cliffs. As the transaction was between entities under common control, we recorded our investment in SCPL based on SemGroup's historical cost. The purchase price in excess of historical cost was treated as an equity transaction with SemGroup, which reduced the partners' capital accounts of our general and limited partners on a pro-rata basis.
- On June 24, 2014, we acquired crude oil trucking assets from a subsidiary of Chesapeake Energy Corporation for \$44.0 million in cash.

4. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Commodity derivative contracts

Our results of operations and cash flows are impacted by changes in market prices for petroleum products. This exposure to commodity price risk is managed, in part, by entering into various commodity derivatives.

We seek to manage the price risk associated with our marketing operations by limiting our net open positions through (i) the concurrent purchase and sale of like quantities of crude oil to create back-to-back transactions that are intended to lock in positive margins based on the timing, location or quality of the crude oil purchased and delivered or (ii) derivative contracts. Our storage and transportation assets also can be used to mitigate location and time basis risk. All marketing activities are subject to our Comprehensive Risk Management Policy, which establishes limits in order to manage risk and mitigate financial exposure.

Our commodity derivatives can be comprised of crude oil and natural gas liquids forward contracts and futures contracts. These are defined as follows:

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4. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, Continued

Forward contracts – Over the counter ("OTC") contracts to buy or sell a commodity at an agreed upon future date. The buyer and seller agree on specific terms (price, quantity, delivery period, and location) and conditions at the inception of the contract.

Futures contracts – Exchange traded contracts to buy or sell a commodity. These contracts are standardized by the exchange in terms of quality, quantity, delivery period and location for each commodity.

We record commodity derivative assets and liabilities at fair value at each balance sheet date with the exception of commitments which have been designated as normal purchases and sales. The table below summarizes the balances of these assets and liabilities at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Level 1	Netting*	Total	Level 1	Netting*	Total
Assets	\$ 5,355	\$ (364)	\$ 4,991	\$ 3,198	\$ (1,637)	\$ 1,561
Liabilities	\$ 364	\$ (364)	\$ —	\$ 1,637	\$ (1,637)	\$ —

* Relates primarily to exchange traded futures. Gain and loss positions on multiple contracts are settled net on a daily basis with the exchange.

"Level 1" measurements are based on inputs consisting of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities. These include commodity futures contracts that are traded on an exchange.

"Level 2" measurements are based on inputs consisting of market observable and corroborated prices for similar derivative contracts. Assets and liabilities classified as Level 2 include OTC traded physical fixed priced purchases and sales forward contracts.

"Level 3" measurements are based on inputs from a pricing service and/or internal valuation models incorporating observable and unobservable market data.

Financial assets and liabilities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the measurement requires judgment and may affect the valuation of assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value levels. At September 30, 2015, all of our physical fixed price forward purchases and sales contracts were being accounted for as normal purchases and normal sales.

There were no financial assets or liabilities recorded at fair value which were classified as Level 2 or Level 3 during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. As such, no rollforward of Level 3 activity has been presented.

The following table sets forth the notional quantities for commodity derivative instruments entered into during the periods indicated (in thousands of barrels):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Sales	5,735	1,525	19,187	3,475
Purchases	5,775	1,313	19,188	3,128

We have not designated any of our commodity derivative instruments as accounting hedges. We record the fair value of the derivative instruments on our condensed consolidated balance sheets in other current assets and other current liabilities. The fair value of our commodity derivative assets and liabilities recorded to other current assets and other current liabilities was as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Commodity contracts	\$ 4,991	\$ —	\$ 1,561	\$ —

We have posted margin deposits as collateral with brokers who have the right of set off associated with these funds. Our margin accounts were in a net liability position as of September 30, 2015 of \$2.3 million. At December 31, 2014, our

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margin deposit balance was \$0.8 million. These margin account balances have not been offset against our net commodity derivative instrument (contract) positions. Had these margin account balances been netted against our net commodity derivative instrument (contract) positions as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we would have had net asset positions of \$2.6 million and \$2.4 million, respectively.

Realized and unrealized losses from our commodity derivatives were recorded to product revenue in the following amounts (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Commodity contracts	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,047	\$ 3,190	\$ 1,298

Concentrations of risk

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, two third-party customers accounted for approximately 69% of our consolidated revenue. We purchased approximately \$63.3 million of product from two third-party suppliers, which represented approximately 32% of our costs of products sold.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, two third-party customers accounted for approximately 68% of our consolidated revenue. We purchased approximately \$161.9 million of product from two third-party suppliers, which represented approximately 35% of our costs of products sold.

At September 30, 2015, one third-party customer accounted for 50% of our total accounts receivable.

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

Our long-term debt consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
5.625% senior unsecured notes due 2022	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
5.625% senior unsecured notes due 2023	344,410	—
Revolving credit facility	—	32,000
Capital leases	95	132
Total long-term debt	\$ 744,505	\$ 432,132
Less: current portion of long-term debt	37	40
Noncurrent portion of long-term debt	\$ 744,468	\$ 432,092

Senior unsecured notes due 2022

At September 30, 2015, we had \$400 million of 5.625% senior unsecured notes due 2022 outstanding ("2022 Notes"). Rose Rock and Rose Rock Finance Corporation ("Finance Corp.") are co-issuers of the 2022 Notes. For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, we incurred \$5.9 million and \$5.8 million, respectively, of interest expense related to these notes, including amortization of debt issuance costs. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, we incurred \$17.6 million and \$5.8 million, respectively, of interest expense related to these notes, including amortization of debt issuance costs.

Senior unsecured notes due 2023

On May 14, 2015, Rose Rock and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Finance Corp., as co-issuer, sold \$350 million of 5.625% senior unsecured notes due 2023 (the "2023 Notes") to certain initial purchasers for resale to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and to non-U.S. persons outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S of the Securities Act.

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The 2023 Notes were sold at 98.345% of par, a discount of \$5.8 million. The discount is reported as a reduction to the face value of the 2023 Notes on our condensed consolidated balance sheets and is being amortized over the life of the 2023 Notes using the interest method. At September 30, 2015, the unamortized discount was \$5.6 million.

The net proceeds from the offering of \$337.7 million, after the discount and \$6.5 million of underwriters' fees and offering expenses, were used to repay amounts borrowed under our revolving credit facility and for general partnership purposes.

The 2023 Notes are governed by an indenture between the Partnership, its subsidiary guarantors, Finance Corp. and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee (the "Indenture"). The Indenture includes customary covenants, including limitations on our ability to incur additional indebtedness or issue certain preferred shares; pay dividends and make certain distributions, investments and other restricted payments; create certain liens; sell assets; enter into transactions with affiliates; merge, consolidate, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets; and designate our subsidiaries as unrestricted under the Indenture.

The Indenture includes customary events of default. A default would permit the trustee or holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amounts of the 2023 Notes then outstanding to declare all amounts owing under the 2023 Notes to be due and payable.

The 2023 Notes are effectively subordinated in right of payment to any of our, and the subsidiary guarantors', existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

The Partnership may issue additional notes under the Indenture from time to time, subject to the terms of the Indenture.

Except as described below, the 2023 Notes are not redeemable at the Partnership's option prior to May 15, 2019. From and after May 15, 2019, the Partnership may redeem the 2023 Notes, in whole or in part, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on May 15 of each of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2019	102.813%
2020	101.406%
2021 and thereafter	100.000%

Prior to May 15, 2018, the Partnership may, at its option, on one or more occasions, redeem up to 35% of the sum of the original aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Notes at a redemption price equal to 105.625% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, with the net cash proceeds of one or more equity offerings of the Partnership, or the parent of the Partnership to the extent such net proceeds are contributed to the Partnership, subject to certain conditions.

Prior to May 15, 2019, the Partnership may also redeem all or part of the 2023 Notes at a price equal to the principal plus a premium equal to the greater of 1% of the principal or the excess of the present value of the May 15, 2019 redemption price from the table above plus all required interest payments due through May 15, 2019, computed using a discount rate based on a published United States Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points, over the principal value of such 2023 Note.

In the event of a change of control, the Partnership is required to offer to repurchase the 2023 Notes at an amount equal to 101% of the principal plus accrued and unpaid interest.

The 2023 Notes are also subject to a Registration Rights Agreement which requires the Partnership to file a registration statement with the SEC and to use commercially reasonable efforts to consummate such exchange offer within one year of the settlement date of the 2023 Notes so that holders of the 2023 Notes can exchange the 2023 Notes and related guarantees for registered notes (the "Exchange Notes") and guarantees that have substantially identical terms as the 2023 Notes and related guarantees. The guarantees of the Exchange Notes will be full and unconditional and will constitute the joint and several obligations of the subsidiary guarantors. Failure to meet the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement will require the Partnership to pay incremental interest of 0.25% per annum, increased by an additional 0.25% per annum for each 90-day period for which registration default continues (up to a maximum of 1.0% per annum).

Interest on the 2023 Notes is payable in arrears on May 15th and November 15th to holders of record on May 1st and November 1st each year until maturity.

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For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we incurred \$5.2 million and \$7.9 million, respectively, of interest expense related to these notes, including amortization of debt issuance costs and discount.

Subsidiary Guarantors

The 2022 Notes and the 2023 Notes are guaranteed by all of our existing subsidiaries other than Finance Corp. Such guarantees of the 2022 Notes and the 2023 Notes are full and unconditional and constitute the joint and several obligations of the subsidiary guarantors. Each of the subsidiary guarantors is 100% owned by the Partnership. The Partnership has no assets or operations independent of its subsidiaries and there are no significant restrictions upon the ability of the Partnership, or any of its subsidiaries, to obtain funds from its respective subsidiaries by dividend or loan. None of the assets of the Partnership's subsidiaries represent restricted net assets pursuant to Rule 4-08(e)(3) of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act.

Revolving credit facility

At September 30, 2015, we had no outstanding borrowings on our \$585 million revolving credit facility.

We had \$38.9 million in outstanding letters of credit at September 30, 2015, and the rate per annum was 2.50%.

At September 30, 2015, we had \$25.9 million of secured bilateral letters of credit outstanding. The interest rate in effect was 1.75%. Secured bilateral letters of credit are external to the facility and do not reduce availability for borrowing on our revolving credit facility.

We incurred \$1.4 million and \$2.0 million of interest expense related to this facility during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, including amortization of debt issuance costs. We incurred \$5.6 million and \$6.9 million of interest expense related to this facility during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, including amortization of debt issuance costs.

Fair value

We estimate the fair value of our 2022 Notes and 2023 Notes to be \$352 million and \$310 million, respectively, at September 30, 2015, based on unadjusted, transacted market prices, which are categorized as Level 1 measurements.

6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Bankruptcy matters

On July 22, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), SemGroup, L.P., SemCrude, L.P. ("SemCrude"), the predecessor of Rose Rock, and Eaglwing, L.P. ("Eaglwing") filed petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. While in bankruptcy, SemGroup, L.P. filed a plan of reorganization with the court, which was confirmed on October 28, 2009 (the "Plan of Reorganization"). The Plan of Reorganization determined, among other things, how pre-Petition Date obligations would be settled, the equity structure of the reorganized company upon emergence and the financing arrangements upon emergence. SemGroup, SemCrude, and Eaglwing emerged from bankruptcy protection on November 30, 2009 (the "Emergence Date").

Claims reconciliation process

A large number of parties made claims against SemGroup and the other debtors for obligations alleged to have been incurred prior to the bankruptcy filing. SemGroup has resolved or settled all of these outstanding claims and has made all required distributions. The Plan of Reorganization has therefore been fully administered.

On November 7, 2014, SemGroup Corporation and the other reorganized debtors moved for a final decree from the bankruptcy court closing the debtors' bankruptcy cases. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware granted the request and entered its Order Granting Motion of Remaining Debtors for Entry of Final Decree on December 18, 2014. Accordingly, the bankruptcy cases for SemCrude, L.P., Eaglwing, L.P., SemCanada II, L.P., SemCanada L.P., SemGas, L.P., SemGroup, L.P., SemMaterials, L.P., and SemStream, L.P. have been closed. As part of its decree, the Court retained jurisdiction over certain on-going adversary proceedings, but the debtors have estimated and paid the claims associated with these remaining adversaries, leaving the non-debtor parties to the adversaries to resolve their remaining claims amongst themselves.

On January 2, 2015, Bettina M. Whyte, the duly appointed Trustee of the SemGroup Litigation Trust (the "Litigation Trustee"), filed a notice of appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's December 18, 2014 order closing the aforementioned bankruptcy cases. However, the Bankruptcy Court's order of final decree was effective upon entry, and the appeal does

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not stay the effect of the order. The Litigation Trustee's appeal to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware is currently pending and will be opposed by SemGroup Corporation and the other remaining reorganized debtors.

We are indemnified by SemGroup against any loss in this matter pursuant to the terms of the omnibus agreement with SemGroup.

Environmental

We may, from time to time, experience leaks of petroleum products from our facilities and, as a result of which, we may incur remediation obligations or property damage claims. In addition, we are subject to numerous environmental regulations. Failure to comply with these regulations could result in the assessment of fines or penalties by regulatory authorities.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment ("KDHE") initiated discussions during SemGroup's bankruptcy proceeding regarding five of our sites in Kansas that the KDHE believes, based on their historical use, may have soil or groundwater contamination in excess of state standards. The KDHE sought our agreement to undertake assessments of these sites to determine whether they are contaminated. SemGroup entered into a Consent Agreement and Final Order with the KDHE to conduct environmental assessments on the sites and to pay the KDHE's costs associated with their oversight of this matter. SemGroup has conducted Phase II investigations at all sites. Four of the five sites have limited amounts of soil contamination that will be excavated and/or remediated on site. Three of the five sites appeared to have ground water contamination requiring further delineation and/or on-going monitoring. One site was closed and we anticipate closure in 2015 for one of the remaining four sites. SemGroup does not anticipate any penalties or fines for these historical sites. We are indemnified by SemGroup against any loss in this matter pursuant to the terms of the omnibus agreement with SemGroup.

Dimmit County, TX claims

An employee of Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC was involved in a tractor trailer accident on January 15, 2015 in Dimmit County, Texas. A second accident followed resulting in six fatalities and multiple injuries. At this time, the following lawsuits have been filed in either the District Court of Zavala County, Texas or the District Court of Dimmit County, Texas, Olga D. Rubio and Carlos Rubio, Individually and on Behalf of All Statutory Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Carlos Rubio, Jr., Deceased vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC and Jesus T. Riojas; David Rodriguez and Maribel Rodriguez vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC and Jesus T. Riojas; David Rodriguez and Maribel Rodriguez, Plaintiffs and Alejandra Abigail Ortega, Individually and as next friend of K.A.P., a minor, and as Representative of the Estate of Eduardo Pena, and Julian Pena and Nelva G. Suifuentes Pena Intervenor vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC, Jesus Riojas, and Roberto Rivera; Derek Muhlenbruch vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC and Jesus T. Riojas; and Agustin Lara, Sr., Individually, and Elsa Zamarripa, Individually and As Representative of the Estate of Justin Lara, Deceased vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC and Jesus T. Riojas; Jorge A Porras vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Nancy Garcia vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Veronica Veyro vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Veronica Veyro a/n/f of Sergio Veyro, Jr. vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Veronica Veyro as Rep of Estate of Sergio Veyro Sr., deceased vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Veronica Kimberly Veyro vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Roberto Rivera-Castilla vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Mary Alice Medellin vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Mary Medellin as Rep of Estate of Juan Medellin, Jr. vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Mary Medellin on behalf of those entitled to recover for the Wrongful Death of Juan Medellin, Jr. vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Elizabeth Rolon vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC; Juan Francisco Medellin, III vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC and David Rodriguez and Maribel Rodriguez vs. Rose Rock Midstream Field Services, LLC and Jesus T. Riojas. In August 2015, Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. and SemGroup Corporation were added as Defendants. We are currently working with counsel for the interested parties to investigate the accident, and no determination of liability has been made. Mediation including all parties is scheduled for the first week of November 2015. Trial on all these cases is currently scheduled to begin on February 9, 2016. We will continue to defend our position and believe that any liability that may arise from this incident will be covered by our insurance; however, we cannot predict the outcome.

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Blueknight claim

Blueknight Energy Partners, L.P. ("Blueknight"), which was formerly a subsidiary of SemGroup, LP, together with other entities related to Blueknight, entered into a Shared Services Agreement on April 7, 2009, with SemCrude and SemManagement, L.L.C. (which are currently subsidiaries of SemGroup Corporation). The services provided by SemCrude to Blueknight under this agreement included from time to time certain operational tasks as requested by Blueknight in order that Blueknight could operate its Oklahoma pipeline system and its Cushing, Oklahoma terminal. Under the subsequent amendments to the agreement, certain of these services were phased out and Blueknight began to perform all services necessary for the operation of its Cushing terminal without SemCrude's assistance.

In a letter dated August 18, 2011, Blueknight claimed that SemCrude owes Blueknight approximately 141,000 barrels of crude oil, and that SemCrude came to possess this oil as a result of a breach of the agreement and other tortious conduct. SemGroup responded to Blueknight's letter denying their charges and requesting documentation from Blueknight of its claim for missing barrels. On February 14, 2012, after months of interaction between the parties through which Blueknight was requested to substantiate its claim, Blueknight filed suit against SemGroup and other related companies in the District Court of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. On May 1, 2012, the case was transferred to Tulsa County, Oklahoma. On July 2, 2012, the Tulsa County District Court appointed a Special Master to review terminal operations accounting records and determine whether 141,000 barrels of crude oil owned by Blueknight is missing after three months of operations in April through June, 2010. On June 11, 2013, the Special Master's Report was filed with the District Court finding a shortage in Blueknight's Cushing terminal and Oklahoma pipeline system of 148,000 barrels. However, after a review of all records created during that three month time period, the Special Master was unable to determine how the shortage might have occurred and was unable to determine the ownership of the potential shortage.

The parties completed discovery in the District Court, where substantial documentation was exchanged and deposition testimony was taken. After the parties attended mediation, a confidential settlement was executed on September 11, 2015. In exchange for mutual releases, a dismissal with prejudice of all claims and counter-claims, and without any party admitting fault or liability whatsoever, SemGroup agreed to pay Blueknight \$12.3 million in cash. The dismissal with prejudice of all claims and counter-claims was filed in the Tulsa County District Court case on September 22, 2015, and the suit is now closed. Throughout the case, Rose Rock has been indemnified by SemGroup against any loss in this matter pursuant to the terms of the omnibus agreement with SemGroup.

Other matters

We are party to various other claims, legal actions and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of our management, the ultimate resolution of these claims, legal actions and complaints, after consideration of amounts accrued, insurance coverage and other arrangements, will not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. However, the outcome of such matters is inherently uncertain and estimates of our consolidated liabilities may change materially as circumstances develop.

Asset retirement obligations

We may be subject to removal and restoration costs upon retirement of our facilities. However, we are unable to predict when, or if, our pipelines, storage tanks and related facilities would become completely obsolete and require decommissioning. Accordingly, we have not recorded a liability or corresponding asset, as both the amount and timing of such potential future costs are indeterminable.

Purchase and sale commitments

We routinely enter into agreements to purchase and sell petroleum products at specified future dates. We create a margin for these purchases by entering into various types of physical and financial sales and exchange transactions through which we seek to maintain a position that is substantially balanced between purchases on the one hand and sales and future delivery obligations on the other. We account for derivatives at fair value with the exception of commitments which have been designated as normal purchases and sales, for which we do not record assets or liabilities related to these agreements until the product is purchased or sold. At September 30, 2015, such commitments included the following (in thousands):

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	Volume (Barrels)	Value
Fixed price purchases	2,635	\$ 116,683
Fixed price sales	3,485	\$ 156,359
Floating price purchases	17,683	\$ 797,546
Floating price sales	19,115	\$ 869,566

Certain of the commitments shown in the table above relate to agreements to purchase product from a counterparty and to sell a similar amount of product (in a different location) to the same counterparty. Many of the commitments shown in the table above are cancellable by either party, as long as notice is given within the time frame specified in the agreement, generally 30 to 120 days.

We have a take-or-pay obligation with our equity method investee, White Cliffs, for approximately 5,000 barrels per day of space on White Cliffs' pipeline subject to completion of an expansion project related to our Platteville facilities. The agreement became effective in October 2015 and has a term of 5 years. Annual payments to White Cliffs under the agreement are expected to be \$9.4 million.

See Note 2 for capital contribution requirements related to the White Cliffs expansion.

7. PARTNERS' CAPITAL AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Unaudited condensed consolidated statement of changes in partners' capital

The following table shows the changes in our partners' capital accounts from December 31, 2014 to September 30, 2015 (in thousands):

	Common Units - Public	Common Units - SemGroup	Subordinated Units	Class A Units	General Partner Interest	Total Partners' Capital
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 69,929	\$ 155,367	\$ (60,760)	\$ 76,321	\$ 67,632	\$ 308,489
Net income	14,153	18,213	—	—	15,723	48,089
Equity issuance	89,119	70,560	—	—	3,260	162,939
Equity adjustment related to common control acquisition	(51,452)	(39,246)	(26,838)	—	(61,580)	(179,116)
Conversion to common units	—	(16,479)	92,800	(76,321)	—	—
Unvested distribution equivalent rights	(142)	—	—	—	—	(142)
Cash distributions to partners	(29,780)	(33,157)	(5,202)	—	(14,558)	(82,697)
Non-cash equity compensation	1,013	—	—	—	—	1,013
Balance at September 30, 2015	<u>\$ 92,840</u>	<u>\$ 155,258</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 10,477</u>	<u>\$ 258,575</u>

The December 31, 2014 balance for the general partner interest above has been recast to include equity related to WOT prior to its acquisition from SemGroup. The acquisition of WOT, an entity under common control with Rose Rock, created a change in reporting entity which required prior period financial information to be recast to include WOT (Note 3). "Equity adjustment related to common control acquisition" includes a \$59.2 million reduction to general partner interest which reflects the payment made to SemGroup related to the historical value of WOT, which was included in the general partner interest due to the recast. The remaining amounts in "equity adjustment related to common control acquisition" represent the excess of the acquisition price of WOT and a 50% interest in Glass Mountain over SemGroup's historical value of those assets of \$205.1 million. As Rose Rock recorded the acquisition based on SemGroup's historical value, the purchase price in excess of historical cost is treated as an equity distribution to SemGroup.

The following table shows the cash distributions paid or declared per common unit during 2015 and 2014 :

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Quarter Ended	Record Date	Payment Date	Distribution Per Unit
December 31, 2013	February 4, 2014	February 14, 2014	\$0.4650
March 31, 2014	May 5, 2014	May 15, 2014	\$0.4950
June 30, 2014	August 4, 2014	August 14, 2014	\$0.5350
September 30, 2014	November 4, 2014	November 14, 2014	\$0.5750
December 31, 2014	February 3, 2015	February 13, 2015	\$0.6200
March 31, 2015	May 5, 2015	May 15, 2015	\$0.6350
June 30, 2015	August 4, 2015	August 14, 2015	\$0.6500
September 30, 2015	November 3, 2015	November 13, 2015	\$0.6600

Equity incentive plan

We granted 25,178 restricted unit awards during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, with a weighted average grant date fair value of \$47.10. At September 30, 2015, there were 93,652 unvested restricted unit awards that have been granted pursuant to our equity incentive plan. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, 33,866 restricted unit awards vested of which 12,892 were withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The cost associated with the withheld awards of \$0.5 million is reflected in the condensed consolidated financial statements as a cash distribution to common public unitholders.

The holders of restricted units granted in 2012 were entitled to equivalent distributions (“UUDs”) to be received upon vesting of the restricted unit awards. The distributions were settled in common units, based on the market price of our limited partner common units as of the close of business on the vesting date. In January 2015, 3,335 units were issued upon the vesting of the 2012 restricted units. Distributions related to the restricted unit awards granted subsequent to 2012 will be settled in cash upon vesting. At September 30, 2015, the value of these UUDs related to cash settled unvested restricted units was approximately \$320 thousand.

Equity issuance

On February 13, 2015, we issued and sold 2.3 million common limited partner units to the public for net proceeds of \$89.1 million. Proceeds were used to acquire the WOT and a 50% interest in Glass Mountain from SemGroup. See Note 3 for additional information related to the acquisition including units issued to SemGroup as consideration.

Conversion of subordinated and Class A units

On January 1, 2015, based upon the satisfaction of certain operational targets by White Cliffs, all 3,750,000 Class A units were converted to common units on a one-for-one basis. The conversion did not impact the total number of our outstanding units representing limited partner interests.

On February 17, 2015, certain targets specified in our partnership agreement were achieved and all 8,389,709 subordinated units were converted to common units. The conversion did not impact the total number of our outstanding units representing limited partner interests.

8. EARNINGS PER LIMITED PARTNER UNIT

Net income is allocated to the general partner and the limited partners in accordance with their respective partnership percentages, after giving effect to any priority income allocations, such as incentive distributions that are allocated to the general partner.

Basic and diluted earnings per limited partner unit is determined by dividing net income allocated to the limited partners by the weighted average number of limited partner units for such class outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per limited partner unit reflects, where applicable, the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other agreements to issue additional units of a limited partner class, such as restricted unit awards, were exercised, settled or converted into such units.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per limited partner unit for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands, except per unit data):

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8. EARNINGS PER LIMITED PARTNER UNIT, Continued

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net income attributable to Rose Rock Midstream, L.P.	\$ 16,421	\$ 16,520	\$ 48,089	\$ 40,076
Less: General partner's incentive distribution earned	5,330	1,835	14,761	3,212
Less: General partner's 2.0% ownership	328	358	962	853
Net income allocated to limited partners	\$ 10,763	\$ 14,327	\$ 32,366	\$ 36,011
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per limited partner unit (*):				
Allocation of net income among limited partner interests:				
Net income allocable to common units	\$ 10,763	\$ 10,370	\$ 32,366	\$ 25,989
Net income allocable to subordinated units	—	4,226	—	11,086
Net loss allocable to Class A units	—	(269)	—	(1,064)
Net income allocated to limited partners	\$ 10,763	\$ 14,327	\$ 32,366	\$ 36,011
Denominator for basic and diluted earnings per limited partner unit:				
Basic weighted average number of common units outstanding	36,792	20,574	36,136	19,029
Effect of non-vested restricted units	39	72	43	59
Diluted weighted average number of common units outstanding	36,831	20,646	36,179	19,088
Basic and diluted weighted average number of subordinated units outstanding	—	8,390	—	8,390
Basic and diluted weighted average number of Class A units outstanding	—	3,750	—	2,953
Net income (loss) per limited partner unit:				
Common unit (basic)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.37
Common unit (diluted)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.89	\$ 1.36
Subordinated unit (basic and diluted)	\$ —	\$ 0.50	\$ —	\$ 1.32
Class A unit (basic and diluted)	\$ —	\$ (0.07)	\$ —	\$ (0.36)

(*) We calculate net income allocated to limited partners based on the distributions pertaining to the current period's available cash as defined by our partnership agreement. After adjusting for the appropriate period's distributions, the remaining undistributed earnings or excess distributions over earnings, if any, are allocated to the general partner, limited partners and participating securities in accordance with the contractual terms of the partnership agreement and as further prescribed under the two-class method. Incentive distribution rights do not participate in undistributed earnings. Prior to the conversion of the Class A units in January 2015, the Class A units did not participate in cash distributions, but were allocated a proportional share of undistributed earnings. As distributions related to the available cash exceeded net income, the Class A units reflect a loss for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2014.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Direct employee expenses

We do not directly employ any persons to manage or operate our business. These functions are performed by employees of SemGroup. Allocations are based on the actual costs of employees operating Rose Rock, including employees added through growth and acquisitions. SemGroup charged us \$11.3 million and \$10.2 million during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, for direct employee costs. SemGroup charged us \$33.4 million and \$24.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, for direct employee costs. These expenses were recorded to operating expenses and general and administrative expenses in our condensed consolidated statements of income.

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Allocated expenses

SemGroup incurs expenses to provide certain indirect corporate general and administrative services to its subsidiaries. Such expenses include employee compensation costs, professional fees and rental fees for office space, among other expenses. SemGroup charged us \$2.4 million and \$2.6 million during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, for such allocated costs. SemGroup charged us \$8.7 million and \$7.6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, for such allocated costs. These expenses were recorded to general and administrative expenses in our condensed consolidated statements of income.

NGL Energy Partners LP

SemGroup holds limited partner common units and general partner ownership interests in NGL Energy Partners LP ("NGL Energy"). We generated revenues from NGL Energy of \$19.1 million and \$96.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. We made purchases of condensate at market prices from NGL Energy in the amount of \$16.0 million and \$83.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. We received reimbursements from NGL Energy for support services in the amount of \$42.0 thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2014. We received no reimbursements from NGL Energy for support services for the three months ended September 30, 2015.

We generated revenues from NGL Energy of \$133.6 million and \$330.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. We made purchases of condensate at market prices from NGL Energy in the amount of \$126.2 million and \$351.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. We received reimbursements from NGL Energy for support services in the amount of \$56.0 thousand and \$126.0 thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Transactions with NGL Energy and its subsidiaries primarily relate to marketing, leased storage and transportation services of crude oil, including buy/sell transactions. In accordance with ASC 845-10-15, these transactions were reported as revenue on a net basis in our condensed consolidated statements of income because the purchases of inventory and subsequent sales of the inventory were with the same counterparty.

SemGas, L.P.

We purchase condensate at market prices from SemGas, L.P. ("SemGas"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SemGroup. Purchases from SemGas were \$4.2 million and \$9.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Purchases from SemGas were \$16.6 million and \$29.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

White Cliffs

We generated storage revenues from our equity investee, White Cliffs, of \$1.1 million and \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. We generated storage revenues from White Cliffs of \$3.2 million and \$2.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. We incurred \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million of costs for the three months months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, related to transportation fees for shipments on the White Cliffs Pipeline. We incurred \$2.6 million and \$2.7 million of costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, related to transportation fees for shipments on the White Cliffs Pipeline. We received \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million in management fees from White Cliffs for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. We received \$0.3 million and \$0.3 million in management fees from White Cliffs for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Glass Mountain

We incurred \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million of costs for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, related to transportation fees for shipments on Glass Mountain's pipeline. We incurred \$1.7 million and \$0.4 million of costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, related to transportation fees for shipments on Glass Mountain's pipeline. We received \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million in fees from Glass Mountain for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, related to support services associated with Glass Mountain's pipeline operations. We received \$0.6 million and \$0.3 million in fees from Glass Mountain for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, related to support services associated with Glass Mountain's

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pipeline operations. We made purchases of crude oil of \$1.5 million from Glass Mountain during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 .

Legal services

The law firm of Conner & Winters, LLP, of which Mark D. Berman is a partner, performs legal services for us. Mr. Berman is the spouse of Candice L. Cheeseman, General Counsel and Secretary. Mr. Berman does not perform any legal services for us. We paid \$11.0 thousand and \$22.7 thousand in legal fees and related expenses to this law firm during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 , respectively. We paid \$15.1 thousand and \$0.1 million in legal fees and related expenses to this law firm during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 , respectively. Our equity method investee, White Cliffs, paid legal fees and related expenses to this law firm of \$9.1 thousand during the three months ended September 30, 2014 . White Cliffs did not make any payments to this law firm for the three months ended September 30, 2015. White Cliffs paid legal fees and related expenses to this law firm of \$3.4 thousand and \$90.1 thousand during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 , respectively.

10. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Acquisitions

In connection with the first quarter 2015 acquisition of the WOT and a 50% interest in Glass Mountain (Note 3), we issued 1.75 million common units valued at \$70.6 million as non-cash consideration to SemGroup. The valuation of the units is based on the offering price for units concurrently sold in a public offering. In addition, a non-cash contribution of \$3.3 million was recorded to the general partner's capital account.

As the transaction occurred between parties under common control, the purchase price in excess of SemGroup's historical cost was treated as an equity transaction with SemGroup, which reduced the partners' capital accounts pro-rata based on ownership percentages. The \$46.3 million of cash consideration in excess of historical cost is reflected as a distribution to SemGroup in the condensed consolidated cash flow statement. The entire amount of non-cash equity consideration was in excess of the historical cost and was reduced to zero value in the statement of equity.

In connection with the second quarter 2014 acquisition of the remaining 33% interest in SCPL (Note 3), we issued 2.425 million common units and 1.25 million Class A units, valued at \$120.0 million and \$58.6 million , respectively, as non-cash consideration to SemGroup. In addition, a non-cash contribution of \$3.6 million was recorded to the general partner's capital account.

As the transaction occurred between parties under common control, the purchase price in excess of SemGroup's historical cost of the 33% interest in SCPL was treated as an equity transaction with SemGroup, which reduced the partners' capital accounts pro-rata based on ownership percentages. The \$24.4 million of cash consideration in excess of historical cost is reflected as a distribution to SemGroup in the condensed consolidated cash flow statement. The entire amount of non-cash equity consideration was in excess of the historical cost and was reduced to zero value in the statement of equity.

Other supplemental disclosures

We paid cash interest of \$27.7 million and \$5.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 , respectively.

We accrued \$2.7 million for purchases of property, plant and equipment for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 . No significant amounts were accrued for purchases of property, plant and equipment for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 .

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 the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2014, which are included in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on May 11, 2015.

Overview of Business

We are a growth-oriented Delaware limited partnership formed by SemGroup Corporation ("SemGroup") in 2011 to own, operate, develop and acquire a diversified portfolio of midstream energy assets. We are engaged in the business of crude oil gathering, transportation, storage, distribution and marketing in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wyoming. We operate in the Bakken Shale in North Dakota and Montana, the Denver-Julesburg Basin ("DJ Basin") and the Niobrara Shale in the Rocky Mountain region, and the Granite Wash and the Mississippi Lime Play in the Mid-Continent region. The majority of our assets are strategically located in, or connected to, the Cushing, Oklahoma crude oil marketing hub. Cushing is the designated point of delivery specified in NYMEX crude oil futures contracts and is one of the largest crude oil marketing hubs in the United States ("U.S."). We believe that our connectivity in Cushing and our numerous interconnections with third-party pipelines, refineries and storage terminals provide our customers with the flexibility to access multiple points for the receipt and delivery of crude oil.

Fee-Based Services

We charge a capacity or volume-based fee for the storage and transportation of crude oil and related ancillary services. Our fee-based services include substantially all of our operations in Cushing, Oklahoma and Platteville, Colorado, as well as trucking and a portion of the transportation services we provide on our Kansas and Oklahoma pipeline system. Some of our fee-based contracts are take-or-pay contracts whereby the customer is required to pay us a fixed minimum monthly fee regardless of usage. For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, approximately 71% and 71%, respectively, of our Adjusted gross margin was generated by providing fee-based services to customers. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, approximately 66% and 70%, respectively, of our Adjusted gross margin was generated by providing fee-based services to customers. (See "—How We Evaluate Our Operations—Adjusted Gross Margin" for definition of Adjusted gross margin.)

Fixed-Margin Transactions

We purchase crude oil from a producer or supplier at a designated receipt point at an index price, less a transportation fee, and simultaneously sell an identical volume of crude oil at a designated delivery point to the same party at the same index price, thereby locking in a fixed margin that is, in effect, economically equivalent to a transportation fee. We refer to these arrangements as "fixed-margin" or "buy/sell" transactions. These fixed-margin transactions account for a portion of the Adjusted gross margin we generate on our Kansas and Oklahoma pipeline system and through our Bakken Shale operations. For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, approximately 7% and 10%, respectively, of our Adjusted gross margin was generated through fixed-margin transactions. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, approximately 8% and 10%, respectively, of our Adjusted gross margin was generated through fixed-margin transactions.

Marketing Activities

We conduct marketing activities by purchasing crude oil for our own account from producers, aggregators and traders and selling crude oil to traders and refiners. Our marketing activities account for a portion of the Adjusted gross margin by using our pipeline, trucking and storage assets to capture location and quality differentials, including blending different crude oil grades to meet the refiners' preferred crude oil specifications. When conditions permit, we also use our assets to capture margins due to forward market crude oil prices being higher than spot market prices. For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, approximately 22% and 19%, respectively, of our Adjusted gross margin was generated through marketing activities. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, approximately 26% and 20%, respectively, of our Adjusted gross margin was generated through marketing activities.

We mitigate the commodity price exposure of our crude oil marketing operations by limiting our net open positions through (i) the concurrent purchase and sale of like quantities of crude oil to create "back-to-back" transactions intended to lock in positive margins based on the timing, location or quality of the crude oil purchased and delivered or (ii) derivative contracts. All of our marketing activities are subject to our Comprehensive Risk Management Policy, which establishes limits to manage risk and mitigate financial exposure.

More specifically, we use futures and forward contracts to manage our exposure to market changes in commodity prices to protect our Adjusted gross margin on our purchased crude oil. When we purchase crude oil, we may establish a fixed margin with future sales by:

- selling a like quantity of crude oil for future physical delivery to create an effective back-to-back transaction; or
- entering into futures and forward contracts on the NYMEX or over-the-counter markets.

Our Property, Plant and Equipment

We own and operate all of our assets, which at September 30, 2015 include:

- 7.6 million barrels of crude oil storage capacity in Cushing, Oklahoma, of which 6.5 million barrels are leased to customers and 1.1 million barrels are used for crude oil operations and marketing activities;
- a 570 -mile crude oil gathering and transportation pipeline system with over 650,000 barrels of associated storage capacity in Kansas and northern Oklahoma that is connected to several third-party pipelines and refineries and our storage terminal in Cushing, Oklahoma;
- the Wattenberg Oil Trunkline ("WOT"), a 75 -mile, 12-inch diameter crude oil gathering pipeline system that transports crude oil from production facilities in the DJ Basin to the pipeline owned by White Cliffs Pipeline, L.L.C. ("White Cliffs"). The WOT has a capacity of approximately 85,000 barrels per day as well as 210,000 barrels of operational storage and an additional 150,000 barrels of storage currently under construction;
- a twenty -lane crude oil truck unloading facility with 330,000 barrels of associated storage capacity in Platteville, Colorado which connects to the origination point of the White Cliffs Pipeline. The construction of an additional ten bays and 15,000 barrels of storage was completed in October 2015;
- a 16 -mile crude oil pipeline that connects our Platteville, Colorado crude oil terminal to the Tampa, Colorado crude oil market; and
- a crude oil trucking fleet of over 270 transport trucks and 275 trailers.

Our Investment in White Cliffs Pipeline, L.L.C.

We wholly own SemCrude Pipeline, L.L.C. ("SCPL"), which owns a 51% interest in White Cliffs. White Cliffs owns a pipeline system consisting of two 527-mile parallel lines that transport crude oil from Platteville, Colorado in the DJ Basin to Cushing, Oklahoma (the "White Cliffs Pipeline"), which we operate. The White Cliffs Pipeline is currently undergoing an expansion which will increase the capacity from approximately 150,000 barrels per day to approximately 215,000 barrels per day.

Our Investment in Glass Mountain Pipeline, LLC

We wholly own Glass Mountain Holding, L.L.C. ("GMH"), which owns a 50% interest in Glass Mountain Pipeline, LLC ("Glass Mountain"). Glass Mountain owns a 215 -mile pipeline that transports crude oil in western and north central Oklahoma (the "Glass Mountain Pipeline"), which we operate. It has capacity of approximately 140,000 barrels per day as well as 440,000 barrels of operational storage.

How We Evaluate Our Operations

Our management uses a variety of financial and operational metrics to analyze our performance. We view these metrics as important factors in evaluating our profitability and review these measurements on at least a monthly basis for consistency and trend analysis. These metrics include financial measures, including Adjusted gross margin, operating expenses and Adjusted EBITDA, and operating data, including contracted storage capacity and transportation, marketing and unloading volumes.

Adjusted Gross Margin

We view Adjusted gross margin as an important performance measure of the core profitability of our operations, as well as our operating performance as compared to that of other companies in our industry, without regard to financing methods, historical cost basis, capital structure or the impact of fluctuating commodity prices. We define Adjusted gross margin as total revenues minus cost of products sold and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives. Adjusted gross margin allows us to make a

meaningful comparison of the operating results between our fee-based activities, which do not involve the purchase or sale of crude oil, and our fixed-margin and marketing operations, which do. In addition, Adjusted gross margin allows us to make a meaningful comparison of the results of our fixed-margin and marketing operations across different commodity price environments because it measures the spread between the product sales price and cost of products sold. See "—Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

Operating Expenses

Our management seeks to maximize the profitability of our operations, in part, by managing operating expenses. These expenses are comprised of salary and wage expense, fuel, utility costs, insurance premiums, taxes and other operating costs, some of which are independent of the volumes we handle.

Adjusted EBITDA

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) before interest expense, income tax expense (benefit), depreciation and amortization, earnings from equity method investments and any other non-cash adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities plus cash distributions from equity method investments. We use Adjusted EBITDA as a supplemental performance and liquidity measure to assess:

- our operating performance as compared to that of other companies in our industry without regard to financing methods, historical cost basis, capital structure or the impact of fluctuating commodity prices;
- the ability of our assets to generate sufficient cash flow to make distributions to our partners;
- our ability to incur and service debt and fund capital expenditures; and
- the viability of acquisitions and other capital expenditure projects and the returns on investment of various investment opportunities.

See "—Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

Contracted Storage Capacity and Transportation, Marketing and Unloading Volumes

In our Cushing storage operations, we charge our customers a fee for storage capacity provided, regardless of actual usage. On our Kansas and Oklahoma system, in our Bakken Shale and Platteville, Colorado operations and through our trucking fleet operations, we provide transportation services on a fee basis or pursuant to fixed-margin transactions, but in either case, the Adjusted gross margin we generate is dependent on the volume of crude oil transported (if on a fee basis) or purchased and sold (if pursuant to a fixed-margin transaction). We refer to these volumes, in the aggregate, as transportation volumes. Similarly, using our pipelines, trucking and storage assets, we conduct marketing activities involving the purchase and sale of crude oil or related derivative contracts and crude oil blending. We refer to the crude oil volumes sold in our marketing operations, as marketing volumes. Finally, at our Platteville truck unloading facility, we charge our customers a fee based on the volumes unloaded. We refer to these as unloading volumes.

Selected Consolidated Financial and Operating Data

The following table provides selected historical condensed consolidated financial operating data as of and for the periods shown. The statement of income data for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 have been derived from our unaudited financial statements for those periods. The selected financial data provided below should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this Form 10-Q.

The following table presents the non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA, which we use in our business and view as important supplemental measures of our performance and, in the case of Adjusted EBITDA, our liquidity. Adjusted gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA are not calculated or presented in accordance with GAAP. For definitions of Adjusted gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA and a reconciliation of Adjusted gross margin to operating income and of Adjusted EBITDA to net income and net cash provided by operating activities, their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, please see "—Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.

(in thousands, except per unit and operating data)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Statements of income data:				
Revenues, including revenues from affiliates:				
Product	\$ 211,881	\$ 346,496	\$ 511,973	\$ 879,873
Service	29,205	30,360	87,109	81,653
Total revenues	241,086	376,856	599,082	961,526
Expenses, including expenses from affiliates:				
Costs of products sold, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	195,244	333,646	464,614	843,928
Operating	19,081	22,130	63,688	54,783
General and administrative	4,339	4,444	16,288	14,382
Depreciation and amortization	10,634	8,395	31,385	27,153
Total expenses	229,298	368,615	575,975	940,246
Earnings from equity method investments	17,115	16,289	55,662	39,660
Operating income	28,903	24,530	78,769	60,940
Other expenses, net	12,482	8,010	30,680	13,106
Net income	16,421	16,520	48,089	47,834
Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	7,758
Net income attributable to Rose Rock Midstream, L.P.	\$ 16,421	\$ 16,520	\$ 48,089	\$ 40,076
Net income (loss) per limited partner unit:				
Common unit (basic)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.37
Common unit (diluted)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.89	\$ 1.36
Subordinated unit (basic and diluted)	\$ —	\$ 0.50	\$ —	\$ 1.32
Class A unit (basic and diluted)	\$ —	\$ (0.07)	\$ —	\$ (0.36)
Distributions paid per common and subordinated unit	\$ 0.6500	\$ 0.5350	\$ 1.9050	\$ 1.4950
Statements of cash flows data:				
Net cash provided by (used in):				
Operating activities	\$ 32,431	\$ 21,152	\$ 52,302	\$ 46,270
Investing activities	\$ (26,965)	\$ (19,892)	\$ (278,557)	\$ (222,106)
Financing activities	\$ (29,557)	\$ 3,846	\$ 266,641	\$ 168,778
Other financial data:				
Adjusted gross margin	\$ 41,296	\$ 42,799	\$ 131,038	\$ 116,942
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 41,872	\$ 32,202	\$ 128,708	\$ 82,806
Capital expenditures	\$ 22,899	\$ 17,887	\$ 59,161	\$ 39,725
Acquisitions	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 205,071	\$ 133,993
Contributions to equity method investments	\$ 10,597	\$ 2,753	\$ 34,059	\$ 54,527
Operating data:				
Cushing storage capacity (MMBbls as of period end)	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
Percent of Cushing storage capacity contracted to third parties (as of period end)	86%	86%	86%	86%
Transportation volumes (average Bbls/day)	187,000	164,300	185,000	142,500
Marketing volumes (average Bbls/day)	125,500	51,500	100,500	46,800
Unloading/Platteville volumes (average Bbls/day)	74,100	62,300	71,300	61,200

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We define Adjusted gross margin as total revenues minus cost of products sold and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income before interest expense, income tax expense (benefit), depreciation and amortization, earnings from equity method investments and any other non-cash adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities plus cash distributions from equity method investments.

Adjusted gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA are not financial measures presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe that the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors in assessing our financial condition and results of operations.

Operating income is the GAAP measure most directly comparable to Adjusted gross margin, and net income and cash provided by operating activities are the GAAP measures most directly comparable to Adjusted EBITDA. Our non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as alternatives to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures have important limitations as analytical tools because they exclude some, but not all, items that affect the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. You should not consider Adjusted gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because Adjusted gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA may be defined differently by other companies in our industry, our definitions of these non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing their utility.

Management compensates for the limitation of Adjusted gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA as analytical tools by reviewing the comparable GAAP measures, understanding the differences between Adjusted gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA, on the one hand, and operating income, net income and net cash provided by operating activities, on the other hand, and incorporating this knowledge into its decision-making processes. We believe that investors benefit from having access to the same financial measures that our management uses in evaluating our operating results.

The following tables present a reconciliation of: (i) operating income to Adjusted gross margin, and (ii) net income and net cash provided by operating activities to Adjusted EBITDA, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures for each of the periods indicated.

(Unaudited; in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Reconciliation of operating income to Adjusted gross margin:				
Operating income	\$ 28,903	\$ 24,530	\$ 78,769	\$ 60,940
Add:				
Operating expense	19,081	22,130	63,688	54,783
General and administrative expense	4,339	4,444	16,288	14,382
Depreciation and amortization expense	10,634	8,395	31,385	27,153
Less:				
Earnings from equity method investments	17,115	16,289	55,662	39,660
Non-cash unrealized gain on derivatives, net	4,546	411	3,430	656
Adjusted gross margin	\$ 41,296	\$ 42,799	\$ 131,038	\$ 116,942

(Unaudited; in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Reconciliation of net income to Adjusted EBITDA:				
Net income	\$ 16,421	\$ 16,520	\$ 48,089	\$ 47,834
Add:				
Interest expense	12,491	8,010	30,694	13,127
Depreciation and amortization expense	10,634	8,395	31,385	27,153
Cash distributions from equity method investments	23,602	17,029	75,227	45,081
Inventory valuation adjustment	—	—	1,235	—
Non-cash equity compensation	358	315	1,013	705
Loss on disposal of long-lived assets, net	27	291	157	230
Less:				
Earnings from equity method investments	17,115	16,289	55,662	39,660
White Cliffs cash distributions attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	1,658	—	11,008
Impact from derivative instruments:				
Total gain (loss) on derivatives, net	6,036	4,047	3,190	1,298
Total realized loss (gain) (cash flow) on derivatives, net	(1,490)	(3,636)	240	(642)
Non-cash unrealized gain on derivatives, net	4,546	411	3,430	656
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 41,872	\$ 32,202	\$ 128,708	\$ 82,806

(Unaudited; in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to Adjusted EBITDA:				
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 32,431	\$ 21,152	\$ 52,302	\$ 46,270
Less:				
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net	8,710	(4,441)	(28,184)	(29,999)
White Cliffs cash distributions attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	1,658	—	11,008
Add:				
Interest expense, excluding amortization of debt issuance costs	11,664	7,527	28,658	12,124
Distributions from equity investments in excess of equity in earnings	6,487	740	19,564	5,421
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 41,872	\$ 32,202	\$ 128,708	\$ 82,806

Three months ended September 30, 2015 vs. three months ended September 30, 2014

Adjusted Gross Margin

The following table shows the calculation of Adjusted gross margin for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Revenue		
Product	\$ 211,881	\$ 346,496
Service	29,205	30,360
Total revenues	241,086	376,856
Less: Cost of products sold, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	195,244	333,646
Less: Non-cash unrealized gain on derivatives, net	4,546	411
Adjusted gross margin	\$ 41,296	\$ 42,799

The following tables show the Adjusted gross margin generated by our fee-based services, our fixed-margin transactions and our marketing activities for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015	Storage	Transportation (1)	Marketing Activities	Other (2)	Total
Revenues	\$ 7,685	\$ 20,330	\$ 209,114	\$ 3,957	\$ 241,086
Less: Costs of products sold, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	—	—	195,244	—	195,244
Less: Unrealized gain on derivatives, net	—	—	4,546	—	4,546
Adjusted gross margin	\$ 7,685	\$ 20,330	\$ 9,324	\$ 3,957	\$ 41,296

- (1) Transportation Adjusted gross margin is comprised of \$4.9 million, \$12.7 million and \$2.7 million, related to pipeline transportation (fixed-fee), trucking (fixed-fee) and buy/sells (fixed margin), respectively.
- (2) This category includes fee-based services such as unloading and ancillary storage terminal services.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2014	Storage	Transportation (1)	Marketing Activities	Other (2)	Total
Revenues	\$ 7,636	\$ 23,918	\$ 342,120	\$ 3,182	\$ 376,856
Less: Costs of products sold, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	—	—	333,646	—	333,646
Less: Unrealized gain on derivatives, net	—	—	411	—	411
Adjusted gross margin	\$ 7,636	\$ 23,918	\$ 8,063	\$ 3,182	\$ 42,799

- (1) Transportation Adjusted gross margin is comprised of \$3.4 million, \$16.1 million and \$4.4 million related to pipeline transportation (fixed-fee), trucking (fixed-fee) and buy/sells (fixed margin), respectively.
- (2) This category includes fee-based services such as unloading and ancillary storage terminal services.

We define Adjusted gross margin as total revenues minus costs of products sold and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives. (See "—Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for Adjusted gross margin table.) Adjusted gross margin decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2015, to \$41.3 million from \$42.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, due to:

- an increase in marketing volume of approximately 6.8 million barrels for the three months ended September 30, 2015, over the same period in 2014, partially offset by a lower spread between the acquisition and sale price for volumes of crude oil sold, as the excess of our average sales price per barrel over our average acquisition cost per barrel decreased to approximately \$0.81 for the three months ended September 30, 2015, from approximately \$1.70 for the three months ended September 30, 2014, resulted in a \$1.2 million increase in Adjusted gross margin during the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014. The increase in volume was primarily due to crude oil blending and sales taking advantage of contango market conditions and this increased activity compressed the overall realized average margin per barrel;
- an increase in pumpover activity at Cushing resulted in a \$0.4 million increase in Adjusted gross margin during the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014;

- an increase in unloading volumes from our Platteville operations contributed an additional \$0.4 million Adjusted gross margin during the three months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 ;
- the additional 0.1 million barrels of storage capacity located at our Platteville, Colorado truck unloading facility contributed an additional \$0.2 million Adjusted gross margin during the three months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 ;
- an increase in pipeline transportation and buy/sell volumes of approximately 1.0 million barrels for the three months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 was offset by a lower average margin per barrel as the average margin per barrel decreased to approximately \$0.76 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 , from approximately \$0.86 for the three months ended September 30, 2014 . This resulted in a \$0.1 million decrease in Adjusted gross margin during the three months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 ;
- a reduction in the average leased storage rate per barrel in Cushing resulted in a \$0.1 million decrease to Adjusted gross margin during the three months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014; and
- additional truck transportation volumes of 1.1 million barrels for the three months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 were offset by a higher concentration of shorter haul volumes, as the average margin per barrel decreased to approximately \$1.78 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 , from approximately \$2.67 for the three months ended September 30, 2014 . This resulted in a \$3.5 million decrease in Adjusted gross margin in the three months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014. Related trucking costs are included in operating expense described below.

Operating expense

Operating expenses decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2015 to \$19.1 million from \$22.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 . Approximately \$2.7 million of the decrease (\$13.4 million compared to \$16.1 million) is attributable to the crude oil trucking fleet, primarily the result of lower labor costs, maintenance expense and fuel costs of \$1.0 million, \$0.9 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

In addition, there were decreases in field expense and maintenance and repair of \$0.8 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in employee expense and other operating expense of \$0.6 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

General and administrative expense

General and administrative expense decreased to \$4.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 from \$4.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 . This decrease is due to a reduction in employee expense of \$0.5 million, offset by additional overhead allocation and outside services of \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

Depreciation and amortization expense

Depreciation and amortization expense increased for the three months ended September 30, 2015 to \$10.6 million from \$8.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 . Approximately \$2.1 million of the increase in depreciation expense is due to the 2014 revision of the estimated useful life relating to a section of the Kansas and Oklahoma pipeline system. An additional \$0.9 million in depreciation expense is due to project completions. Amortization expense related to contracts acquired as part of the crude oil trucking fleet acquisition in 2013 and 2014 decreased by \$0.8 million.

Earnings from equity method investments

Earnings from our equity method investments increased for the three months ended September 30, 2015 to \$17.1 million from \$16.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 . The increase is due to our commissioning of White Cliffs' second line in August 2014 and our January 2015 acquisition of ownership interest in GMH (see Note 2 of our condensed consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-Q). These earnings are attributable to fixed-fee pipeline transportation operations.

Interest expense

Interest expense increased for the three months ended September 30, 2015 to \$12.5 million from \$8.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 . The increase is primarily the result of the issuance of \$350 million of 5.625% senior unsecured notes on May 14, 2015.

Nine months ended September 30, 2015 vs. nine months ended September 30, 2014
Adjusted Gross Margin

The following table shows the calculation of Adjusted gross margin for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Revenue		
Product	\$ 511,973	\$ 879,873
Service	87,109	81,653
Total revenues	599,082	961,526
Less: Cost of products sold, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	464,614	843,928
Less: Non-cash unrealized gain on derivatives, net	3,430	656
Adjusted gross margin	\$ 131,038	\$ 116,942

The following tables show the Adjusted gross margin generated by our fee-based services, our fixed-margin transactions and our marketing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	Storage	Transportation (1)	Marketing Activities	Other (2)	Total
Revenues	\$ 22,981	\$ 63,083	\$ 501,550	\$ 11,468	\$ 599,082
Less: Costs of products sold, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	—	—	464,614	(3)	464,614
Less: Unrealized gain on derivatives, net	—	—	3,430	—	3,430
Adjusted gross margin	\$ 22,981	\$ 63,083	\$ 33,506	\$ 11,468	\$ 131,038

- (1) Transportation Adjusted gross margin is comprised of \$13.4 million, \$39.3 million and \$10.4 million related to pipeline transportation (fixed-fee), trucking (fixed-fee) and buy/sells (fixed margin), respectively.
- (2) This category includes fee-based services such as unloading and ancillary storage terminal services.
- (3) Costs of products sold includes a \$1.2 million lower of cost or market inventory adjustment.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	Storage	Transportation (1)	Marketing Activities	Other (2)	Total
Revenues	\$ 23,872	\$ 60,028	\$ 868,318	\$ 9,308	\$ 961,526
Less: Costs of products sold, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	—	—	843,928	—	843,928
Less: Unrealized gain on derivatives, net	—	—	656	—	656
Adjusted gross margin	\$ 23,872	\$ 60,028	\$ 23,734	\$ 9,308	\$ 116,942

- (1) Transportation Adjusted gross margin is comprised of \$9.4 million, \$39.0 million and \$11.6 million related to pipeline transportation (fixed-fee), trucking (fixed-fee) and buy/sells (fixed margin), respectively.
- (2) This category includes fee-based services such as unloading and ancillary storage terminal services.

We define Adjusted gross margin as total revenues minus costs of products sold and unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives. (See "—Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for Adjusted gross margin table.) Adjusted gross margin decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, to \$131.0 million from \$116.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, due to:

- an increase in marketing volume of approximately 14.7 million barrels for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 , over the same period in 2014, partially offset by a lower spread between the acquisition and sale price for volumes of crude oil sold, as the excess of our average sales price per barrel over our average acquisition cost per barrel decreased to approximately \$1.22 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 , from approximately \$1.86 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 , resulted in a \$9.8 million increase in Adjusted gross margin during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 . The increase in volume was primarily due to crude oil blending and sales taking advantage of contango market conditions and this increased activity compressed the overall realized average margin per barrel;
- an increase in pipeline transportation and buy/sell volumes of approximately 4.9 million barrels in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 resulted in a \$2.8 million increase in Adjusted gross margin during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 ;
- an increase in pumpover activity at Cushing resulted in a \$1.2 million increase in Adjusted gross margin during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 ;
- an increase in unloading volumes from our Platteville operations contributed an additional \$0.9 million Adjusted gross margin during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 ;
- the additional 0.1 million barrels of storage capacity located at our Platteville, Colorado truck unloading facility contributed an additional \$0.4 million Adjusted gross margin during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014;
- additional truck transportation volumes of 6.7 million barrels in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 , compared to the same period in 2014 generated an additional \$0.2 million in Adjusted gross margin, reflecting a higher concentration of shorter haul volumes. Related trucking costs are included in operating expense described below; and
- although total Cushing storage capacity remained constant compared to the same period of the prior year, we reduced our leased storage capacity by 0.6 million barrels as we redeployed three tanks for our marketing activities. The reduction in leased storage resulted in a \$1.2 million decrease to Adjusted gross margin during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014.

Operating expense

Operating expenses increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 to \$63.7 million from \$54.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 . Approximately \$7.8 million of the increase (\$45.5 million compared to \$37.7 million) is attributable to the crude oil trucking fleet. In addition, there were increases in employee expense, outside services, travel and insurance and tax expense of \$1.5 million, \$0.6 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. These increases were partially offset by reductions in field expense and maintenance and repair of \$0.7 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

General and administrative expense

General and administrative expense increased to \$16.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 from \$14.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 . This increase is due to additional overhead allocation, outside services and insurance and taxes of \$1.7 million, \$0.9 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. These increases were partially offset by a reduction of employee expense and other expenses of \$1.0 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

Depreciation and amortization expense

Depreciation and amortization expense increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 to \$31.4 million from \$27.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 . A \$1.6 million increase in depreciation expense is due to the 2014 revision of the estimated useful life relating to a section of the Kansas and Oklahoma pipeline system. An additional \$4.6 million in depreciation expense is due to project completions and the acquisition of trucking operations in June 2014. Amortization expense related to contracts acquired as part of the crude oil trucking fleet acquisition in 2013 and 2014 decreased by \$2.0 million.

Earnings from equity method investments

Earnings from our equity method investments increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 to \$55.7 million from \$39.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 . The increase is due to our June 2014 acquisition of ownership interest in SCPL combined with the commissioning of White Cliffs' second line in August 2014 and our January

2015 acquisition of ownership interest in GMH (see Note 2 of our condensed consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-Q). These earnings are attributable to fixed-fee pipeline transportation operations.

Interest expense

Interest expense increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 to \$30.7 million from \$13.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The increase is primarily the result of the issuance of \$400 million of 5.625% senior unsecured notes on July 2, 2014 and the issuance of \$350 million of 5.625% senior unsecured notes on May 14, 2015.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal sources of short-term liquidity are cash generated from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Potential sources of long-term liquidity include the issuance of debt securities or common units and the sale of assets. Our primary cash requirements currently are operating expenses, capital expenditures and quarterly distributions to our unitholders and general partner. In general, we expect to fund:

- operating expenses, maintenance capital expenditures and cash distributions through existing cash and cash from operating activities;
- expansion related capital expenditures and working capital deficits through cash on hand, borrowings under our credit facility and the issuance of debt securities and common units;
- acquisitions through cash on hand, borrowings under our credit facility and the issuance of debt securities and common units; and
- debt principal payments through cash from operating activities and refinancing when the revolving credit facility and senior unsecured notes become due.

Our ability to meet our financing requirements and fund our planned capital expenditures will depend on our future operating performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic conditions in our industry. In addition, we are subject to conditions in the debt and equity markets for debt securities and limited partner units. There can be no assurance we will be able or willing to access the public or private markets in the future. If we would be unable or unwilling to access those markets, we could be required to restrict future expansion capital expenditures and potential future acquisitions.

We believe our cash from operations and our remaining borrowing capacity allow us to manage our day-to-day cash requirements, distribute the minimum quarterly distribution on all our outstanding common and general partner units and meet our capital expenditure commitments for the coming year.

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our changes in cash and cash equivalents for the periods presented (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ 52,302	\$ 46,270
Investing activities	(278,557)	(222,106)
Financing activities	266,641	168,778
Change in cash and cash equivalents	40,386	(7,058)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,625	15,437
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 44,011</u>	<u>\$ 8,379</u>

Operating Activities

The components of operating cash flows can be summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Net income	\$ 48,089	\$ 47,834
Non-cash expenses, net	32,397	28,435
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net	(28,184)	(29,999)
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 52,302</u>	<u>\$ 46,270</u>

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we experienced operating cash inflows of \$52.3 million. Net income of \$48.1 million included \$32.4 million of non-cash expenses, comprised primarily of depreciation and amortization of \$31.4 million, \$3.4 million in net unrealized gains related to derivative instruments, amortization of debt issuance costs of \$2.0 million and \$1.2 million in inventory valuation adjustments. Changes in operating assets and liabilities accounted for net cash outflows of \$28.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The primary changes to operating assets and liabilities included an increase to accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$14.6 million, an increase in accounts receivable of \$18.0 million, a decrease in receivables from affiliates of \$7.6 million, an increase in inventories of \$23.6 million, a decrease in payables to affiliates of \$11.3 million and a decrease in other current assets of \$2.6 million. The impact of accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and inventories is subject to the timing of purchases and sales and fluctuations in commodity pricing. Additionally, the increase in inventory is due, in part, to approximately 700 thousand additional barrels in storage compared to the beginning of the nine month period. This is partially due to a strategic build to capture margins due to forward market crude oil prices being higher than spot market prices.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we experienced operating cash inflows of \$46.3 million. Net income of \$47.8 million included \$28.4 million of non-cash expenses, comprised primarily of depreciation and amortization of \$27.2 million. Changes in operating assets and liabilities accounted for net cash outflows of \$30.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The primary changes to operating assets and liabilities included an increase in accounts receivable of \$74.2 million, a decrease in payables to affiliates of \$31.8 million, inventory related cash outflows of \$18.2 million due to approximately 200 thousand additional barrels in storage and an increase in other current assets of \$2.7 million, offset by an increase to accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$76.5 million and a decrease in receivables from affiliates of \$20.5 million. The impact of accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, and inventories is subject to the timing of purchases and sales and fluctuations in commodity pricing.

Investing Activities.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, our cash outflows from investing activities of \$278.6 million related primarily to acquisition payments of \$205.1 million, contributions to equity method investments of \$34.1 million and capital expenditures of \$59.2 million, offset by distributions from equity method investments in excess of equity in earnings of \$19.6 million. Acquisitions represent the historical cost of Wattenberg Oil Trunkline and a 50% interest in Glass Mountain purchased from SemGroup. Consideration in excess of historical cost is reported as a financing activity in the cash flow statement. Contributions to equity method investments primarily related to capital calls to fund the expansion of the White Cliffs Pipeline and capital expenditures related to the Wattenberg Pipeline extension and other projects.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, our cash outflows from investing activities of \$222.1 million related primarily to acquisition payments of \$134.0 million, contributions to equity method investment of \$54.5 million and capital expenditures of \$39.7 million, offset by distributions from equity method investment in excess of equity in earnings of \$5.4 million. Acquisitions include \$90.0 million related to the acquisition of the remaining 33% SCPL interest, excluding cash consideration in excess of historical cost, and \$44.0 million related to the acquisition of crude oil trucking assets from Chesapeake. Capital expenditures primarily related to our Cushing expansion and transportation projects. Contributions to equity method investment primarily related to capital calls to fund the White Cliffs Pipeline expansion.

Financing Activities.

Net cash inflows of \$266.6 million from financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were driven primarily by the issuance of \$344.2 million of senior unsecured notes due 2023, net of a \$5.8 million discount, \$32 million net payments on our revolving credit facility (\$332.0 million of borrowings less \$364.0 million in principal payments) and \$89.1 million in proceeds from the issuance of common limited partner units, reduced by \$82.7 million of cash distributions to partners and \$46.3 million cash consideration in excess of historical cost of the Wattenberg Oil Trunkline and a 50% interest in Glass Mountain. Proceeds from the issuance of common limited partner units were primarily used to fund the acquisition of the Wattenberg Oil Trunkline and a 50% interest in Glass Mountain from SemGroup. Proceeds from the issuance of senior unsecured notes due 2023 were used to pay amounts owed under our revolving credit facility and for general partnership purposes.

Net cash inflows of \$168.8 million from financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 were driven primarily by the issuance of \$400 million of senior unsecured notes and \$172 million net repayments on our revolving credit facility (\$383.4 million of borrowings less \$555.4 million in principal payments on our revolving credit facility), \$43.5 million of cash distributions to partners and \$24.4 million cash consideration in excess of historical cost of the remaining 33% interest in SCPL. In addition, financing activities include \$10.7 million of distributions to and \$14.4 million of contributions from SemGroup as the noncontrolling interest holder in SCPL, prior to our acquisition of SemGroup's remaining ownership interest in SCPL. Contributions from our general partner of \$13.6 million represent funding provided to the Wattenberg Oil Trunkline by our general partner prior to our acquisition of the Wattenberg Oil Trunkline. As the acquisition was a common control transaction, our financial statements have been recast to include the Wattenberg Oil Trunkline in prior periods. Borrowings were used for acquisitions, capital expenditures and normal operations.

Long-term Debt

At September 30, 2015, we had \$400 million and \$350 million of senior unsecured notes outstanding which become due in 2022 and 2023, respectively, and no outstanding borrowings on our \$585 million revolving credit facility, which expires in 2018. At September 30, 2015, our available borrowing capacity on our revolving credit facility was \$546.1 million, which includes the impact of \$38.9 million of outstanding letters of credit which reduce the capacity available for borrowings.

Shelf Registration Statement

We have an effective shelf registration statement with the SEC that, subject to market conditions and effectiveness at the time of use, allows us to issue up to an aggregate of \$500 million of debt or equity securities. In August 2013, we used this shelf registration statement to sell 4.75 million common units representing limited partner interests for proceeds of \$152.5 million, net of underwriting discounts and commissions of \$6.4 million. On February 13, 2015, we issued and sold 2.3 million common units representing limited partner interests for net proceeds of \$89.1 million under this shelf registration statement. Proceeds were used in connection with our acquisition of the Wattenberg Oil Trunkline and a 50% interest in Glass Mountain from SemGroup. This shelf registration statement expires in May 2016.

We also have an effective shelf registration statement for the offer and sale, from time to time, of common units representing limited partner interests in us having an aggregate offering price of up to \$150 million. On May 12, 2015, we entered into an Equity Distribution Agreement under which we are able to make such sales over a period of time and, from time to time, in transactions at prices which are market prices prevailing at the time of sale, prices related to market price or at negotiated prices. The counterparties to the Equity Distribution Agreement may act as sales agents for the common units or may purchase common units for their own accounts as principals. To date, no such sales have been made.

Working Capital

Working capital is the amount by which current assets exceed current liabilities and is a measure of our ability to pay our liabilities as they become due. Our working capital was \$78.2 million and \$9.1 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The increase in working capital at September 30, 2015 as compared to December 31, 2014 is primarily due to a \$40.4 million increase in cash and cash equivalents resulting from our May 14, 2015 issuance of \$350 million of senior unsecured notes due 2023 and a \$22.3 million increase in the ending inventory balance due to additional barrels on hand.

Capital Requirements

The midstream energy business can be capital intensive, requiring significant investments for the maintenance of existing assets or acquisition or development of new systems and facilities. We categorize our capital expenditures as either:

- expansion related capital expenditures, which are cash expenditures incurred for acquisitions or capital improvements that we expect will increase our operating income or operating capacity over the long-term; or
- maintenance capital expenditures, which are cash expenditures (including expenditures for the addition or improvement to, or the replacement of, our capital assets or for the acquisition of existing, or the construction or development of new capital assets) made to maintain our long-term operating income or operating capacity.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we invested \$93.2 million (cash basis) on capital projects, including contributions to equity method investments. Projected capital expenditures for 2015 include \$140 million for expansion projects including contributions to fund growth projects of equity method investees and acquisitions from third parties and \$10 million in maintenance projects.

We anticipate that we will continue to make significant expansion capital expenditures in the future. Consequently, our ability to develop and maintain sources of funds to meet our capital requirements is critical to our ability to meet our growth

objectives. We expect that our future expansion capital expenditures will be funded by cash from operations, borrowings under our credit facility and the issuance of debt and equity securities.

Distributions

The table below shows cash distributions declared or paid during 2014 and 2015:

Quarter Ended	Record Date	Payment Date	Distribution Per Unit
December 31, 2013	February 4, 2014	February 14, 2014	\$0.4650
March 31, 2014	May 5, 2014	May 15, 2014	\$0.4950
June 30, 2014	August 4, 2014	August 14, 2014	\$0.5350
September 30, 2014	November 4, 2014	November 14, 2014	\$0.5750
December 31, 2014	February 3, 2015	February 14, 2015	\$0.6200
March 31, 2015	May 5, 2015	May 15, 2015	\$0.6350
June 30, 2015	August 4, 2015	August 14, 2015	\$0.6500
September 30, 2015	November 3, 2015	November 13, 2015	\$0.6600

Credit Risk

We are subject to risks of loss resulting from nonpayment or nonperformance by our customers. We examine the creditworthiness of third party customers to whom we extend credit and manage our exposure to credit risk through credit analysis, credit approval, credit limits and monitoring procedures, and for certain transactions, we may request letters of credit, prepayments or guarantees.

Customer Concentration

Shell Trading (US) Company and BP Oil Supply Co accounted for more than 10% of our total revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2015 , at approximately 52% and 17%, respectively. Shell Trading (US) Company and BP Oil Supply Co accounted for more than 10% of our total revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 , at approximately 49% and 19%, respectively. Although we have contracts with customers of varying durations, if one or more of our major customers were to default on their contract, or if we were unable to renew our contract with one or more of these customers on favorable terms, we might not be able to replace any of these customers in a timely fashion, on favorable terms or at all. In any of these situations, our revenues and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders may be adversely affected. We expect our exposure to risk of non-payment or non-performance to continue as long as we remain substantially dependent on a relatively small number of customers for a substantial portion of our revenue.

Purchase and Sale Commitments

For information regarding purchase and sales commitments, see the discussion under the caption "Purchase and sale commitments" in Note 6 of our condensed consolidated financial statements of this Form 10-Q, which information is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.

Letters of Credit

In connection with our purchasing activities, we provide certain suppliers and transporters with irrevocable standby and performance letters of credit to secure our obligation for the purchase of crude oil. Our liabilities with respect to these purchase obligations are recorded as accounts payable on our balance sheet in the month the crude oil is purchased. Generally, these letters of credit are issued for 50- to 70-day periods (with a maximum of a 364-day period) and are terminated upon completion of each transaction. At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 , we had outstanding letters of credit of approximately \$64.8 million and \$85.1 million , respectively.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements as defined by Item 303 of Regulation S-K.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

For disclosure regarding our critical accounting policies and estimates, see the discussion under the caption "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" in Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 .

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 1 to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

This discussion on market risks represents an estimate of possible changes in future earnings that would occur assuming hypothetical future movements in commodity prices and interest rates. Our views on market risk are not necessarily indicative of actual results that may occur, and do not represent the maximum possible gains and losses that may occur since actual gains and losses will differ from those estimated, based on actual fluctuations in interest rates or commodity prices and the timing of transactions.

We are exposed to various market risks, including volatility in crude oil prices and interest rates. We have in the past used, and expect that in the future we will continue to use, various derivative instruments to manage exposure. Our risk management policies and procedures are designed to monitor physical and financial commodity positions and the resulting outright commodity price risk as well as basis risk resulting from differences in commodity grades, purchase and sales locations and purchase and sale timing. We have a risk management function that has responsibility and authority for our Comprehensive Risk Management Policy, which governs our enterprise-wide risks, including the market risks discussed in this item. Subject to our Comprehensive Risk Management Policy, our finance and treasury function has responsibility and authority for managing exposure to interest rates.

Commodity Price Risk

The table below outlines the range of NYMEX prompt month daily settle prices for crude oil futures provided by an independent, third-party broker for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 , and for the year ended December 31, 2014 .

	Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures (\$ per Barrel)
Three Months Ended September 30, 2015	
High	\$56.96
Low	\$38.24
<i>High/Low Differential</i>	<i>\$18.72</i>
Three Months Ended September 30, 2014	
High	\$105.34
Low	\$91.16
<i>High/Low Differential</i>	<i>\$14.18</i>
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
High	\$61.43
Low	\$38.24
<i>High/Low Differential</i>	<i>\$23.19</i>
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	
High	\$107.26
Low	\$91.16
<i>High/Low Differential</i>	<i>\$16.10</i>
Year Ended December 31, 2014	
High	\$107.26
Low	\$53.27
<i>High/Low Differential</i>	<i>\$53.99</i>

Revenue from our asset-based activities is dependent on throughput volume, tariff rates, the level of fees generated from our pipeline systems, capacity contracted to third parties, capacity that we use for our own operational or marketing activities and the level of other fees generated at our storage facilities and from our trucking operations. Profit from our marketing

activities is dependent on our ability to sell crude oil at prices in excess of our aggregate cost. Margins may be affected during transitional periods between a backwardated market (when the prices for future deliveries are lower than the current prices) and a contango market (when the prices for future deliveries are higher than the current prices). Our crude oil marketing activities are generally not directly affected by the absolute level of crude oil prices, but are affected by overall levels of supply and demand for crude oil and relative fluctuations in market-related indices at various locations.

Based on our open derivative contracts at September 30, 2015, an increase in the applicable market price or prices for each derivative contract would result in a decrease in the contribution from these derivatives to our crude oil sales revenues. A decrease in the applicable market price or prices for each derivative contract would result in an increase in the contribution from these derivatives to our crude oil sales revenues. However, the increases or decreases in crude oil sales revenues we recognize from our open derivative contracts are substantially offset by higher or lower crude oil sales revenues when the physical sale of the product occurs. These contracts may be for the purchase or sale of crude oil or in markets different from the physical markets in which we are attempting to hedge our exposure, or may have timing differences relative to the physical markets. As a result of these factors, our hedges may not eliminate all price risks.

The notional volumes and fair value of our commodity derivatives open positions as of September 30, 2015, as well as the change in fair value that would be expected from a 10% market price increase or decrease, is shown in the table below (in thousands):

	Notional Volume (Barrels)	Fair Value	Effect of 10% Price Increase	Effect of 10% Price Decrease	Settlement Date
Crude oil:					
Futures contracts	515	\$ 4,991	\$ (2,322)	\$ 2,322	October/November 2015

Margin deposits or other credit support, including letters of credit, are generally required on derivative instruments used to manage our price exposure. As commodity prices increase or decrease, the fair value of our derivative instruments changes, thereby increasing or decreasing our margin deposit or other credit support requirements. Although a component of our risk-management strategy is intended to manage the margin and other credit support requirements on our derivative instruments, volatile spot and forward commodity prices, or an expectation of increased commodity price volatility, could increase the cash needed to manage our commodity price exposure and thereby increase our liquidity requirements. This may limit amounts available to us through borrowing, decrease the volume of petroleum products we purchase and sell or limit our commodity price management activities.

Interest Rate Risk

We have exposure to changes in interest rates under our revolving credit facility. The credit markets have recently experienced very low interest rates. If the overall economy strengthens, it is likely that monetary policy will tighten, resulting in higher interest rates to counter possible inflation. Interest rates on our floating rate revolving credit facility and future debt offerings could be higher than current levels, causing our financing costs to increase accordingly.

We recorded interest expense related to our revolving credit facility of \$1.4 million during the three months ended September 30, 2015, including amortization of debt issuance cost. An increase in interest rates of 1% for the three months ended September 30, 2015 would have increased our interest expense by \$0.0 million. We recorded interest expense related to our revolving credit facility of \$5.6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, including amortization of debt issuance cost. An increase in interest rates of 1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 would have increased our interest expense by \$0.7 million.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of our general partner have concluded that the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) are effective as of September 30, 2015 . This conclusion is based on an evaluation conducted under the supervision and participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of our general partner along with our management. Disclosure controls and procedures are those controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of our general partner, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the most recently completed fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2015 , that have materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

For information regarding legal proceedings, see the discussion under the captions "Bankruptcy matters," "Environmental," "Dimmit County, TX claims," "Blueknight claim" and "Other matters," in Note 6 of our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which information is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors involving us from those previously disclosed in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 .

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

The following table provides information about purchases of our common units by us during the quarter ended September 30, 2015:

	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Weighted Average Price Paid per Share (2)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
July 1, 2015 - July 31, 2015	—	\$ —	—	—
August 1, 2015 - August 31, 2015	776	31.07	—	—
September 1, 2015 - September 30, 2015	—	—	—	—
Total	776	\$ 31.07	—	—

- (1) Represents shares of common units withheld from certain of our employees for payment of taxes associated with the vesting of restricted unit awards.
- (2) The price paid per common unit represents the closing price as posted on the New York Stock Exchange on the day that the units vested.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed or furnished as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Robert N. Fitzgerald, Chief Financial Officer.
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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: November 6, 2015

ROSE ROCK MIDSTREAM, L.P.

By: Rose Rock Midstream GP, LLC, its general partner

/s/ Robert N. Fitzgerald

Robert N. Fitzgerald
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Carlin G. Conner, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Rose Rock Midstream, L.P.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15(d)-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 6, 2015

/s/ Carlin G. Conner

Carlin G. Conner

President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Robert N. Fitzgerald, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Rose Rock Midstream, L.P.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15(d)-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 6, 2015

/s/ Robert N. Fitzgerald

Robert N. Fitzgerald

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the quarterly report of Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Carlin G. Conner, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 6, 2015

/s/ Carlin G. Conner

Carlin G. Conner

President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the quarterly report of Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Robert N. Fitzgerald, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 6, 2015

/s/ Robert N. Fitzgerald

Robert N. Fitzgerald
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer