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PROSPECTUS

\$3,500,000,000
Williams Partners L.P.
Exchange Offer for All Outstanding

\$750,000,000 aggregate amount of 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015
(CUSIP Nos. 96950FAA2 and U96956AA2)
for new 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933
and
\$1,500,000,000 aggregate amount of 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020
(CUSIP Nos. 96950FAC8 and U96956AB0)
for new 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933
and
\$1,250,000,000 aggregate amount of 6.300% Senior Notes due 2040
(CUSIP Nos. 96950FAE4 and U96956AC8)
for new 6.300% Senior Notes due 2040
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933

***This exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time,
on June 29, 2010, unless extended.***

The Exchange Notes:

The terms of the 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015, 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020, and 6.300% Senior Notes due 2040 to be issued in the exchange offer are substantially identical to the terms of the outstanding 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015, 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020, and 6.300% Senior Notes due 2040, respectively, except that provisions relating to transfer restrictions, registration rights, and additional interest will not apply to the exchange notes.

We are offering the exchange notes pursuant to a registration rights agreement that we entered into in connection with the issuance of the outstanding notes.

Material Terms of the Exchange Offer:

The exchange offer expires at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on June 29, 2010, unless extended.

Upon expiration of the exchange offer, all outstanding notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn will be exchanged for an equal principal amount of the applicable series of exchange notes.

You may withdraw tendered outstanding notes at any time at or prior to the expiration of the exchange offer.

The exchange offer is not subject to any minimum tender condition, but is subject to customary conditions.

The exchange of the exchange notes for outstanding notes will not be a taxable exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

There is no existing public market for the outstanding notes or the exchange notes.

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in the exchange offer must acknowledge that it acquired the outstanding notes for its own account as a result of market-making or other trading activities and must agree that it will deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with any resale of the exchange notes. A participating broker-dealer may use this prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, in connection with resales of exchange notes received in exchange for outstanding notes where such outstanding notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities.

See Risk Factors beginning on page 11.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or the accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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You should rely only upon the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. If you are in a jurisdiction where offers to sell, or solicitations of offers to purchase, the securities offered by this document are unlawful, or if you are a person to whom it is unlawful to direct these types of activities, then the offer presented in this document does not extend to you. You should assume the information appearing in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein are accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and we file annual, quarterly and other reports and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549-2521. Please call 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available on the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Unless specifically listed under Incorporation by Reference below, the information contained on the SEC web site is not intended to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus and you should not consider that information a part of this prospectus. You can also obtain information about us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We make available free of charge on or through our Internet website, <http://www.williamslp.com>, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Information contained on our Internet website is not part of this prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

This prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus. We will provide this information and any and all of the documents referred to herein, including the registration rights agreement and the indenture for the notes, which are summarized in this prospectus, without charge to each person to whom a copy of this prospectus has been delivered, who makes a request by writing or calling us at the following address or telephone number:

Investor Relations
Williams Partners L.P.
One Williams Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172-0712
(918) 573-2078

In order to ensure timely delivery, you must request the information no later than five business days before the expiration of the exchange offer.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

We incorporate by reference in this prospectus the following documents that we have previously filed with the SEC. This means that we are disclosing important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus by referring you to other documents filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Information that we later provide to the SEC, and which is deemed filed with the SEC, will automatically update information previously filed with the SEC, and may replace information in this prospectus and information previously filed with the SEC:

our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (our 2009 10-K);

our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 (our 2010 First Quarter 10-Q); and

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our current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 19, 2010, January 22, 2010 (two filed on this date), February 2, 2010, February 3, 2010, February 10, 2010, February 22, 2010, April 20, 2010 (two filed on this date), April 29, 2010, and May 12, 2010.

We also incorporate by reference each of the documents that we file with the SEC (excluding those filings made under Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K and corresponding information furnished under Item 9.01 of Form 8-K or included as an exhibit, or other information furnished to the SEC) under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to

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effectiveness of the registration statement and on or after the date of this prospectus and prior to the completion of the exchange offer. Any statements made in such documents will automatically update and supersede the information contained in this prospectus, and any statements made in this prospectus update and supersede the information contained in past SEC filings incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain matters discussed in this prospectus include forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements relate to anticipated financial performance, management's plans and objectives for future operations, business prospects, outcome of regulatory proceedings, market conditions, and other matters.

All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this report that address activities, events or developments that we expect, believe or anticipate will exist or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by various forms of words such as anticipates, believes, seeks, could, may, should, continues, estimates, expects, forecasts, intends, might, goals, objectives, potential, projects, scheduled, will, or other similar expressions. These statements are based on management's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to management and include, among others, statements regarding:

- amounts and nature of future capital expenditures;
- expansion and growth of our business and operations;
- financial condition and liquidity;
- business strategy;
- cash flow from operations or results of operations;
- the levels of cash distributions to unitholders;
- seasonality of certain business segments; and
- natural gas and NGL prices and demand.

Forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions, uncertainties, and risks that could cause future events or results to be materially different from those stated or implied in this prospectus or in the documents incorporated herein by reference. You should carefully consider the risk factors discussed below in addition to the other information in this prospectus. If any of the following risks were actually to occur, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected. Many of the factors that could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition are beyond our ability to control or predict. Specific factors that could cause actual results to differ from results contemplated by the forward-looking statements include, among others, the following:

- whether we have sufficient cash from operations to enable us to maintain current levels of cash distributions or to pay the minimum quarterly distribution following establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to our general partner;

availability of supplies (including the uncertainties inherent in assessing and estimating future natural gas reserves), market demand, volatility of prices, and the availability and cost of capital;

inflation, interest rates and general economic conditions (including future disruptions and volatility in the global credit markets and the impact of these events on our customers and suppliers);

the strength and financial resources of our competitors;

development of alternative energy sources;

the impact of operational and development hazards;

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costs of, changes in, or the results of laws, government regulations (including proposed climate change legislation), environmental liabilities, litigation, and rate proceedings;

our allocated costs for defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans sponsored by our affiliates;

changes in maintenance and construction costs;

changes in the current geopolitical situation;

our exposure to the credit risks of our customers;

risks related to strategy and financing, including restrictions stemming from our debt agreements, future changes in our credit ratings, and the availability and cost of credit;

risks associated with future weather conditions;

acts of terrorism; and

additional risks described in our filings with the SEC.

Given the uncertainties and risk factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement, we caution investors not to unduly rely on our forward-looking statements. We disclaim any obligations to and do not intend to update the above list to announce publicly the result of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements to reflect future events or developments.

In addition to causing our actual results to differ, the factors listed above and referred to below may cause our intentions to change from those statements of intention set forth in this prospectus. Such changes in our intentions may also cause our results to differ. We may change our intentions, at any time and without notice, based upon changes in such factors, our assumptions, or otherwise.

Because forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, we caution that there are important factors, in addition to those listed above, that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These factors include the risks set forth under the caption **Risk Factors** in this prospectus and in our 2009 10-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

We use the following oil and gas measurements and industry terms in this prospectus:

British Thermal Units (Btu): When used in terms of volumes, Btu is used to refer to the amount of natural gas required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit at one atmospheric pressure.

BBtu/d: One billion Btus per day.

Dth: One dekatherm, which is the approximate energy content of 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

MMdt: One million dekatherms or approximately one trillion Btus.

TBtu: One trillion Btus.

Other terms used in this prospectus include:

Contributed Entities: refers to the ownership interests that were contributed to us in the Dropdown (as defined below).

FERC: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Fractionation: The process by which a mixed stream of natural gas liquids is separated into its constituent products, such as ethane, propane and butane.

LNG: Liquefied natural gas.

NGLs: Natural gas liquids. Natural gas liquids result from natural gas processing and crude oil refining and are used as petrochemical feedstocks, heating fuels and gasoline additives, among other applications.

Partially Owned Entities: Entities in which we do not own a 100% ownership interest, including principally Discovery Producer Services LLC, Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C., Northwest Pipeline GP, and Laurel Mountain Midstream LLC.

Pipeline Entities: Our regulated pipeline entities, including principally Northwest Pipeline GP, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C., Discovery Producer Services LLC, and Black Marlin Pipeline LLC.

Throughput: The volume of product transported or passing through a pipeline, plant, terminal or other facility.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights some of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. This summary may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a more complete understanding of this exchange offer, you should read this entire prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein. You should carefully consider the issues discussed in the Risk Factors section of this prospectus and in our 2009 10-K, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Unless we have indicated otherwise or the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to Williams Partners, we, us, our, or like terms refer to Williams Partners L.P. and its subsidiaries and references to Williams refer to The Williams Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Our Company

We are a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership formed by Williams in February 2005 to own, operate and acquire a diversified portfolio of complementary energy assets. Our operations are divided into two business segments: Gas Pipeline and Midstream Gas & Liquids.

Gas Pipeline this segment includes our interstate natural gas pipelines, including our 100% interest in Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) and our 65% interest in Northwest Pipeline GP (Northwest Pipeline). Transco and Northwest Pipeline own and operate a combined total of approximately 13,900 miles of pipelines with a total annual throughput of approximately 2,700 TBtu of natural gas and peak-day delivery capacity of approximately 12 MMdt of natural gas. Gas Pipeline also holds interests in joint venture interstate and intrastate natural gas pipeline systems including a 24.5% interest in Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C. (Gulfstream), which owns an approximate 745-mile pipeline with the capacity to transport approximately 1.26 million Dth per day of natural gas. Gas Pipeline also includes our indirect 45.7% limited partner interest and 2% general partner interest in Williams Pipeline Partners L.P. (WMZ), a publicly traded master limited partnership that was formed by Williams in 2007 and holds the remaining 35% interest in Northwest Pipeline.

Midstream Gas & Liquids this segment includes our natural gas gathering, treating and processing businesses and has primary service areas concentrated in major producing basins in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, the Gulf of Mexico and Pennsylvania. Midstream Gas & Liquids primary businesses natural gas gathering, treating, and processing; NGL fractionation, storage and transportation; and oil transportation fall within the middle of the process of taking raw natural gas and crude oil from the producing fields to the consumer.

On February 17, 2010, we closed a transaction with our general partner, our operating company, Williams and certain subsidiaries of Williams, pursuant to which Williams (through such subsidiaries) contributed to us the ownership interests in the entities that made up Williams Gas Pipeline and Midstream Gas & Liquids businesses, to the extent not already owned by us, including Williams limited and general partner interests in WMZ, but excluding Williams Canadian, Venezuelan and olefin operations and 25.5% of Gulfstream (the Dropdown). This contribution was made in exchange for aggregate consideration of:

\$3.5 billion in cash, less certain expenses incurred by us relating to the Dropdown. This cash consideration was financed through the private issuance of \$3.5 billion of our senior unsecured notes;

203 million of our Class C limited partnership units, which are identical to our common limited partnership units except with respect to distributions for the first quarter of 2010, in which they will receive a prorated

quarterly distribution since they were not outstanding during the full quarterly period. The Class C units automatically converted into our common limited partnership units on May 10, 2010,

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the first business day following the record date for the distribution with respect to the first quarter of 2010; and

an increase in the capital account of our general partner to allow it to maintain its 2% general partner interest.

In connection with the Dropdown, we entered into a new \$1.75 billion senior unsecured revolving three-year credit facility with Transco and Northwest Pipeline, as co-borrowers with borrowing sublimits of \$400 million each, Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent, and other lenders named therein (the Credit Facility). The Credit Facility replaced our then existing \$450 million senior unsecured credit facility. At the closing of the Dropdown, we borrowed \$250 million under the Credit Facility to repay the term loan outstanding under our then existing credit facility.

Our principal executive offices are located at One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172, and our telephone number is (918) 573-2000.

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SUMMARY OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER

The following is a summary of the principal terms of the exchange offer. A more detailed description is contained in the section The Exchange Offer. The term outstanding notes refers collectively to our outstanding 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015, 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020, and 6.300% Senior Notes due 2040, all of which were issued on February 9, 2010. The term exchange notes refers collectively to our 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015, 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020, and 6.300% Senior Notes due 2040 offered by this prospectus, which have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). The term notes refers collectively to the outstanding notes and the exchange notes offered in the exchange offer. The term indenture refers to the indenture that governs both the outstanding notes and the exchange notes.

The Exchange Offer

We are offering to exchange \$1,000 principal amount of exchange notes, which have been registered under the Securities Act, for each \$1,000 principal amount of each applicable series of outstanding notes, subject to a minimum exchange of \$2,000. As of the date of this prospectus, \$3,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes is outstanding, consisting of:

\$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015 (together with the exchange notes of the same series, the 2015 notes);

\$1,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020 (together with the exchange notes of the same series, the 2020 notes); and

\$1,250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.300% of Senior Notes due 2040 (together with the exchange notes of the same series, the 2040 notes).

We issued the outstanding notes in a private transaction for resale pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act. The terms of the exchange notes are substantially identical to the terms of the outstanding notes, except that provisions relating to transfer restrictions, registration rights, and rights to increased interest in addition to the stated interest rate on the outstanding notes (Additional Interest) will not apply to the exchange notes.

In order to exchange your outstanding notes for exchange notes, you must properly tender them at or prior to the expiration of the exchange offer.

Expiration Time

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on June 29, 2010, unless the exchange offer is extended, in which case the expiration time will be the latest date and time to which the exchange offer is extended. See The Exchange Offer Terms of the Exchange Offer; Expiration Time.

Procedures for Tendering Outstanding Notes

You may tender your outstanding notes through book-entry transfer in accordance with The Depository Trust Company s Automated Tender

Offer Program, known as ATOP. If you wish to accept the exchange offer, you must:

complete, sign, and date the accompanying letter of transmittal, or a facsimile of the letter of transmittal, in accordance with the instructions contained in the letter of transmittal, and mail or otherwise deliver the letter of transmittal, together with your

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outstanding notes, to the exchange agent at the address set forth under The Exchange Offer The Exchange Agent ; or

arrange for The Depository Trust Company to transmit to the exchange agent certain required information, including an agent's message forming part of a book-entry transfer in which you agree to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal, and transfer the outstanding notes being tendered into the exchange agent's account at The Depository Trust Company.

You may tender your outstanding notes for the applicable series of exchange notes in whole or in part in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

See The Exchange Offer How to Tender Outstanding Notes for Exchange.

Guaranteed Delivery Procedures

If you wish to tender your outstanding notes and time will not permit your required documents to reach the exchange agent by the expiration time, or the procedures for book-entry transfer cannot be completed by the expiration time, you may tender your outstanding notes according to the guaranteed delivery procedures described in The Exchange Offer Guaranteed Delivery Procedures.

Special Procedures for Beneficial Owners

If you beneficially own outstanding notes registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company, or other nominee and you wish to tender your outstanding notes in the exchange offer, you should contact the registered holder promptly and instruct it to tender on your behalf. See The Exchange Offer How to Tender Outstanding Notes for Exchange.

Withdrawal of Tenders

You may withdraw your tender of outstanding notes at any time at or prior to the expiration time by delivering a written notice of withdrawal to the exchange agent in conformity with the procedures discussed under The Exchange Offer Withdrawal Rights.

Acceptance of Outstanding Notes and Delivery of Exchange Notes

Upon expiration of the exchange offer, we will accept any and all outstanding notes that are properly tendered in the exchange offer and not withdrawn at or prior to the expiration time. The exchange notes issued pursuant to the exchange offer will be delivered promptly after expiration of the exchange offer. See The Exchange Offer Terms of the Exchange Offer; Expiration Time.

Registration Rights Agreement

We are making the exchange offer pursuant to the registration rights agreement that we entered into on February 9, 2010, with the initial purchasers of the outstanding notes.

Resales of Exchange Notes

We believe that the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer may be offered for resale, resold, or otherwise transferred by you without

compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act, provided that:

you are not an affiliate of ours;

the exchange notes you receive pursuant to the exchange offer are being acquired in the ordinary course of your business;

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you have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the exchange notes issued to you in the exchange offer;

if you are not a broker-dealer, you are not engaged in, and do not intend to engage in, a distribution of the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer; and

if you are a broker-dealer, you will receive the exchange notes for your own account, the outstanding notes were acquired by you as a result of market-making or other trading activities, and you will deliver a prospectus when you resell or transfer any exchange notes issued in the exchange offer. See Plan of Distribution for a description of the prospectus delivery obligations of broker-dealers in the exchange offer.

If you do not meet these requirements, your resale of the exchange notes must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

Our belief is based on interpretations by the staff of the SEC, as set forth in no-action letters issued to third parties. The staff of the SEC has not considered this exchange offer in the context of a no-action letter, and we cannot assure you that the staff of the SEC would make a similar determination with respect to this exchange offer.

If our belief is not accurate and you transfer an exchange note without delivering a prospectus meeting the requirements of the federal securities laws or without an exemption from these laws, you may incur liability under the federal securities laws. We do not and will not assume, or indemnify you against, this liability.

See The Exchange Offer Consequences of Exchanging Outstanding Notes.

Consequences of Failure to Exchange
Your Outstanding Notes

If you do not exchange your outstanding notes in the exchange offer, your outstanding notes will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer provided in the outstanding notes and in the indenture. In general, the outstanding notes may not be offered or sold unless registered or sold in a transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. If a substantial amount of the outstanding notes is exchanged for a like amount of the exchange notes, the liquidity and the trading market for your untendered outstanding notes could be adversely affected.

See The Exchange Offer Consequences of Failure to Exchange Outstanding Notes.

Exchange Agent

The exchange agent for the exchange offer is The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. For additional information,

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see The Exchange Offer Exchange Agent and the accompanying letter of transmittal.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

The exchange of your outstanding notes for exchange notes will not be a taxable exchange for United States federal income tax purposes. **You should consult your own tax advisor as to the tax consequences to you of the exchange offer, as well as tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the exchange notes.** For additional information, see Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

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SUMMARY OF THE TERMS OF THE EXCHANGE NOTES

The terms of the exchange notes are substantially the same as the outstanding notes, except that provisions relating to transfer restrictions, registration rights, and Additional Interest will not apply to the exchange notes. The following is a summary of the principal terms of the exchange notes. A more detailed description is contained in the section Description of Notes in this prospectus.

Issuer	Williams Partners L.P.
Securities Offered	<p>\$3,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our senior notes consisting of:</p> <p>\$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 2015 notes;</p> <p>\$1,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 2020 notes; and</p> <p>\$1,250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 2040 notes.</p> <p>The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.</p>
Maturity Date	<p>The 2015 notes have a maturity date of February 15, 2015.</p> <p>The 2020 notes have a maturity date of March 15, 2020.</p> <p>The 2040 notes have a maturity date of April 15, 2040.</p>
Interest	<p>Interest began accruing on February 9, 2010. The interest rate on each series of the notes is:</p> <p>2015 notes: 3.800%</p> <p>2020 notes: 5.250%</p> <p>2040 notes: 6.300%</p>
Interest Payment Dates	<p>Interest on the 2015 notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15, commencing on August 15, 2010, and is payable to holders of record at the close of business on the February 1 or August 1 immediately preceding the interest payment date (whether or not a business day).</p> <p>Interest on the 2020 notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15, commencing on September 15, 2010, and is payable to holders of record at the close of business on the March 1 or September 1 immediately preceding the interest payment date (whether or not a business day).</p> <p>Interest on the 2040 notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15, commencing on October 15, 2010, and is payable to</p>

holders of record at the close of business on the April 1 or October 1 immediately preceding the interest payment date (whether or not a business day).

Ratings

The notes are rated BBB- by S&P, Baa3 by Moody's, and BBB- by Fitch. Credit ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold the notes. Ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the ratings agencies.

Optional Redemption

We may redeem each series of the notes, in whole or in part, at our option at any time or from time to time, at the applicable redemption prices described in this prospectus. See Description of Notes Optional Redemption.

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Ranking	The notes are our senior unsecured indebtedness. Your right to payment under the notes is equal in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness. The notes are effectively subordinated to all of our future secured indebtedness and are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness of our subsidiaries. The notes rank senior to all of our future subordinated indebtedness.
Certain Covenants	<p>The indenture governing the notes contains limitations on, among other things:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The incurrence of liens on assets to secure certain debt; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Certain mergers or consolidations and transfers of assets.</p> <p>These covenants are subject to exceptions. See Description of Notes Certain Covenants.</p>
Form and Denomination	<p>Each series of notes will be represented by one or more global notes. The global notes will be deposited with the trustee, as custodian for The Depository Trust Company, or DTC.</p> <p>Ownership of beneficial interests in the global notes will be shown on, and transfers of such interest will be effected only through, records maintained in book-entry form by DTC and its direct and indirect participants, including in the case of notes sold under Regulation S, the depositaries for Clearstream Banking Luxembourg, or Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System.</p> <p>The exchange notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of thereof.</p>
Governing Law	The notes of each series and the indenture are governed by the law of the State of New York.
Trustee	The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.
Risk Factors	See Risk Factors for a discussion of certain risks you should carefully consider.

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The following table shows our selected financial and operating data for the periods and as of the dates indicated and has been recast to reflect the consummation of the Dropdown. The selected historical financial information as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was derived from our audited consolidated financial statements filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K on May 12, 2010 (the May 12, 2010 8-K), which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The selected historical financial information as of March 31, 2010 and for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included in our 2010 First Quarter 10-Q, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. All other selected historical financial information presented for us has been prepared from unaudited financial statements not incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

You should read the financial information presented below in conjunction with the historical consolidated financial statements and the related notes contained in the May 12, 2010 8-K, and the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations filed with our Current Report on Form 8-K on April 20, 2010 (the April 20, 2010 8-K) and the 2010 First Quarter 10-Q.

		Years Ended December 31,				Three Months Ended	
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009	2010
		(Millions of dollars, except per-unit amounts)					
Statement of Income Data:							
Revenues	\$ 3,994	\$ 4,711	\$ 5,616	\$ 5,762	\$ 4,512	\$ 957	\$ 1,458
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	553	822	1,449	2,102	1,031	183	313
Net income	552	822	1,449	2,102	1,031	183	313
Net income attributable to controlling interests	552	822	1,449	2,077	1,004	176	307
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principal per limited partner unit:							
Common unit	\$ 0.49(1)	\$ 1.73	\$ 1.99	\$ 3.08	\$ 2.88	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.61
Subordinated unit	\$ 0.49(1)	\$ 1.73	\$ 1.99	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net income per limited partner unit:							
Common unit	\$ 0.44(1)	\$ 1.73	\$ 1.99	\$ 3.08	\$ 2.88	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.61
Subordinated unit	\$ 0.44(1)	\$ 1.73	\$ 1.99	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cash dividends declared per unit	\$ 0.1484	\$ 1.605	\$ 2.045	\$ 2.435	\$ 2.540	\$ 0.6350	\$ 0.6575

As of December 31,**As of March 31,**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009	2010
	(Millions of dollars)						

Balance Sheet**Data:**

Total assets	\$ 9,473	\$ 10,297	\$ 11,064	\$ 11,676	\$ 11,984	\$ 11,730	\$ 12,136
Short-term notes payable and long-term debt due within one year	8	253	75		15		9
Long-term debt	1,513(2)	2,386(2)	2,821(2)	2,971(2)	2,981(2)	2,971(2)	6,330
Total equity	5,991	5,472	5,867	7,389	7,627	7,514	4,349

(1) Commencing on August 23, 2005, the date of Williams Partners' initial public offering.

(2) Does not reflect borrowings of \$3.5 billion entered into in February 2010 related to the Dropdown.

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The following table sets forth our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated, revised to reflect the consummation of the Dropdown.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2010	2009	Year Ended December 31,			
		2008	2007	2006	2005	
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges(a)(b)	4.64	4.97	5.37	6.40	7.10	6.29

- (a) For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings is the aggregate of the following items: pre-tax income or loss from continuing operations before income or loss from equity investees; plus fixed charges; plus distributed income of equity investees; less our share of pre-tax losses of equity investees for which charges arising from guarantees are included in fixed charges; and less capitalized interest. The term fixed charges means the sum of the following: interest expensed and capitalized; amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness; and an estimate of the interest within rental expense; and our share of interest from equity investees where the related pre-tax loss has been included in earnings.
- (b) Because the entities acquired in the Dropdown were affiliates of Williams at the time of the acquisition, this transaction is accounted for as a combination of entities under common control, similar to a pooling of interests, whereby the assets and liabilities of the acquired entities are combined with ours at their historical amounts. As a result, pre-tax income from continuing operations includes net income applicable to pre-partnership operations, which is fully allocated to our general partner.

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RISK FACTORS

*The exchange notes involve substantial risks similar to those associated with the outstanding notes. To understand these risks you should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below and included in our 2009 10-K, which is incorporated herein by reference, together with all of the other information in this prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference. If any of the risks discussed below or in the foregoing documents were actually to occur, our business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and, in some cases, our reputation, could be materially adversely affected. In that case, we might not be able to pay interest on, or the principal of, the notes. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or those we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect us. In any such case, you may lose all or part of your original investment and not realize any return that you may have expected thereon. See **Certain Definitions** for definitions of certain terms used in this section.*

Risks Related to the Exchange

We cannot assure you that an active trading market for the exchange notes will exist if you desire to sell the exchange notes.

There is no existing public market for the outstanding notes or the exchange notes. The liquidity of any trading market in the exchange notes, and the market prices quoted for the exchange notes, may be adversely affected by changes in the overall market for these types of securities, and by changes in our financial performance or prospects or in the prospects for companies in our industry generally. As a result, we cannot assure you that you will be able to sell the exchange notes or that, if you can sell your exchange notes, you will be able to sell them at an acceptable price.

You may have difficulty selling any outstanding notes that you do not exchange.

If you do not exchange your outstanding notes for exchange notes in the exchange offer, you will continue to hold outstanding notes subject to restrictions on their transfer. Those transfer restrictions are described in the indenture governing the outstanding notes and in the legend contained on the outstanding notes, and arose because we originally issued the outstanding notes under an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Outstanding notes that are not tendered or are tendered but not accepted for exchange will, following the consummation of the exchange offer, continue to be subject to the provisions in the indenture and the legend contained on the outstanding notes regarding the transfer restrictions of the outstanding notes. In general, outstanding notes, unless registered under the Securities Act, may not be offered or sold except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. We do not currently anticipate that we will take any action to register under the Securities Act or under any state securities laws the outstanding notes that are not tendered in the exchange offer or that are tendered in the exchange offer but are not accepted for exchange. If a substantial amount of the outstanding notes is exchanged for a like amount of the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer, the liquidity of your outstanding notes could be adversely affected. See **The Exchange Offer Consequences of Failure to Exchange Outstanding Notes** for a discussion of additional consequences of failing to exchange your outstanding notes.

Risks Related to the Notes

Our partnership agreement limits our ability to accumulate cash, which may limit cash available to service the notes or to repay them at maturity.

Our partnership agreement requires us to distribute on a quarterly basis, 100% of our available cash to our unitholders of record and our general partner. Available cash is generally all of our cash on hand at the end of each quarter, after payment of fees and expenses and the establishment of cash reserves by our general partner. Our general partner determines the amount and timing of cash distributions and has broad discretion

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to establish and make additions to our reserves or the reserves of our operating subsidiaries in amounts our general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate:

to provide for the proper conduct of our business and the businesses of our operating subsidiaries (including reserves for future capital expenditures and for our anticipated future credit needs);

to provide funds for distributions to our unitholders and our general partner for any one or more of the next four calendar quarters; or

to comply with applicable law or any of our loan or other agreements.

Depending on the timing and amount of our cash distributions to unitholders and because we are not required to accumulate cash for the purpose of meeting obligations to holders of any notes, such distributions could significantly reduce the cash available to us in subsequent periods to pay the interest on, and principal of, the notes.

Our indebtedness could impair our financial condition and our ability to fulfill our debt obligations, including our obligations under the notes.

Our total outstanding long-term debt as of March 31, 2010, was approximately \$6.3 billion.

Our debt service obligations and restrictive covenants in the Credit Facility, the indenture governing the notes and the indentures governing our other senior unsecured notes could have important consequences to you. For example, they could:

make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the notes and our other indebtedness, which could in turn result in an event of default on such other indebtedness or the notes;

impair our ability to obtain additional financing in the future for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, general partnership purposes or other purposes;

diminish our ability to withstand a continued or future downturn in our business or the economy generally;

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to debt service payments, thereby reducing the availability of cash for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, general corporate purposes or other purposes;

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate; and

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have proportionately less debt.

Our ability to repay, extend or refinance our existing debt obligations, to make payments of interest on, and the principal of, the notes, and to obtain future credit will depend primarily on our operating performance, which will be affected by general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. Our ability to refinance existing debt obligations or obtain future credit will also depend upon the current conditions in the credit markets and the availability of credit generally. If we are unable to meet our debt service obligations, we could be forced to restructure or refinance our indebtedness, seek additional equity capital or sell assets. We may be unable to obtain financing or sell assets on satisfactory terms, or at all.

We are not prohibited under the indentures governing the notes or our existing senior unsecured notes from incurring additional indebtedness in addition to the notes. Our incurrence of significant additional indebtedness would exacerbate the negative consequences mentioned above, and could adversely affect our ability to pay the interest on, and principal of, the notes.

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We have a holding company structure in which our subsidiaries conduct our operations and own our operating assets, which may affect our ability to make payments on the notes.

We have a holding company structure, and our subsidiaries conduct all of our operations and own all of our operating assets. We have no significant assets other than the ownership interests in these subsidiaries. As a result, our ability to make required payments on the notes depends on the performance of our subsidiaries and their ability to distribute funds to us. The ability of our subsidiaries to make distributions to us may be restricted by, among other things, applicable state partnership and limited liability company laws and other laws and regulations. If we are unable to obtain the funds necessary to pay the principal amount at maturity of the notes, we may be required to adopt one or more alternatives, such as a refinancing of the notes. We cannot assure you that we would be able to refinance the notes.

Our debt agreements and Williams' public indentures contain financial and operating restrictions that may limit our access to credit and affect our ability to operate our business. In addition, our ability to obtain credit in the future will be affected by Williams' credit ratings.

Our public indentures contain various covenants that, among other things, limit our ability to grant certain liens to support indebtedness, merge, or sell substantially all of our assets. In addition, our Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants and restrictions on our ability and our subsidiaries' ability to incur indebtedness, to consolidate or allow any material change in the nature of our business, enter into certain affiliate transactions and make certain distributions during an event of default. These covenants could adversely affect our ability to finance our future operations or capital needs or engage in, expand or pursue our business activities and prevent us from engaging in certain transactions that might otherwise be considered beneficial to us. Our ability to comply with these covenants may be affected by events beyond our control, including prevailing economic, financial and industry conditions. If market or other economic conditions deteriorate, our current assumptions about future economic conditions turn out to be incorrect or unexpected events occur, our ability to comply with these covenants may be significantly impaired.

Williams' public indentures contain covenants that restrict Williams' and our ability to incur liens to support indebtedness. These covenants could adversely affect our ability to finance our future operations or capital needs or engage in, expand or pursue our business activities and prevent us from engaging in certain transactions that might otherwise be considered beneficial to us. Williams' ability to comply with the covenants contained in its debt instruments may be affected by events beyond our and Williams' control, including prevailing economic, financial and industry conditions. If market or other economic conditions deteriorate, Williams' ability to comply with these covenants may be negatively impacted.

Our failure to comply with the covenants in our debt agreements could result in events of default. Upon the occurrence of such an event of default, the lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under a particular facility to be immediately due and payable and terminate all commitments, if any, to extend further credit. Certain payment defaults or an acceleration under our public indentures or other material indebtedness could cause a cross-default or cross-acceleration of our Credit Facility. Such a cross-default or cross-acceleration could have a wider impact on our liquidity than might otherwise arise from a default or acceleration of a single debt instrument. If an event of default occurs, or if our Credit Facility cross-defaults, and the lenders under the affected debt agreements accelerate the maturity of any loans or other debt outstanding to us, we may not have sufficient liquidity to repay amounts outstanding under such debt agreements. For more information regarding our debt agreements, please read

Description of Other Indebtedness in this prospectus and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Liquidity in Exhibit 99.1 to the April 20, 2010 8-K.

Substantially all of Williams' operations are conducted through its subsidiaries. Williams' cash flows are substantially derived from loans, dividends and distributions paid to it by its subsidiaries. Williams' cash flows are typically utilized to service debt and pay dividends on the common stock of Williams, with the balance, if any, reinvested in its subsidiaries as loans or contributions to capital. Due to our relationship with Williams, our ability to obtain credit will be affected by Williams' credit ratings. If Williams were to experience a

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deterioration in its credit standing or financial condition, our access to credit and our ratings could be adversely affected. Any future downgrading of a Williams credit rating would likely also result in a downgrading of our credit rating. A downgrading of a Williams credit rating could limit our ability to obtain financing in the future upon favorable terms, if at all.

Our subsidiaries are not prohibited from incurring indebtedness by their organizational documents, which may affect our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

Our subsidiaries are not prohibited by the terms of their respective organizational documents from incurring indebtedness. If they were to incur significant amounts of indebtedness, such occurrence may inhibit their ability to make distributions to us. An inability by our subsidiaries to make distributions to us would materially and adversely affect our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes because we expect distributions we receive from our subsidiaries to represent a significant portion of the cash we use to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

The notes are structurally subordinated to liabilities and indebtedness of our subsidiaries and effectively subordinated to any of our secured indebtedness to the extent of the assets securing such indebtedness.

We currently have no secured indebtedness outstanding, but holders of any secured indebtedness that we may incur in the future would have claims with respect to our assets constituting collateral for such indebtedness that are effectively prior to your claims under the notes. In the event of a default on such secured indebtedness or our bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization, those assets would be available to satisfy obligations with respect to the indebtedness secured thereby before any payment could be made on the notes. Accordingly, any such secured indebtedness would effectively be senior to the notes to the extent of the value of the collateral securing the indebtedness. While the indenture governing the notes places some limitations on our ability to create liens, there are significant exceptions to these limitations that will allow us to secure some kinds of indebtedness without equally and ratably securing the notes. To the extent the value of the collateral is not sufficient to satisfy the secured indebtedness, the holders of that indebtedness would be entitled to share with the holders of the notes and the holders of other claims against us with respect to our other assets. Holders of the notes will participate ratably with all holders of our unsecured indebtedness that is deemed to be of the same class as the notes, and potentially with all of our other general creditors, based upon the respective amounts owed to each holder or creditor, in our remaining assets. In any of the foregoing events, we cannot assure you that there will be sufficient assets to pay amounts due on the notes. As a result, holders of notes may receive less, ratably, than holders of secured indebtedness.

In addition, the notes are not guaranteed by our subsidiaries and our subsidiaries are generally not prohibited under the indenture from incurring additional indebtedness (in particular, Transco and Northwest Pipeline collectively had approximately \$2.0 billion of indebtedness outstanding as of March 31, 2010 and are likely to incur additional indebtedness in the future). As a result, holders of the notes will be structurally subordinated to claims of third party creditors, including holders of indebtedness, of these subsidiaries. Claims of those other creditors, including trade creditors, secured creditors, governmental authorities, and holders of indebtedness or guarantees issued by the subsidiaries, will generally have priority as to the assets of the subsidiaries over claims by the holders of the notes. As a result, rights of payment of holders of our indebtedness, including the holders of the notes, will be structurally subordinated to all those claims of creditors of our subsidiaries.

Cost reimbursements due to our general partner and its affiliates will reduce cash available to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

We will reimburse our general partner and its affiliates, including Williams, for various general and administrative services they provide for our benefit, including costs for rendering administrative staff and support services to us, and overhead allocated to us. Our general partner determines the amount of these reimbursements in its sole discretion.

Payments for these services will be substantial and will reduce the amount of cash available for payments of interest on, and the principal of, the notes. In addition, under Delaware partnership law, our general partner has unlimited liability for our obligations, such as our debts and

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environmental liabilities, except for our contractual obligations that are expressly made without recourse to our general partner. To the extent our general partner incurs obligations on our behalf, we are obligated to reimburse or indemnify it. If we are unable or unwilling to reimburse or indemnify our general partner, our general partner may take actions to cause us to make payments of these obligations and liabilities. Any such payments adversely affect our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

Risks Inherent in an Investment in Us

We may not realize the anticipated benefits from the Dropdown.

We may not realize the benefits that we anticipate from the Dropdown for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to, if any of the matters identified as risks in the Risk Factors section in this prospectus or in our 2009 10-K were to occur. If we do not realize the anticipated benefits from the Dropdown for any reason, our business may be materially adversely affected.

Williams did not seek a vote of its shareholders in connection with the Dropdown. If there is a determination that such a vote was required, the resulting consequences could impact us.

Section 271 of the Delaware General Corporation Law generally requires a corporation to obtain authorization from the holders of a majority of its outstanding shares if the corporation intends to sell all or substantially all of its assets. Williams does not believe the Dropdown constituted a sale of all or substantially all of its assets because of, among other things, the portion of Williams' assets involved, the significance of its assets and businesses that were not transferred and the fact that Williams retains control of all of the assets involved and over an 80% interest in the cash flows therefrom. As such, Williams did not seek a vote of its shareholders in connection with the Dropdown. There is a limited body of Delaware case law interpreting the phrase all or substantially all, and there is no precise established definition. We cannot assure you that the Dropdown did not constitute a sale of all or substantially all of Williams' assets and, therefore, that a shareholder vote was not required. If such a shareholder vote were determined to be required, the resulting consequences could impact us and could include (among other consequences) shareholders of Williams asserting claims against us, some or all of which could ultimately be successful.

We have certain indemnification obligations in favor of Williams as a result of the completion of the Dropdown.

In connection with the Dropdown, we have agreed to indemnify Williams, its affiliates (other than us and our securityholders, officers, directors and employees) and their respective securityholders, officers, directors and employees against certain losses resulting from any breach of our representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in the Contribution Agreement. These indemnification obligations could be material. We cannot determine whether we will have to indemnify Williams or its affiliates for any substantial obligations in connection with the Dropdown. We also cannot provide any assurance that, if Williams has to indemnify us for any substantial obligations in connection with the Dropdown, Williams will be able to satisfy such obligations.

Affiliates of our general partner, including Williams, may not be limited in their ability to compete with us. Williams is also not obligated to offer us the opportunity to acquire additional assets or businesses from it, which could limit our commercial activities or our ability to grow. In addition, all of the executive officers and certain of the directors of our general partner are also officers and/or directors of Williams, and these persons will also owe fiduciary duties to it.

While our relationship with Williams and its affiliates is a significant attribute, it is also a source of potential conflicts. For example, Williams is in the natural gas business and is not restricted from competing with us. Williams and its affiliates may compete with us. Williams and its affiliates may acquire, construct or dispose of natural gas industry

assets in the future, some or all of which may compete with our assets, without any obligation to offer us the opportunity to purchase or construct such assets. In addition, all of the executive

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officers and certain of the directors of our general partner are also officers and/or directors of Williams and certain of its affiliates and will owe fiduciary duties to those entities as well as our unitholders and us.

Our allocation from Williams for costs for its defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans are affected by factors beyond our and Williams' control.

As we have no employees, employees of Williams and its affiliates provide services to us. As a result, we are allocated a portion of Williams' costs in defined benefit pension plans covering substantially all of Williams' or its affiliates' employees providing services to us, as well as a portion of the costs of other postretirement benefit plans covering certain eligible participants providing services to us. The timing and amount of our allocations under the defined benefit pension plans depend upon a number of factors Williams controls, including changes to pension plan benefits, as well as factors outside of Williams' control, such as asset returns, interest rates and changes in pension laws. Changes to these and other factors that can significantly increase our allocations could have a significant adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Risks Inherent in Our Business

We may not be able to grow or effectively manage our growth.

A principal focus of our strategy is to continue to grow by expanding our business. Our future growth will depend upon our ability to successfully identify, finance, acquire, integrate and operate projects and businesses. Failure to achieve any of these factors would adversely affect our ability to achieve anticipated growth in the level of cash flows or realize anticipated benefits.

We may acquire new facilities or expand our existing facilities to capture anticipated future growth in natural gas production that does not ultimately materialize. As a result, our new or expanded facilities may not achieve profitability. In addition, the process of integrating newly acquired or constructed assets into our operations may result in unforeseen operating difficulties, may absorb significant management attention and may require financial resources that would otherwise be available for the ongoing development and expansion of our existing operations. Future acquisitions or construction projects may require substantial new capital and could result in the incurrence of indebtedness, additional liabilities and excessive costs that could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes. Further, any limitations on our access to capital, including limitations caused by illiquidity in the capital markets, may impair our ability to complete future acquisitions and construction projects on favorable terms, if at all.

Prices for natural gas liquids, natural gas and other commodities are volatile and this volatility could adversely affect our financial results, cash flows, access to capital and ability to maintain existing businesses.

Our revenues, operating results, future rate of growth and the value of certain segments of our businesses depend primarily upon the prices of NGLs, natural gas, or other commodities, and the differences between prices of these commodities. Price volatility can impact both the amount we receive for our products and services and the volume of products and services we sell. Prices affect the amount of cash flow available for capital expenditures and our ability to borrow money or raise additional capital. Any of the foregoing can also have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

The markets for NGLs, natural gas and other commodities are likely to continue to be volatile. Wide fluctuations in prices might result from relatively minor changes in the supply of and demand for these commodities, market uncertainty and other factors that are beyond our control, including:

worldwide and domestic supplies of and demand for natural gas, NGLs, petroleum, and related commodities;
turmoil in the Middle East and other producing regions;
the activities of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries;

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terrorist attacks on production or transportation assets;

weather conditions;

the level of consumer demand;

the price and availability of other types of fuels;

the availability of pipeline capacity;

supply disruptions, including plant outages and transportation disruptions;

the price and level of foreign imports;

domestic and foreign governmental regulations and taxes;

volatility in the natural gas markets;

the overall economic environment;

the credit of participants in the markets where products are bought and sold; and

the adoption of regulations or legislation relating to climate change.

We might not be able to successfully manage the risks associated with selling and marketing products in the wholesale energy markets.

Our portfolio of derivative and other energy contracts may consist of wholesale contracts to buy and sell commodities, including contracts for natural gas, NGLs and other commodities that are settled by the delivery of the commodity or cash throughout the United States. If the values of these contracts change in a direction or manner that we do not anticipate or cannot manage, it could negatively affect our results of operations. In the past, certain marketing and trading companies have experienced severe financial problems due to price volatility in the energy commodity markets. In certain instances this volatility has caused companies to be unable to deliver energy commodities that they had guaranteed under contract. If such a delivery failure were to occur in one of our contracts, we might incur additional losses to the extent of amounts, if any, already paid to, or received from, counterparties. In addition, in our businesses, we often extend credit to our counterparties. Despite performing credit analysis prior to extending credit, we are exposed to the risk that we might not be able to collect amounts owed to us. If the counterparty to such a transaction fails to perform and any collateral that secures our counterparty's obligation is inadequate, we will suffer a loss. Downturns in the economy or disruptions in the global credit markets could cause more of our counterparties to fail to perform than we expect.

Any decrease in NGL prices or a change in NGL prices relative to the price of natural gas could affect our processing, fractionation and storage businesses.

The relationship between natural gas prices and NGL prices affects our profitability. When natural gas prices are low relative to NGL prices, it is more profitable for us and our customers to process natural gas. When natural gas prices are high relative to NGL prices, it is less profitable to process natural gas both because of the higher value of natural gas and because of the increased cost of separating the mixed NGLs from the natural gas. Higher natural gas prices

relative to NGL prices may also make it uneconomical to recover ethane, which may further negatively impact sales volumes and margins. Finally, higher natural gas prices relative to NGL prices could also reduce volumes of gas processed generally, reducing the volumes of mixed NGLs available for fractionation.

The long-term financial condition of our natural gas transportation and midstream businesses is dependent on the continued availability of natural gas supplies in the supply basins that we access, demand for those supplies in our traditional markets, and the prices of and market demand for natural gas.

The development of the additional natural gas reserves that are essential for our gas transportation and midstream businesses to thrive requires significant capital expenditures by others for exploration and

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development drilling and the installation of production, gathering, storage, transportation and other facilities that permit natural gas to be produced and delivered to our pipeline systems. Low prices for natural gas, regulatory limitations, including environmental regulations, or the lack of available capital for these projects could adversely affect the development and production of additional reserves, as well as gathering, storage, pipeline transportation and import and export of natural gas supplies, adversely impacting our ability to fill the capacities of our gathering, transportation and processing facilities.

Production from existing wells and natural gas supply basins with access to our pipeline systems will also naturally decline over time. The amount of natural gas reserves underlying these wells may also be less than anticipated, and the rate at which production from these reserves declines may be greater than anticipated. Additionally, the competition for natural gas supplies to serve other markets could reduce the amount of natural gas supply for our customers. Accordingly, to maintain or increase the contracted capacity or the volume of natural gas transported on our pipeline systems and cash flows associated with the transportation of natural gas, our customers must compete with others to obtain adequate supplies of natural gas. In addition, if natural gas prices in the supply basins connected to our pipeline systems are higher than prices in other natural gas producing regions, our ability to compete with other transporters may be negatively impacted on a short term basis, as well as with respect to our long-term recontracting activities. If new supplies of natural gas are not obtained to replace the natural decline in volumes from existing supply areas, if natural gas supplies are diverted to serve other markets, or if environmental regulators restrict new natural gas drilling, the overall volume of natural gas transported and stored on our system would decline, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes. In addition, new LNG import facilities built near our markets could result in less demand for our gathering and transportation facilities.

Our risk measurement and hedging activities might not be effective and could increase the volatility of our results.

Although we have systems in place that use various methodologies to quantify commodity price risk associated with our businesses, these systems might not always be followed or might not always be effective. Further, such systems do not in themselves manage risk, particularly risks outside of our control, and adverse changes in energy commodity market prices, volatility, adverse correlation of commodity prices, the liquidity of markets, changes in interest rates and other risks discussed in this prospectus might still adversely affect our earnings, cash flows and balance sheet under applicable accounting rules, even if risks have been identified.

In an effort to manage our financial exposure related to commodity price and market fluctuations, we have entered into contracts to hedge certain risks associated with our assets and operations. In these hedging activities, we have used fixed-price, forward, physical purchase and sales contracts, futures, financial swaps and option contracts traded in the over-the-counter markets or on exchanges. Nevertheless, no single hedging arrangement can adequately address all risks present in a given contract. For example, a forward contract that would be effective in hedging commodity price volatility risks would not hedge the contract's counterparty credit or performance risk. Therefore, unhedged risks will always continue to exist. While we attempt to manage counterparty credit risk within guidelines established by our credit policy, we may not be able to successfully manage all credit risk and as such, future cash flows and results of operations could be impacted by counterparty default.

Our use of hedging arrangements through which we attempt to reduce the economic risk of our participation in commodity markets could result in increased volatility of our reported results. Changes in the fair values (gains and losses) of derivatives that qualify as hedges under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), to the extent that such hedges are not fully effective in offsetting changes to the value of the hedged commodity, as well as changes in the fair value of derivatives that do not qualify or have not been designated as hedges under GAAP, must be recorded in our income. This creates the risk of volatility in earnings even if no economic impact to us has occurred during the applicable period.

The impact of changes in market prices for NGLs and natural gas on the average prices paid or received by us may be reduced based on the level of our hedging activities. These hedging arrangements may limit or

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enhance our margins if the market prices for NGLs or natural gas were to change substantially from the price established by the hedges. In addition, our hedging arrangements expose us to the risk of financial loss in certain circumstances, including instances in which:

volumes are less than expected;

the hedging instrument is not perfectly effective in mitigating the risk being hedged; and

the counterparties to our hedging arrangements fail to honor their financial commitments.

Our industry is highly competitive, and increased competitive pressure could adversely affect our business and operating results.

We have numerous competitors in all aspects of our businesses, and additional competitors may enter our markets. Some of our competitors are large oil, natural gas and petrochemical companies that have greater access to supplies of natural gas and NGLs than we do. In addition, current or potential competitors may make strategic acquisitions or have greater financial resources than we do, which could affect our ability to make investments or acquisitions. Other companies with which we compete may be able to respond more quickly to new laws or regulations or emerging technologies or to devote greater resources to the construction, expansion or refurbishment of their facilities than we can. In addition, current or potential competitors may make strategic acquisitions or have greater financial resources than we do, which could affect our ability to make investments or acquisitions. There can be no assurance that we will be able to compete successfully against current and future competitors and any failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

We are exposed to the credit risk of our customers, and our credit risk management may not be adequate to protect against such risk.

We are subject to the risk of loss resulting from nonpayment and/or nonperformance by our customers in the ordinary course of our business. Generally, our customers are rated investment grade, are otherwise considered creditworthy or are required to make prepayments or provide security to satisfy credit concerns. However, our credit procedures and policies may not be adequate to fully eliminate customer credit risk. We cannot predict to what extent our business would be impacted by deteriorating conditions in the economy, including declines in our customers' creditworthiness. If we fail to adequately assess the creditworthiness of existing or future customers, unanticipated deterioration in their creditworthiness and any resulting increase in nonpayment and/or nonperformance by them could cause us to write down or write off doubtful accounts. Such write downs or write offs could negatively affect our operating results in the periods in which they occur, and, if significant, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

The failure of counterparties to perform their contractual obligations could adversely affect our operating results, financial condition and cash available to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

Despite performing credit analysis prior to extending credit, we are exposed to the credit risk of our contractual counterparties in the ordinary course of business even though we monitor these situations and attempt to take appropriate measures to protect ourselves. In addition to credit risk, counterparties to our commercial agreements, such as product sales, gathering, treating, storage, transportation, processing and fractionation agreements, may fail to perform their other contractual obligations. A failure of counterparties to perform their contractual obligations, including Williams, could cause us to write down or write off doubtful accounts, which could materially adversely affect our operating results, financial condition and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

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If third-party pipelines and other facilities interconnected to our pipelines and facilities become unavailable to transport natural gas and NGLs or to treat natural gas, our revenues and cash available to repay the notes could be adversely affected.

We depend upon third-party pipelines and other facilities that provide delivery options to and from our pipelines and facilities for the benefit of our customers. Because we do not own these third-party pipelines or facilities, their continuing operation is not within our control. If these pipelines or facilities were to become temporarily or permanently unavailable for any reason, or if throughput were reduced because of testing, line repair, damage to pipelines or facilities, reduced operating pressures, lack of capacity, increased credit requirements or rates charged by such pipelines or facilities or other causes, we and our customers would have reduced capacity to transport, store or deliver natural gas or NGL products to end use markets or to receive deliveries of mixed NGLs, thereby reducing our revenues. Further, although there are laws and regulations designed to encourage competition in wholesale market transactions, some companies may fail to provide fair and equal access to their transportation systems or may not provide sufficient transportation capacity for other market participants.

Any temporary or permanent interruption at any key pipeline interconnect or in operations on third-party pipelines or facilities that would cause a material reduction in volumes transported on our pipelines or our gathering systems or processed, fractionated, treated or stored at our facilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to repay the notes.

Future disruptions in the global credit markets may make equity and debt markets less accessible, create a shortage in the availability of credit and lead to credit market volatility, which could disrupt our financing plans and limit our ability to grow.

In 2008, public equity markets experienced significant declines, and global credit markets experienced a shortage in overall liquidity and a resulting disruption in the availability of credit. Future disruptions in the global financial marketplace, including the bankruptcy or restructuring of financial institutions, could make equity and debt markets inaccessible and adversely affect the availability of credit already arranged and the availability and cost of credit in the future. We have availability under our Credit Facility, but our ability to borrow under that facility could be impaired if one or more of our lenders fails to honor its contractual obligation to lend to us.

As a publicly traded partnership, these developments could significantly impair our ability to make acquisitions or finance growth projects. We distribute all of our available cash to our unitholders on a quarterly basis. We typically rely upon external financing sources, including the issuance of debt and equity securities and bank borrowings, to fund acquisitions or expansion capital expenditures. Any limitations on our access to external capital, including limitations caused by illiquidity or volatility in the capital markets, may impair our ability to complete future acquisitions and construction projects on favorable terms, if at all. As a result, we may be at a competitive disadvantage as compared to businesses that reinvest all of their available cash to expand ongoing operations, particularly under adverse economic conditions.

Adverse economic conditions could negatively affect our results of operations.

A slowdown in the economy has the potential to negatively impact our businesses in many ways. Included among these potential negative impacts are reduced demand and lower prices for our products and services, increased difficulty in collecting amounts owed to us by our customers and a reduction in our credit ratings (either due to tighter rating standards or the negative impacts described above), which could result in reducing our access to credit markets, raising the cost of such access or requiring us to provide additional collateral to our counterparties.

A downgrade of our credit rating could impact our liquidity, access to capital and our costs of doing business, and maintaining credit ratings is under the control of independent third parties.

A downgrade of our credit rating might increase our cost of borrowing and could require us to post collateral with third parties, negatively impacting our available liquidity. Our ability to access capital markets

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could also be limited by a downgrade of our credit rating and other disruptions. Such disruptions could include:

economic downturns;

deteriorating capital market conditions;

declining market prices for natural gas, NGLs and other commodities;

terrorist attacks or threatened attacks on our facilities or those of other energy companies; and

the overall health of the energy industry, including the bankruptcy or insolvency of other companies.

Credit rating agencies perform independent analysis when assigning credit ratings. The analysis includes a number of criteria including, but not limited to, business composition, market and operational risks, as well as various financial tests. Credit rating agencies continue to review the criteria for industry sectors and various debt ratings and may make changes to those criteria from time to time. Our current credit ratings after the Dropdown from Moody's is Baa3, from S&P is BBB-, and from Fitch is BBB-. Credit ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold investments in the rated entity. Ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the ratings agencies and no assurance can be given that we will maintain our current credit ratings.

We are subject to risks associated with climate change.

There is a growing belief that emissions of greenhouse gases may be linked to climate change. Climate change and the costs that may be associated with its impacts and the regulation of greenhouse gases have the potential to affect our business in many ways, including negatively impacting the costs we incur in providing our products and services, the demand for and consumption of our products and services (due to change in both costs and weather patterns), and the economic health of the regions in which we operate, all of which can create financial risks. For further information regarding risks to our business arising from climate change related legislation, please read the discussion below under

Our operations are subject to governmental laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment, which may expose us to significant costs and liabilities and could exceed current expectations.

Our assets and operations can be affected by weather and other natural phenomena.

Our assets and operations can be adversely affected by hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes and other natural phenomena and weather conditions, including extreme temperatures, making it more difficult for us to realize the historic rates of return associated with these assets and operations. Insurance may be inadequate, and in some instances, we have been unable to obtain insurance on commercially reasonable terms or insurance has not been available at all. A significant disruption in operations or a significant liability for which we were not fully insured could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

Our customers' energy needs vary with weather conditions. To the extent weather conditions are affected by climate change or demand is impacted by regulations associated with climate change, customers' energy use could increase or decrease depending on the duration and magnitude of the changes, leading either to increased investment or decreased revenues.

We depend on certain key customers and producers for a significant portion of our revenues and supply of natural gas and NGLs. If we lost any of these key customers or producers or contracted volumes, our revenues and cash available to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes could decline.

We rely on a limited number of customers for a significant portion of our revenues. Although some of these customers are subject to long-term contracts, we may be unable to negotiate extensions or replacements of these contracts on favorable terms, if at all. The loss of all, or even a portion of, the revenues from natural gas, NGLs or contracted volumes, as applicable, supplied by these customers, as a result of competition, creditworthiness, inability to negotiate extensions or replacements of contracts or otherwise, could have a

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material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes unless we are able to acquire comparable volumes from other sources.

We do not own all of the interests in Partially Owned Entities, which could adversely affect our ability to operate and control these assets in a manner beneficial to us.

Because we do not control the Partially Owned Entities except Northwest Pipeline, we may have limited flexibility to control the operation of or cash distributions received from these assets. Any future disagreements with the other co owners of these assets could adversely affect our ability to respond to changing economic or industry conditions, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and ability to make payments on the notes.

The Partially Owned Entities may reduce their cash distributions to us in some situations.

The Partially Owned Entities' organizational documents require distribution of their available cash to their members on a quarterly basis. In each case, available cash is reduced, in part, by reserves appropriate for operating their respective businesses.

Significant prolonged changes in natural gas prices could affect supply and demand, cause a reduction in or termination of the long-term transportation and storage contracts or throughput on the Pipeline Entities' systems, and adversely affect our cash available to repay the notes.

Higher natural gas prices over the long term could result in a decline in the demand for natural gas and, therefore, in the Pipeline Entities' long-term transportation and storage contracts or throughput on their respective systems. Also, lower natural gas prices over the long term could result in a decline in the production of natural gas resulting in reduced contracts or throughput on their systems. As a result, significant prolonged changes in natural gas prices could have a material adverse effect on our Pipeline Entities' business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and on our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

The Pipeline Entities' natural gas sales, transportation and storage operations are subject to regulation by FERC, which could have an adverse impact on their ability to establish transportation and storage rates that would allow them to recover the full cost of operating their respective pipelines, including a reasonable rate of return.

The Pipeline Entities' natural gas sales, transmission and storage operations are subject to federal, state and local regulatory authorities. Specifically, their interstate pipeline transportation and storage service is subject to regulation by FERC. The federal regulation extends to such matters as:

transportation and sale for resale of natural gas in interstate commerce;

rates, operating terms and conditions of service, including initiation and discontinuation of service;

the types of services the Pipeline Entities may offer to their customers;

certification and construction of new facilities;

acquisition, extension, disposition or abandonment of facilities;

accounts and records;

depreciation and amortization policies;

relationships with affiliated companies who are involved in marketing functions of the natural gas business; and

market manipulation in connection with interstate sales, purchases or transportation of natural gas.

Under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), FERC has authority to regulate providers of natural gas pipeline transportation and storage services in interstate commerce, and such providers may only charge rates that have

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been determined to be just and reasonable by FERC. In addition, FERC prohibits providers from unduly preferring or unreasonably discriminating against any person with respect to pipeline rates or terms and conditions of service.

Regulatory actions in these areas can affect our business in many ways, including decreasing tariff rates and revenues, decreasing volumes in our pipelines, increasing our costs and otherwise altering the profitability of our pipeline business.

The FERC Standards of Conduct govern the relationship between natural gas transmission providers and their marketing function employees as defined by the rule. The standards of conduct are intended to prevent natural gas transmission providers from preferentially benefiting gas marketing functions by requiring the employees of a transmission provider that perform transmission functions to function independently from marketing function employees and by restricting the information that transmission providers may provide to gas marketing employees. The inefficiencies created by the restrictions on the sharing of employees and information may increase our costs, and the restriction on the sharing of information may have an adverse impact on our senior management's ability to effectively obtain important information about our business.

Unlike other pipelines that own facilities in the offshore Gulf of Mexico, Transco charges its transportation customers a separate fee to access its offshore facilities. The separate charge that it assesses, referred to as an "IT feeder" charge, is charged only when the facilities are used and typically is paid by producers or marketers. This means that Transco recovers the costs included in the IT feeder charge only if its facilities are used, and because it is typically paid by producers and marketers, it generally results in netback prices to producers that are slightly lower than the netbacks realized by producers transporting on other interstate pipelines. Longer term, this rate design disparity could result in producers bypassing Transco's offshore facilities in favor of alternative transportation facilities. Transco has asked FERC to allow it to eliminate the IT feeder charge and charge for transportation on its offshore facilities in the same manner as other pipelines. Transco's requests have been denied.

The rates, terms and conditions for the Pipeline Entities' interstate pipeline services are set forth in their respective FERC-approved tariffs. Any successful complaint or protest against the Pipeline Entities' rates could have an adverse impact on their revenues associated with providing transportation services. In addition, there is a risk that rates set by FERC in future rate cases filed by the Pipeline Entities will be inadequate to recover increases in operating costs or to sustain an adequate return on capital investments. There is also the risk that higher rates would cause their customers to look for alternative ways to transport natural gas.

The Pipeline Entities could be subject to penalties and fines if they fail to comply with FERC regulations.

The Pipeline Entities' transportation and storage operations are regulated by FERC. Should the Pipeline Entities fail to comply with all applicable FERC administered statutes, rules, regulations and orders, they could be subject to substantial penalties and fines. Under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, FERC has civil penalty authority under the NGA to impose penalties for current violations of up to \$1,000,000 per day for each violation. Any material penalties or fines imposed by FERC could have a material adverse impact on the Pipeline Entities' business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and on our ability to pay interest on, or the principal of, the notes.

The outcome of certain FERC proceedings involving FERC policy statements is uncertain and could affect the level of return on equity that the Pipeline Entities may be able to achieve in any future rate proceeding.

In an effort to provide some guidance and to obtain further public comment on FERC's policies concerning return on equity determinations, on July 19, 2007, FERC issued its Proposed Proxy Policy Statement, "Composition of Proxy Groups for Determining Gas and Oil Pipeline Return on Equity." In the Proposed Proxy Policy Statement, FERC proposes to permit inclusion of publicly traded partnerships in the proxy group analysis relating to return on equity

determinations in rate proceedings, provided that the analysis be limited to actual publicly traded partnership distributions capped at the level of the pipeline's earnings.

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After receiving public comment on the proposed policy statement, on April 17, 2008, FERC issued a final policy statement rejecting the concept of capping distributions in favor of an adjustment to the long-term growth rate used to calculate the equity cost of capital for publicly traded partnerships which are included in the proxy group.

On January 19, 2009, FERC applied the policy statement to a pipeline rate case and determined that the pipeline's return on equity should be 11.55 percent. It is difficult to know how instructive this case is for purposes of anticipating rates of return in future rate cases, because FERC determined the composition of the proxy group using data from 2004 when the case was filed.

The effect of the application of FERC's policy to the Pipeline Entities' future rate proceedings is not certain, and we cannot ensure that such application would not adversely affect our ability to achieve a reasonable level of return on equity.

The outcome of future rate cases to set the rates the Pipeline Entities can charge customers on their respective pipelines might result in rates that lower their return on the capital invested in those pipelines.

There is a risk that rates set by FERC in the Pipeline Entities' future rate cases will be inadequate to recover increases in operating costs or to sustain an adequate return on capital investments. There is also the risk that higher rates will cause their customers to look for alternative ways to transport their natural gas.

The outcome of future rate cases will determine the amount of income taxes the Pipeline Entities will be allowed to recover.

In May 2005, FERC issued a statement of general policy permitting a pipeline to include in its cost-of-service computations an income tax allowance provided that an entity or individual has an actual or potential income tax liability on income from the pipeline's public utility assets. The extent to which owners of pipelines have such actual or potential income tax liability will be reviewed by FERC on a case-by-case basis in rate cases where the amounts of the allowances will be established.

Legal and regulatory proceedings and investigations relating to the energy industry and capital markets have adversely affected the Pipeline Entities' businesses and may continue to do so.

Public and regulatory scrutiny of the energy industry and of the capital markets has resulted in increased regulation being either proposed or implemented. Such scrutiny has also resulted in various inquiries, investigations and court proceedings in which the Pipeline Entities or their affiliates are named as defendants. Both the shippers on the Pipeline Entities' pipelines and regulators have rights to challenge the rates they charge under certain circumstances. Any successful challenge could materially affect the Pipeline Entities' results of operations.

Certain inquiries, investigations and court proceedings are ongoing. Adverse effects may continue as a result of the uncertainty of these ongoing inquiries and proceedings, or additional inquiries and proceedings by federal or state regulatory agencies or private plaintiffs. In addition, we cannot predict the outcome of any of these inquiries or whether these inquiries will lead to additional legal proceedings against the Pipeline Entities, civil or criminal fines or penalties, or other regulatory action, including legislation, which might be materially adverse to the operation of the Pipeline Entities' businesses and our revenues and net income or increase their operating costs in other ways. Current legal proceedings or other matters against us including environmental matters, suits, regulatory appeals and similar matters might result in adverse decisions against the Pipeline Entities. The result of such adverse decisions, either individually or in the aggregate, could be material and may not be covered fully or at all by insurance.

Increased competition from alternative natural gas transportation and storage options and alternative fuel sources could have a significant financial impact on us.

We compete primarily with other interstate pipelines and storage facilities in the transportation and storage of natural gas. Some of our competitors may have greater financial resources and access to greater

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supplies of natural gas than we do. Some of these competitors may expand or construct transportation and storage systems that would create additional competition for natural gas supplies or the services we provide to our customers. Moreover, Williams and its other affiliates may not be limited in their ability to compete with us. Further, natural gas also competes with other forms of energy available to our customers, including electricity, coal, fuel oils and other alternative energy sources.

The principal elements of competition among natural gas transportation and storage assets are rates, terms of service, access to natural gas supplies, flexibility and reliability. FERC's policies promoting competition in natural gas markets are having the effect of increasing the natural gas transportation and storage options for our traditional customer base. As a result, we could experience some "turnback" of firm capacity as the primary terms of existing agreements expire. If we are unable to remarket this capacity or can remarket it only at substantially discounted rates compared to previous contracts, we or our remaining customers may have to bear the costs associated with the turned back capacity. Increased competition could reduce the amount of transportation or storage capacity contracted on our system or, in cases where we do not have long-term fixed rate contracts, could force us to lower our transportation or storage rates. Competition could intensify the negative impact of factors that significantly decrease demand for natural gas or increase the price of natural gas in the markets served by our pipeline system, such as competing or alternative forms of energy, a regional or national recession or other adverse economic conditions, weather, higher fuel costs and taxes or other governmental or regulatory actions that directly or indirectly increase the price of natural gas or limit the use of natural gas. Our ability to renew or replace existing contracts at rates sufficient to maintain current revenues and cash flows could be adversely affected by the activities of our competitors. All of these competitive pressures could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

We may not be able to maintain or replace expiring natural gas transportation and storage contracts at favorable rates or on a long-term basis.

The Pipeline Entities' primary exposure to market risk occurs at the time the terms of existing transportation and storage contracts expire and are subject to termination. Although none of our material contracts are terminable in 2010, upon expiration of the terms we may not be able to extend contracts with existing customers to obtain replacement contracts at favorable rates or on a long-term basis.

The extension or replacement of existing contracts depends on a number of factors beyond our control, including:

- the level of existing and new competition to deliver natural gas to our markets;
- the growth in demand for natural gas in our markets;
- whether the market will continue to support long-term firm contracts;
- whether our business strategy continues to be successful;
- the level of competition for natural gas supplies in the production basins serving us; and
- the effects of state regulation on customer contracting practices.

Any failure to extend or replace a significant portion of our existing contracts may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

Competitive pressures could lead to decreases in the volume of natural gas contracted or transported through the Pipeline Entities' pipeline systems.

Although most of the Pipeline Entities' pipeline systems' current capacity is fully contracted, FERC has taken certain actions to strengthen market forces in the natural gas pipeline industry that have led to increased competition throughout the industry. In a number of key markets, interstate pipelines are now facing competitive pressure from other major pipeline systems, enabling local distribution companies and end users to

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choose a transmission provider based on considerations other than location. Other entities could construct new pipelines or expand existing pipelines that could potentially serve the same markets as our pipeline system. Any such new pipelines could offer transportation services that are more desirable to shippers because of locations, facilities, or other factors. These new pipelines could charge rates or provide service to locations that would result in greater net profit for shippers and producers and thereby force us to lower the rates charged for service on our pipeline in order to extend our existing transportation service agreements or to attract new customers. We are aware of proposals by competitors to expand pipeline capacity in certain markets we also serve which, if the proposed projects proceed, could increase the competitive pressure upon us. There can be no assurance that we will be able to compete successfully against current and future competitors and any failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

Decreases in demand for natural gas could adversely affect our business.

Demand for our transportation services depends on the ability and willingness of shippers with access to our facilities to satisfy their demand by deliveries through our system. Any decrease in this demand could adversely affect our business. Demand for natural gas is also affected by weather, future industrial and economic conditions, fuel conservation measures, alternative fuel requirements, governmental regulation, or technological advances in fuel economy and energy generation devices, all of which are matters beyond our control. Additionally, in some cases, new LNG import facilities built near our markets could result in less demand for our gathering and transmission facilities.

The failure of new sources of natural gas production or LNG import terminals to be successfully developed in North America could increase natural gas prices and reduce the demand for our services.

New sources of natural gas production in the United States and Canada, particularly in areas of shale development, are expected to become an increasingly significant component of future U.S. natural gas supply in North America. Additionally, increases in LNG supplies are expected to be imported through new LNG import terminals, particularly in the Gulf Coast region. If these additional sources of supply are not developed, natural gas prices could increase and cause consumers of natural gas to turn to alternative energy sources, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

Certain of the Pipeline Entities' services are subject to long-term, fixed-price contracts that are not subject to adjustment, even if our cost to perform such services exceeds the revenues received from such contracts.

The Pipeline Entities provide some services pursuant to long-term, fixed price contracts. It is possible that costs to perform services under such contracts will exceed the revenues they collect for their services. Although most of the services are priced at cost-based rates that are subject to adjustment in rate cases, under FERC policy, a regulated service provider and a customer may mutually agree to sign a contract for service at a negotiated rate that may be above or below the FERC-regulated, cost-based rate for that service. These negotiated rate contracts are not generally subject to adjustment for increased costs that could be produced by inflation or other factors relating to the specific facilities being used to perform the services.

Our operations are subject to operational hazards and unforeseen interruptions for which they may not be adequately insured.

There are operational risks associated with the gathering, transporting, storage, processing and treating of natural gas and the fractionation and storage of NGLs, including:

hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires, extreme weather conditions and other natural disasters;

aging infrastructure and mechanical problems;

damages to pipelines and pipeline blockages;

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uncontrolled releases of natural gas (including sour gas), NGLs, brine or industrial chemicals;

collapse of NGL storage caverns;

operator error;

damage inadvertently caused by third party activity, such as operation of construction equipment;

pollution and other environmental risks;

fires, explosions, craterings and blowouts;

risks related to truck and rail loading and unloading;

risks related to operating in a marine environment; and

terrorist attacks or threatened attacks on our facilities or those of other energy companies.

Any of these risks could result in loss of human life, personal injuries, significant damage to property, environmental pollution, impairment of our operations and substantial losses to us. In accordance with customary industry practice, we maintain insurance against some, but not all, of these risks and losses, and only at levels we believe to be appropriate. The location of certain segments of our facilities in or near populated areas, including residential areas, commercial business centers and industrial sites, could increase the level of damages resulting from these risks. In spite of our precautions, an event such as those described above could cause considerable harm to people or property, and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations, particularly if the event is not fully covered by insurance. Accidents or other operating risks could further result in loss of service available to our customers.

Some portions of our current pipeline infrastructure and other assets have been in use for many decades, which may adversely affect our business.

Some portions of our assets, including our pipeline infrastructure, have been in use for many decades. The current age and condition of our assets could result in a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations if the costs of maintaining our facilities exceed current expectations.

Our operations are subject to governmental laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment, which may expose us to significant costs and liabilities and could exceed current expectations.

The risk of substantial environmental costs and liabilities is inherent in natural gas gathering, transportation, storage, processing and treating, and in the fractionation and storage of NGLs, and we may incur substantial environmental costs and liabilities in the performance of these types of operations. Our operations are subject to extensive federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations governing environmental protection, the discharge of materials into the environment and the security of chemical and industrial facilities. These laws include:

Clean Air Act (CAA) and analogous state laws, which impose obligations related to air emissions;

Clean Water Act (CWA) and analogous state laws, which regulate discharge of wastewaters from our facilities to state and federal waters;

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and analogous state laws, which regulate the cleanup of hazardous substances that may have been released at properties currently or previously owned or operated by us or locations to which we have sent wastes for disposal; and

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and analogous state laws, which impose requirements for the handling and discharge of solid and hazardous waste from our facilities.

Various governmental authorities, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and analogous state agencies and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, have the power to enforce

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compliance with these laws and regulations and the permits issued under them, oftentimes requiring difficult and costly actions. Failure to comply with these laws, regulations, and permits may result in the assessment of administrative, civil, and criminal penalties, the imposition of remedial obligations, the imposition of stricter conditions on or revocation of permits, and the issuance of injunctions limiting or preventing some or all of our operations.

There is inherent risk of the incurrence of environmental costs and liabilities in our business, some of which may be material, due to our handling of the products we gather, transport, process, fractionate and store, air emissions related to our operations, historical industry operations, waste disposal practices, and the prior use of flow meters containing mercury. Joint and several, strict liability may be incurred without regard to fault under certain environmental laws and regulations, including CERCLA, RCRA, and analogous state laws, for the remediation of contaminated areas and in connection with spills or releases of natural gas and wastes on, under, or from our properties and facilities. Private parties, including the owners of properties through which our pipeline and gathering systems pass and facilities where our wastes are taken for reclamation or disposal, may have the right to pursue legal actions to enforce compliance as well as to seek damages for non-compliance with environmental laws and regulations or for personal injury or property damage arising from our operations. Some sites we operate are located near current or former third-party hydrocarbon storage and processing operations, and there is a risk that contamination has migrated from those sites to ours. In addition, increasingly strict laws, regulations and enforcement policies could materially increase our compliance costs and the cost of any remediation that may become necessary. Our insurance may not cover all environmental risks and costs or may not provide sufficient coverage if an environmental claim is made against us.

Our business may be adversely affected by increased costs due to stricter pollution control requirements or liabilities resulting from non-compliance with required operating or other regulatory permits. Also, we might not be able to obtain or maintain from time to time all required environmental regulatory approvals for our operations. If there is a delay in obtaining any required environmental regulatory approvals, or if we fail to obtain and comply with them, the operation of our facilities could be prevented or become subject to additional costs, resulting in potentially material adverse consequences to our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We make assumptions and develop expectations about possible expenditures related to environmental conditions based on current laws and regulations and current interpretations of those laws and regulations. If the interpretation of laws or regulations, or the laws and regulations themselves, change, our assumptions may change, and any new capital costs incurred to comply with such changes may not be recoverable under our regulatory rate structure or our customer contracts. In addition, new environmental laws and regulations might adversely affect our products and activities, including processing, fractionation, storage and transportation, as well as waste management and air emissions. For instance, federal and state agencies could impose additional safety requirements, any of which could affect our profitability. In addition, recent scientific studies have suggested that emissions of certain gases, commonly referred to as greenhouse gases (GHGs), may be contributing to warming of the earth's atmosphere, and various governmental bodies have considered legislative and regulatory responses in this area.

Legislative and regulatory responses related to GHGs and climate change creates the potential for financial risk. The U.S. Congress and certain states have for some time been considering various forms of legislation related to GHG emissions. There have also been international efforts seeking legally binding reductions in emissions of GHGs. In addition, increased public awareness and concern may result in more state, regional and/or federal requirements to reduce or mitigate GHG emissions.

Several bills have been introduced in the U.S. Congress that would compel GHG emission reductions. On June 26, 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act which is intended to decrease annual GHG emissions through a variety of measures, including a cap and trade system which limits the amount of GHGs that may be emitted and incentives to reduce the nation's dependence on traditional energy sources.

The U.S. Senate is currently considering similar legislation, and numerous states have also announced or adopted programs to stabilize and reduce GHGs. In addition, on December 7, 2009, the EPA issued a final determination that six GHGs are a threat to public safety and

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welfare. This determination could ultimately lead to the direct regulation of GHG emissions in our industry under the CAA. While it is not clear whether or when any federal or state climate change laws or regulations will be passed, any of these actions could result in increased costs to (i) operate and maintain our facilities, (ii) install new emission controls on our facilities, and (iii) administer and manage any GHG emissions program. If we are unable to recover or pass through a significant level of our costs related to complying with climate change regulatory requirements imposed on us, it could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes. To the extent financial markets view climate change and GHG emissions as a financial risk, this could negatively impact our cost of and access to capital.

We do not insure against all potential losses and could be seriously harmed by unexpected liabilities or by the ability of the insurers we do use to satisfy our claims.

We are not fully insured against all risks inherent to our business, including environmental accidents that might occur. In addition, we do not maintain business interruption insurance in the type and amount to cover all possible risks of loss. We currently maintain excess liability insurance with limits of \$610 million per occurrence and in the aggregate annually and a deductible of \$2 million per occurrence. This insurance covers us, our subsidiaries, and certain of our affiliates for legal and contractual liabilities arising out of bodily injury, personal injury or property damage, including resulting loss of use to third parties. This excess liability insurance includes coverage for sudden and accidental pollution liability for full limits, with the first \$135 million of insurance also providing gradual pollution liability coverage for natural gas and NGL operations. Pollution liability coverage excludes: release of pollutants subsequent to their disposal; release of substances arising from the combustion of fuels that result in acidic deposition; and testing, monitoring, clean-up, containment, treatment or removal of pollutants from property owned, occupied by, rented to, used by or in the care, custody or control of us, our subsidiaries, or certain of our affiliates.

We do not insure onshore underground pipelines for physical damage, except at river crossings and at certain locations such as compressor stations. We maintain coverage of \$300 million per occurrence for physical damage to onshore assets and resulting business interruption caused by terrorist acts. We also maintain coverage of \$100 million per occurrence for physical damage to offshore assets caused by terrorist acts, except for our Devils Tower spar where we maintain limits of \$450 million per occurrence for physical damage caused by terrorist acts. We purchase insurance for business interruption arising from physical loss or damage resulting from terrorist acts only for certain offshore assets. Also, all of our insurance is subject to deductibles. If a significant accident or event occurs for which we are not fully insured, it could adversely affect our operations and financial condition. We may not be able to maintain or obtain insurance of the type and amount we desire at reasonable rates. Changes in the insurance markets subsequent to hurricanes losses in recent years have impacted named windstorm insurance coverage, rates and availability for Gulf of Mexico area exposures, and we may elect to self insure a portion of our asset portfolio. We cannot assure you that we will in the future be able to obtain the levels or types of insurance we would otherwise have obtained prior to these market changes or that the insurance coverage we do obtain will not contain large deductibles or fail to cover certain hazards or cover all potential losses. The occurrence of any operating risks not fully covered by insurance could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and our ability to repay the notes.

In addition, certain insurance companies that provide coverage to us, including American International Group, Inc., have experienced negative developments that could impair their ability to pay any of our potential claims. As a result, we could be exposed to greater losses than anticipated and may have to obtain replacement insurance, if available, at a greater cost.

Execution of our capital projects subjects us to construction risks, increases in labor costs and materials, and other risks that may adversely affect financial results.

Our growth may be dependent upon the construction of new natural gas gathering, transportation, processing or treating pipelines and facilities or natural gas liquids fractionation or storage facilities, as well as

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the expansion of existing facilities. Construction or expansion of these facilities is subject to various regulatory, development and operational risks, including:

the ability to obtain necessary approvals and permits by regulatory agencies on a timely basis and on acceptable terms;

the availability of skilled labor, equipment, and materials to complete expansion projects;

potential changes in federal, state and local statutes and regulations, including environmental requirements, that prevent a project from proceeding or increase the anticipated cost of the project;

impediments on our ability to acquire rights-of-way or land rights on a timely basis and on acceptable terms;

the ability to construct projects within estimated costs, including the risk of cost overruns resulting from inflation or increased costs of equipment, materials, labor or other factors beyond our control, that may be material; and

the ability to access capital markets to fund construction projects.

Any of these risks could prevent a project from proceeding, delay its completion or increase its anticipated costs. As a result, new facilities may not achieve expected investment return, which could adversely affect our results of operations, financial position, or cash flows and our ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

Our operating results for certain segments of our business might fluctuate on a seasonal and quarterly basis.

Revenues from certain segments of our business can have seasonal characteristics. In many parts of the country, demand for natural gas and other fuels peaks during the winter. As a result, our overall operating results in the future might fluctuate substantially on a seasonal basis. Demand for natural gas and other fuels could vary significantly from our expectations depending on the nature and location of our facilities and pipeline systems and the terms of our natural gas transportation arrangements relative to demand created by unusual weather patterns.

We do not operate all of our assets. This reliance on others to operate our assets and to provide other services could adversely affect our business and operating results.

Williams and other third parties operate certain of our assets. We have a limited ability to control these operations and the associated costs. The success of these operations is therefore dependent upon a number of factors that are outside our control, including the competence and financial resources of the operators.

We rely on Williams for certain services necessary for us to be able to conduct our business. Williams may outsource some or all of these services to third parties, and a failure of all or part of Williams' relationships with its outsourcing providers could lead to delays in or interruptions of these services. Our reliance on Williams and others as operators and on Williams' outsourcing relationships, and our limited ability to control certain costs could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

We do not own all of the land on which our pipelines and facilities are located, which could disrupt our operations.

We do not own all of the land on which our pipelines and facilities have been constructed. As such, we are subject to the possibility of increased costs to retain necessary land use. We obtain the rights to construct and operate our

pipelines and gathering systems on land owned by third parties and governmental agencies for a specific period of time. Our loss of these rights, through our inability to renew right-of-way contracts or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition and ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

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Potential changes in accounting standards might cause us to revise our financial results and disclosures in the future, which might change the way analysts measure our business or financial performance.

Regulators and legislators continue to take a renewed look at accounting practices, financial disclosures, retirement plan practices and companies' relationships with their independent public accounting firms. It remains unclear what new laws or regulations will be adopted, and we cannot predict the ultimate impact that any such new laws or regulations could have. In addition, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC or FERC could enact new accounting standards or FERC orders that might impact how we are required to record revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities. Any significant change in accounting standards or disclosure requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition and ability to pay interest on, and the principal of, the notes.

Institutional knowledge residing with current employees nearing retirement eligibility might not be adequately preserved.

In our business, institutional knowledge resides with employees who have many years of service. As these employees reach retirement age, we may not be able to replace them with employees of comparable knowledge and experience. In addition, we may not be able to retain or recruit other qualified individuals, and our efforts at knowledge transfer could be inadequate. If knowledge transfer, recruiting and retention efforts are inadequate, access to significant amounts of internal historical knowledge and expertise could become unavailable to us.

Failure of or disruptions to our outsourcing relationships might negatively impact our ability to conduct our business.

Some studies indicate a high failure rate of outsourcing relationships. Although Williams has taken steps to build a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship with its outsourcing providers and to closely monitor their performance, a deterioration in the timeliness or quality of the services performed by the outsourcing providers or a failure of all or part of these relationships could lead to loss of institutional knowledge and interruption of services necessary for us to be able to conduct our business. The expiration of such agreements or the transition of services between providers could lead to similar losses of institutional knowledge or disruptions.

Certain of our accounting, information technology, application development, and help desk services are currently provided by Williams' outsourcing provider from service centers outside of the United States. The economic and political conditions in certain countries from which Williams' outsourcing providers may provide services to us present similar risks of business operations located outside of the United States, including risks of interruption of business, war, expropriation, nationalization, renegotiation, trade sanctions or nullification of existing contracts and changes in law or tax policy, that are greater than in the United States.

Acts of terrorism could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our assets and the assets of our customers and others may be targets of terrorist activities that could disrupt our business or cause significant harm to our operations, such as full or partial disruption to our ability to produce, process, transport or distribute natural gas, natural gas liquids or other commodities. Acts of terrorism as well as events occurring in response to or in connection with acts of terrorism could cause environmental repercussions that could result in a significant decrease in revenues or significant reconstruction or remediation costs, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows and on our ability to pay interest on, or the principal of, the notes.

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We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the exchange notes.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our historical cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of March 31, 2010. This table should be read in conjunction with the Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data included in this prospectus and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes in our 2010 First Quarter 10-Q, which is incorporated by reference herein.

	As of March 31, 2010 (Unaudited) (\$ in millions)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 128
Short-term Debt	
Long-term debt due within one year	9
Long-term Debt (less unamortized debt discount):	
Credit Facility(1)	108
Outstanding notes	6,222
Total debt	6,339
Equity:	
Common units	1,648
Class C Units	3,683
General Partner	(1,319)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(10)
Noncontrolling interests in consolidated subsidiaries	347
Total equity	4,349
Total capitalization	\$ 10,688

- (1) In connection with the Dropdown, we established the Credit Facility in an amount of \$1.75 billion. Under certain conditions, the amount of the Credit Facility may be increased by up to an additional \$250 million. The Credit Facility has a term of three years and replaced our existing \$450 million unsecured credit agreement. We borrowed \$250 million under the Credit Facility upon its closing to repay the term loan under our then existing credit facility. As of March 31, 2010, loans outstanding under the Credit Facility were reduced to \$108 million using available cash.

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THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Purpose of the Exchange Offer

This exchange offer is being made pursuant to the registration rights agreement we entered into with the initial purchasers of the outstanding notes on February 9, 2010. The summary of the registration rights agreement contained herein does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the registration rights agreement. A copy of the registration rights agreement is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

Terms of the Exchange Offer; Expiration Time

This prospectus and the accompanying letter of transmittal together constitute the exchange offer. Subject to the terms and conditions in this prospectus and the letter of transmittal, we will accept for exchange outstanding notes that are validly tendered at or prior to the expiration time and are not validly withdrawn as permitted below. The expiration time for the exchange offer is 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on June 29, 2010, or such later date and time to which we, in our sole discretion, extend the exchange offer.

We expressly reserve the right, in our sole discretion:

to extend the expiration time;

if any one of the conditions set forth below under **Conditions to the Exchange Offer** has not been satisfied, to terminate the exchange offer and not accept any outstanding notes for exchange; and

to amend the exchange offer in any manner.

We will give oral or written notice of any extension, delay, non-acceptance, termination, or amendment as promptly as practicable by a public announcement, and in the case of an extension, no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration time.

During an extension, all outstanding notes previously tendered will remain subject to the exchange offer and may be accepted for exchange by us, upon expiration of the exchange offer, unless validly withdrawn.

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in exchange for outstanding notes, where such outstanding notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge in the letter of transmittal that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such exchange notes. See **Plan of Distribution**.

How to Tender Outstanding Notes for Exchange

Only a record holder of outstanding notes may tender in the exchange offer. When the holder of outstanding notes tenders and we accept outstanding notes for exchange, a binding agreement between us and the tendering holder is created, subject to the terms and conditions in this prospectus and the accompanying letter of transmittal. Except as set forth below, a holder of outstanding notes who desires to tender outstanding notes for exchange must, at or prior to the expiration time:

transmit a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, the outstanding notes being tendered and all other documents required by such letter of transmittal, to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., the exchange agent, at the address set forth below under the heading The Exchange Agent ; or

if outstanding notes are tendered pursuant to the book-entry procedures set forth below, an agent's message must be transmitted by The Depository Trust Company (DTC), to the exchange agent at the address set forth below under the heading The Exchange Agent, and the exchange agent must receive, at or prior to the expiration time, a confirmation of the book-entry transfer of the outstanding notes being tendered into the exchange agent's account at DTC, along with the agent's message; or

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if time will not permit the required documentation to reach the exchange agent before the expiration time, or the procedures for book-entry transfer cannot be completed by the expiration time, the holder may effect a tender by complying with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below.

The term "agent's message" means a message that:

is transmitted by DTC;

is received by the exchange agent and forms a part of a book-entry transfer;

states that DTC has received an express acknowledgement that the tendering holder has received and agrees to be bound by, and makes each of the representations and warranties contained in, the letter of transmittal; and

states that we may enforce the letter of transmittal against such holder.

The method of delivery of the outstanding notes, the letter of transmittal or agent's message, and all other required documents to the exchange agent is at the election and sole risk of the holder. If such delivery is by mail, we recommend registered mail, properly insured, with return receipt requested. In all cases, you should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery. No letters of transmittal or outstanding notes should be sent directly to us.

Signatures on a letter of transmittal must be guaranteed unless the outstanding notes surrendered for exchange are tendered:

by a holder of outstanding notes who has not completed the box entitled "Special Issuance Instructions" or "Special Delivery Instructions" on the letter of transmittal; or

for the account of a recognized member in good standing of a Medallion Signature Guarantee Program recognized by the exchange agent, such as a firm which is a member of a registered national securities exchange, a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States, or certain other eligible institutions, each of the foregoing being referred to herein as an "eligible institution."

If signatures on a letter of transmittal or notice of withdrawal are required to be guaranteed, the guarantor must be an eligible institution. If outstanding notes are registered in the name of a person other than the person who signed the letter of transmittal, the outstanding notes tendered for exchange must be endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer or exchange, in satisfactory form as determined by us in our sole discretion, duly executed by the registered holder with the registered holder's signature guaranteed by an eligible institution.

We will determine in our sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt), and acceptance of outstanding notes tendered for exchange and all other required documents. We reserve the absolute right to:

reject any and all tenders of any outstanding note not validly tendered;

refuse to accept any outstanding note if, in our judgment or the judgment of our counsel, acceptance of the outstanding note may be deemed unlawful;

waive any defects or irregularities or conditions of the exchange offer, either before or after the expiration time; and

determine the eligibility of any holder who seeks to tender outstanding notes in the exchange offer.

Our determinations, either before or after the expiration time, under, and of the terms and conditions of, the exchange offer, including the letter of transmittal and the instructions to it, or as to any questions with respect to the tender of any outstanding notes, will be final and binding on all parties. To the extent we waive any conditions to the exchange offer, we will waive such conditions as to all outstanding notes. Holders must cure any defects and irregularities in connection with tenders of outstanding notes for exchange within such reasonable period of time as we will determine, unless we waive such defects or irregularities. Neither we, the

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exchange agent, nor any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defect or irregularity with respect to any tender of outstanding notes for exchange, nor will any of us incur any liability for failure to give such notification.

If you beneficially own outstanding notes registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company, or other nominee and you wish to tender your outstanding notes in the exchange offer, you should contact the registered holder promptly and instruct it to tender on your behalf.

WE MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION TO THE HOLDERS OF THE OUTSTANDING NOTES AS TO WHETHER TO TENDER OR REFRAIN FROM TENDERING ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THEIR OUTSTANDING NOTES IN THE EXCHANGE OFFER. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO MAKE ANY SUCH RECOMMENDATION. HOLDERS OF THE OUTSTANDING NOTES MUST MAKE THEIR OWN DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO TENDER PURSUANT TO THE EXCHANGE OFFER, AND, IF SO, THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING NOTES TO TENDER, AFTER READING THIS PROSPECTUS AND THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND CONSULTING WITH THEIR ADVISERS, IF ANY, BASED ON THEIR FINANCIAL POSITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.

Book-Entry Transfers

Any financial institution that is a participant in DTC's system must make book-entry delivery of outstanding notes by causing DTC to transfer the outstanding notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC in accordance with DTC's Automated Tender Offer Program, known as ATOP. Such participant should transmit its acceptance to DTC at or prior to the expiration time or comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below. DTC will verify such acceptance, execute a book-entry transfer of the tendered outstanding notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC and then send to the exchange agent confirmation of such book-entry transfer. The confirmation of such book-entry transfer will include an agent's message. The letter of transmittal or facsimile thereof or an agent's message, with any required signature guarantees and any other required documents, must be transmitted to and received by the exchange agent at the address set forth below under "The Exchange Agent" at or prior to the expiration time of the exchange offer, or the holder must comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below.

Guaranteed Delivery Procedures

If a holder of outstanding notes desires to tender such notes and the holder's notes are not immediately available, or time will not permit such holder's outstanding notes or other required documents to reach the exchange agent at or prior to the expiration time, or the procedure for book-entry transfer cannot be completed on a timely basis, a tender may be effected if:

at or prior to the expiration time, the exchange agent receives from an eligible institution a validly completed and executed notice of guaranteed delivery, substantially in the form accompanying this prospectus, by facsimile transmission, mail, or hand delivery, setting forth the name and address of the holder of the outstanding notes being tendered and the amount of the outstanding notes being tendered. The notice of guaranteed delivery will state that the tender is being made and guarantee that within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the date of execution of the notice of guaranteed delivery, the certificates for all physically tendered outstanding notes, in proper form for transfer, or a book-entry confirmation, as the case may be, together with a validly completed and executed letter of transmittal with any required signature guarantees, or an agent's message, and any other documents required by the letter of transmittal, will be transmitted to the exchange agent; and

the exchange agent receives the certificates for all physically tendered outstanding notes, in proper form for transfer, or a book-entry confirmation, as the case may be, together with a validly completed and executed letter of transmittal with any required signature guarantees or an agent's message and any other documents required by the letter of transmittal, within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the date of execution of the notice of guaranteed delivery.

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The notice of guaranteed delivery must be received at or prior to the expiration time.

Withdrawal Rights

You may withdraw tenders of your outstanding notes at any time at or prior to the expiration time.

For a withdrawal to be effective, a written notice of withdrawal, by facsimile or by mail, must be received by the exchange agent, at the address set forth below under The Exchange Agent, at or prior to the expiration time. Any such notice of withdrawal must:

specify the name of the person having tendered the outstanding notes to be withdrawn;

identify the outstanding notes to be withdrawn, including the principal amount of such outstanding notes;

where outstanding notes have been tendered pursuant to the procedure for book-entry transfer described above, specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the withdrawn outstanding notes and otherwise comply with the procedures of DTC; and

bear the signature of the holder in the same manner as the original signature on the letter of transmittal, if any, by which such outstanding notes were tendered, with such signature guaranteed by an eligible institution, unless such holder is an eligible institution.

We will determine all questions as to the validity, form, and eligibility (including time of receipt) of such notices and our determination will be final and binding on all parties. Any tendered outstanding notes validly withdrawn will be deemed not to have been validly tendered for exchange for purposes of the exchange offer. Properly withdrawn notes may be re-tendered by following one of the procedures described under How to Tender Outstanding Notes for Exchange above at any time at or prior to the expiration time.

Acceptance of Outstanding Notes for Exchange; Delivery of Exchange Notes

All of the conditions to the exchange offer must be satisfied or waived at or prior to the expiration of the exchange offer. Promptly following the expiration time we will accept for exchange all outstanding notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn as of such date. We will promptly issue exchange notes for all validly tendered outstanding notes. For purposes of the exchange offer, we will be deemed to have accepted validly tendered outstanding notes for exchange when, as, and if we have given oral or written notice to the exchange agent, with written confirmation of any oral notice to be given promptly thereafter. See Conditions to the Exchange Offer for a discussion of the conditions that must be satisfied before we accept any outstanding notes for exchange.

For each outstanding note accepted for exchange, the holder will receive an exchange note of the same series registered under the Securities Act having a principal amount equal to, and in the denomination of, that of the surrendered outstanding note. Accordingly, registered holders of exchange notes that are outstanding on the relevant record date for the first interest payment date following the consummation of the exchange offer will receive interest accruing from the most recent date through which interest has been paid on the outstanding notes, or if no interest has been paid, from the original issue date of the outstanding notes. Outstanding notes that we accept for exchange will cease to accrue interest from and after the date of consummation of the exchange offer.

If we do not accept any tendered outstanding notes, or if a holder submits outstanding notes for a greater principal amount than the holder desires to exchange, we will return such unaccepted or non-exchanged outstanding notes

without cost to the tendering holder. In the case of outstanding notes tendered by book-entry transfer into the exchange agent's account at DTC, such non-exchanged outstanding notes will be credited to an account maintained with DTC. We will return the outstanding notes or have them credited to DTC promptly after the withdrawal, rejection of tender or termination of the exchange offer, as applicable. The untendered portion of any outstanding note tendered in part must be in denominations of \$2,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

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Conditions to the Exchange Offer

The exchange offer is not conditioned upon the tender of any minimum principal amount of outstanding notes. Notwithstanding any other provision of the exchange offer, or any extension of the exchange offer, we will not be required to accept for exchange, or to issue exchange notes in exchange for, any outstanding notes and may terminate or amend the exchange offer, by oral (promptly confirmed in writing) or written notice to the exchange agent or by a timely press release, if at any time before the expiration of the exchange offer, any of the following conditions exist:

any action or proceeding is instituted or threatened in any court or by or before any governmental agency challenging the exchange offer or that we believe might be expected to prohibit or materially impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer;

any stop order is threatened or in effect with respect to either (1) the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part or (2) the qualification of the indenture governing the notes under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended;

any law, rule or regulation is enacted, adopted, proposed, or interpreted that we believe might be expected to prohibit or impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer or to materially impair the ability of holders generally to receive freely tradeable exchange notes in the exchange offer. See Consequences of Failure to Exchange Outstanding Notes ;

any change or a development involving a prospective change in our business, properties, assets, liabilities, financial condition, operations, or results of operations taken as a whole, that is or may be adverse to us;

any declaration of war, armed hostilities, or other similar international calamity directly or indirectly involving the United States, or the worsening of any such condition that existed at the time that we commence the exchange offer; or

we become aware of facts that, in our reasonable judgment, have or may have adverse significance with respect to the value of the outstanding notes or the exchange notes to be issued in the exchange offer.

Accounting Treatment

For accounting purposes, we will not recognize gain or loss upon the issuance of the exchange notes for outstanding notes. We are capitalizing costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the exchange notes and amortizing those costs over the life of the debt.

Fees and Expenses

We will not make any payment to brokers, dealers, or others soliciting acceptance of the exchange offer except for reimbursement of mailing expenses. We will pay the cash expenses to be incurred in connection with the exchange offer, including:

SEC registration fees;

fees and expenses of the exchange agent and trustee;

our accounting and legal fees;

printing fees; and

related fees and expenses.

Transfer Taxes

Holders who tender their outstanding notes for exchange will not be obligated to pay any transfer taxes in connection with the exchange. If, however, exchange notes issued in the exchange offer are to be delivered to, or are to be issued in the name of, any person other than the holder of the outstanding notes tendered, or if a

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transfer tax is imposed for any reason other than the exchange of outstanding notes in connection with the exchange offer, then the holder must pay these transfer taxes, whether imposed on the registered holder or on any other person. If satisfactory evidence of payment of or exemption from these taxes is not submitted with the letter of transmittal, the amount of these transfer taxes will be billed directly to the tendering holder.

The Exchange Agent

We have appointed The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as our exchange agent for the exchange offer. All executed letters of transmittal should be directed to the exchange agent at the address set forth below. Questions and requests for assistance with respect to the procedures for the exchange offer, requests for additional copies of this prospectus or of the letter of transmittal and requests for notices of guaranteed delivery should also be directed to the exchange agent at the address below:

Deliver to:

By Mail, by Courier, or by Hand:

Bank of New York Mellon Corporation
Corporate Trust Operations
Reorganization Unit
101 Barclay Street 7 East
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Mrs. Evangeline R. Gonzales

By Facsimile Transmission:
(212) 298-1915

Confirm Facsimile Transmission
(212) 815-5098

Delivery of the letter of transmittal to an address other than as set forth above or transmission of such letter of transmittal via facsimile other than as set forth above will not constitute a valid delivery.

Consequences of Failure to Exchange Outstanding Notes

Outstanding notes that are not tendered or are tendered but not accepted will, following the consummation of the exchange offer, continue to be subject to the provisions in the indenture and the legend contained on the outstanding notes regarding the transfer restrictions of the outstanding notes. In general, outstanding notes, unless registered under the Securities Act, may not be offered or sold except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. We do not currently anticipate that we will take any action to register under the Securities Act or under any state securities laws the outstanding notes that are not tendered in the exchange offer or that are tendered in the exchange offer but are not accepted for exchange.

Holders of the exchange notes of any series and any outstanding notes of such series that remain outstanding after consummation of the exchange offer will vote together as a single series for purposes of determining whether holders of the requisite percentage of the notes have taken certain actions or exercised certain rights under the indenture.

Consequences of Exchanging Outstanding Notes

We have not requested, and do not intend to request, an interpretation by the staff of the SEC as to whether the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer may be offered for sale, resold, or otherwise transferred by any holder

without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act. However, based on interpretations of the staff of the SEC, as set forth in a series of no-action letters issued to third parties, we believe that the exchange notes may be offered for resale, resold, or

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otherwise transferred by holders of those exchange notes without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, provided that:

the holder is not an affiliate of ours within the meaning of Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act;

the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer are acquired in the ordinary course of the holder's business;

neither the holder, nor, to the actual knowledge of such holder, any other person receiving exchange notes from such holder, has any arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer;

if the holder is not a broker-dealer, the holder is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, a distribution of the exchange notes; and

if such a holder is a broker-dealer, such broker-dealer will receive the exchange notes for its own account in exchange for outstanding notes and that:

such outstanding notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making or other trading activities; and

it will deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with the resale of exchange notes issued in the exchange offer, and will comply with the applicable provisions of the Securities Act with respect to resale of any exchange notes. (In no-action letters issued to third parties, the SEC has taken the position that broker-dealers may fulfill their prospectus delivery requirements with respect to exchange notes (other than a resale of an unsold allotment from the original sale of outstanding notes) by delivery of the prospectus relating to the exchange offer). See Plan of Distribution for a discussion of the exchange and resale obligations of broker-dealers in connection with the exchange offer.

Each holder participating in the exchange offer will be required to furnish us with a written representation in the letter of transmittal that they meet each of these conditions and agree to these terms.

However, because the SEC has not considered the exchange offer for our outstanding notes in the context of a no-action letter, we cannot guarantee that the staff of the SEC would make similar determinations with respect to this exchange offer. If our belief is not accurate and you transfer an exchange note without delivering a prospectus meeting the requirements of the federal securities laws or without an exemption from these laws, you may incur liability under the federal securities laws. We do not and will not assume, or indemnify you against, this liability.

Any holder that is an affiliate of ours or that tenders outstanding notes in the exchange offer for the purpose of participating in a distribution:

may not rely on the applicable interpretation of the SEC staff's position contained in Exxon Capital Holdings Corp., SEC No-Action Letter (April 13, 1988), Morgan, Stanley & Co., Inc., SEC No-Action Letter (June 5, 1991) and Shearman & Sterling, SEC No-Action Letter (July 2, 1993); and

must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with a secondary resale transaction.

The exchange notes issued in the exchange offer may not be offered or sold in any state unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in such state or an exemption from registration or qualification is available and

complied with by the holders selling the exchange notes. We currently do not intend to register or qualify the sale of the exchange notes in any state where we would not otherwise be required to qualify.

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Filing of Registration Statements

Under the registration rights agreement we agreed, among other things, that if:

(1) we are not permitted to consummate the exchange offer because the exchange offer is not permitted by applicable law or SEC policy; or

(2) any holder of outstanding notes notifies us prior to the 20th day following consummation of the exchange offer that:

(a) it is prohibited by law or SEC policy from participating in the exchange offer; or

(b) it may not resell the exchange notes acquired by it in the exchange offer to the public without delivering a prospectus, and the prospectus contained in the exchange offer registration statement is not appropriate or available for such resales; or

(c) it is a broker-dealer and owns notes acquired directly from us or an affiliate of ours,

then we will file with the SEC a shelf registration statement to cover resales of the notes by the holders of the notes who satisfy certain conditions relating to the provision of information in connection with the shelf registration statement.

If obligated to file the shelf registration statement, we will use our commercially reasonable efforts to file the shelf registration statement with the SEC on or prior to 60 days after such filing obligation arises (or, if later, the date by which we are obligated to file an exchange offer registration statement) and use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the shelf registration statement to be declared effective by the SEC or to become automatically effective in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC on or prior to 180 days after such obligation arises (or, if later, the date by which we are obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to have the exchange offer registration statement declared effective).

If the shelf registration statement is declared effective or becomes automatically effective but thereafter ceases to be effective or usable in connection with resales of outstanding notes during the periods specified in the registration rights agreement (except with respect to permitted suspension periods as provided therein), then we will pay Additional Interest to each holder of affected outstanding notes on the terms provided in the registration rights agreement.

Holders of notes will be required to deliver certain information to be used in connection with the shelf registration statement and to provide comments on the shelf registration statement within the time periods set forth in the registration rights agreement in order to have their notes included in the shelf registration statement and benefit from the provisions regarding Additional Interest set forth above. By acquiring outstanding notes, a holder will be deemed to have agreed to indemnify us against certain losses arising out of information furnished by such holder in writing for inclusion in any shelf registration statement. Holders of notes will also be required to suspend their use of the prospectus included in the shelf registration statement under certain circumstances upon receipt of written notice to that effect from us.

Although we intend, if required, to file the shelf registration statement, we cannot assure you that the shelf registration statement will be filed or, if filed, that it will become or remain effective.

The foregoing description is a summary of certain provisions of the registration rights agreement. It does not restate the registration rights agreement in its entirety. We urge you to read the registration rights agreement, which is an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and can also be obtained from us. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

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DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

You can find the definitions of certain terms used in this description under the subheading **Certain Definitions**. In this description, the term **Company**, **us**, **our** or **we** refers only to Williams Partners L.P. and not to any of our subsidiaries.

We will issue the exchange notes under an indenture dated as of February 9, 2010 between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. The terms of the notes include those stated in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the **Trust Indenture Act**).

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the indenture and the notes. It does not restate the indenture in its entirety. We urge you to read the indenture in its entirety, because it, and not this description, defines your rights as holders of the notes. A copy of the indenture is available as set forth above under **Where You Can Find More Information**. Certain defined terms used in this **Description of Notes** but not defined below under **Certain Definitions** have the meanings assigned to them in the indenture.

The registered holder of a note will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes. Only registered holders will have rights under the indenture.

Brief Description of the Notes

The notes:

are our general unsecured obligations;

are equal in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness; and

are effectively subordinated to any of our existing and future senior secured indebtedness and structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness of our Subsidiaries.

On March 31, 2010:

we had outstanding indebtedness of approximately \$4.3 billion; and

our Subsidiaries had outstanding indebtedness of approximately \$2.0 billion.

The outstanding notes were issued in the following series:

\$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015 (the **outstanding 2015 notes**);

\$1,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020 (the **outstanding 2020 notes**); and

\$1,250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.300% Senior Notes due 2040 (the **outstanding 2040 notes**).

We will issue exchange notes under the indenture in the following series:

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in exchange for outstanding 2015 notes, up to \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015 (the exchange 2015 notes, and together with the outstanding 2015 notes, the 2015 notes);

in exchange for outstanding 2020 notes, up to \$1,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020 (the exchange 2020 notes, and together with the outstanding 2020 notes, the 2020 notes); and

in exchange for outstanding 2040 notes, up to \$1,250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.300% Senior Notes due 2040 (the exchange 2040 notes, and together with the outstanding 2040 notes, the 2040 notes).

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The indenture permits us to incur additional indebtedness, including additional senior unsecured indebtedness. The indenture does not restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to incur additional indebtedness. See **Risks Related to the Notes**. Our indebtedness could impair our financial condition and our ability to fulfill our debt obligations, including our obligations under the notes.

We own a noncontrolling interest in Aux Sable Liquid Products Inc., Aux Sable Liquid Products LP, Baton Rouge Fractionators LLC, Baton Rouge Pipeline LLC, Cardinal Pipeline Company LLC, Discovery Producer Services LLC, Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C., Laurel Mountain Midstream Ohio, LLC, Laurel Mountain Midstream Operating LLC, Laurel Mountain Midstream, LLC, Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC, Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LLC, and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP. We use the equity method of accounting for these investments and they are not classified as Subsidiaries of ours under the indenture so long as we continue to own a noncontrolling interest in each of them. As a result, the entities listed above are not subject to the restrictive covenants in the indenture so long as they are not Subsidiaries of ours.

Principal, Maturity and Interest

We will issue up to \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 2015 notes, up to \$1,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 2020 notes, and up to \$1,250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 2040 notes in this exchange offer. We will issue exchange notes in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The 2015 notes will mature on February 15, 2015, the 2020 notes will mature on March 15, 2020 and the 2040 notes will mature on April 15, 2040.

Interest on the 2015 notes will accrue at the rate of 3.800% per annum, and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15, commencing on August 15, 2010. We will make each interest payment on the 2015 notes to the holders of record at the close of business on the immediately preceding February 1 or August 1 (whether or not a Business Day). Interest on the 2020 notes will accrue at the rate of 5.250% per annum, and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15, commencing on September 15, 2010. We will make each interest payment on the 2020 notes to the holders of record at the close of business on the immediately preceding March 1 or September 1 (whether or not a Business Day). Interest on the 2040 notes will accrue at the rate of 6.300% per annum, and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15, commencing on October 15, 2010. We will make each interest payment on the 2040 notes to the holders of record at the close of business on the immediately preceding April 1 or October 1 (whether or not a Business Day).

Interest on the notes will accrue from the date of original issuance of the outstanding notes or, if interest has already been paid or duly provided for, from the date it was most recently paid or duly provided for. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

We may, without the consent of the holders of notes of any series, issue additional notes having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes of such series, except that interest would accrue from the date of issuance of such additional notes and such additional notes may not be fungible for trading purposes with, and may initially bear a different identifying numbers than, the notes of the applicable series offered hereby. Any additional notes having such similar terms, together with the notes of the applicable series, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the indenture.

Methods of Receiving Payments on the Notes

We will pay all principal, interest and premium, if any, on the notes in the manner described under Same-Day Settlement and Payment below.

Paying Agent and Registrar for the Notes

The trustee will initially act as paying agent and registrar. We may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the holders of the notes, and we or any of our Subsidiaries may act as paying agent or registrar.

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Transfer and Exchange

A holder may transfer or exchange notes in accordance with the indenture. The registrar and the trustee may require a holder to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents in connection with a transfer of notes. No service charges will be imposed by us, the trustee or the registrar for any registration of transfer or exchange of notes, but holders may be required to pay all taxes due on transfer or exchange. We are not required to transfer or exchange any note selected for redemption. Also, we are not required to transfer or exchange any note for a period of 15 days before mailing notice of any redemption of notes.

Optional Redemption

We may, at our option, redeem the notes of any series, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, and
- (2) as determined by the Quotation Agent, the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal of and interest on the notes to be redeemed (not including any portion of payments of interest accrued as of the redemption date) discounted to the redemption date on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Adjusted Treasury Rate, plus 25 basis points in the case of the 2015 notes, 25 basis points in the case of the 2020 notes and 30 basis points in the case of the 2040 notes, in each case plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

The indenture would have allowed us to redeem the notes, at our option, in whole but not in part, at any time prior to April 15, 2010, if in our judgment, the Dropdown would not be consummated on or prior to April 15, 2010. These provisions have ceased to apply to the outstanding notes, and will not apply to the exchange notes, because the Dropdown has been consummated.

Selection and Notice

If less than all of the notes of any series are to be redeemed at any time, the trustee will select such notes for redemption from the outstanding notes of such series not previously called for redemption on a pro rata basis or by lot (whichever is consistent with the trustee's customary practice).

No notes of \$2,000 or less can be redeemed in part. Except as provided in the second paragraph under the caption

Optional Redemption, notices of optional redemption will be mailed by first class mail at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of notes to be redeemed at its registered address. Notices of redemption may not be conditional.

If any note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to that note will state the portion of the principal amount of that note that is to be redeemed. A new note of the same series and in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the original note will be issued in the name of the holder of notes upon cancellation of the original note. Notes called for redemption become due on the date fixed for redemption. On and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on notes or portions of them called for redemption.

Mandatory Redemption

We are not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the notes of any series or to repurchase the notes of any series at the option of the holders.

The indenture contains provisions establishing a proceeds account with the trustee and providing for a special mandatory redemption of the notes using funds in the proceeds account if the closing of the Dropdown did not occur on or prior to April 15, 2010. These provisions have ceased to apply to the outstanding notes, and will not apply to the exchange notes, because the Dropdown has been consummated.

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Certain Covenants

Except as set forth in this Description of Notes, neither we nor any of our Subsidiaries are restricted by the indenture from incurring additional indebtedness or other obligations, from making distributions or paying dividends on our or our Subsidiaries' equity interests or from purchasing our or our Subsidiaries' equity interests. The indenture does not require the maintenance of any financial ratios or specified levels of net worth or liquidity. In addition, the indenture does not contain any provisions that would require us to repurchase or redeem any of the notes in situations that may adversely affect the creditworthiness of the notes.

Liens

We will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary of ours to, issue, assume or guarantee any Indebtedness secured by a Lien, other than Permitted Liens, upon any of our or any of our Subsidiaries' property, now owned or hereafter acquired, unless the notes are equally and ratably secured with such Indebtedness until such time as such Indebtedness is no longer secured by a Lien.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, we may, and may permit any Subsidiary of ours to, issue, assume or guarantee any Indebtedness secured by a Lien, other than a Permitted Lien, without securing the notes; *provided* that the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness of ours and any Subsidiary of ours then outstanding secured by any such Liens (other than Permitted Liens) does not exceed 15% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets

We may not directly or indirectly consolidate with or merge with or into, or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets and properties and the assets and properties of our Subsidiaries (taken as a whole) in one or more related transactions to another Person, unless:

(1) either: (a) we are the survivor; or (b) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than us) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition has been made is a Person formed, organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than us) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition has been made expressly assumes by supplemental indenture, in form reasonably satisfactory to the trustee, executed by the successor person and delivered to the trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on the notes of each series and the performance of all of our obligations under the indenture, the notes of each series, and, if applicable, the registration rights agreement;

(3) we or the Person formed by or surviving any such merger will deliver to the trustee an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with the indenture and that all conditions precedent in the indenture relating to such transaction have been complied with; and

(4) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default or event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have occurred and be continuing.

Upon any consolidation by us with or our merger into any other Person or Persons where we are not the survivor or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of our properties and

assets and the properties and assets of our Subsidiaries (taken as a whole) to any Person or Persons in accordance herewith, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which we are merged or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, us under the indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company therein; and thereafter, except in the

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case of a lease, the predecessor Person shall be released from all obligations and covenants under the indenture and the notes.

Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, in certain circumstances there may be a degree of uncertainty as to whether a particular transaction would involve all or substantially all of the properties or assets of a Person.

Reports

We will:

(1) file with the trustee, within 30 days after we have filed the same with the Commission, unless such reports are available on the Commission's EDGAR filing system (or any successor thereto), copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents, and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the Commission may from time to time by rules and regulations prescribe) which we may be required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; or, if we are not required to file information, documents or reports pursuant to either of said Sections, then we shall file with the trustee and the Commission, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission, such of the supplementary and periodic information, documents, and reports which may be required pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act in respect of a security listed and registered on a national securities exchange as may be prescribed from time to time in such rules and regulations;

(2) file with the trustee and the Commission, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission, such additional information, documents and reports with respect to compliance by us with the conditions and covenants of the indenture as may be required from time to time by such rules and regulations; and

(3) transmit to the holders of the notes within 30 days after the filing thereof with the trustee, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 313(c) of the Trust Indenture Act, such summaries of any information, documents and reports required to be filed by us pursuant to clauses (1) and (2) of this paragraph as may be required by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission.

In addition, so long as the notes of any series remain outstanding, we will make available to all holders of such notes and to securities analysts and prospective investors in such notes, upon request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act unless such information is available on the Commission's EDGAR filing system (or any successor thereto).

Events of Default and Remedies

Each of the following is an ***Event of Default*** with respect to notes of any series:

(1) default for 30 days in the payment when due of any interest on the notes of such series;

(2) default in the payment of the principal of or any premium on the notes of such series when the principal or premium becomes due and payable;

(3) failure by us duly to observe or perform any other of the covenants or agreements (other than those described in clause (1) or (2) above) in the indenture, which failure continues for a period of 60 days, or, in the case of the covenant set forth under Certain Covenants Reports above, which failure continues for a period of 90 days, after the

date on which written notice of such failure, requiring the same to be remedied and stating that such notice is a Notice of Default has been given to us by the trustee, upon direction of holders of at least 25% in principal amount of then outstanding notes of such series; *provided, however*, that if such failure is not capable of cure within such 60-day or 90-day period, as the case may be, such 60-day or 90-day period, as the case may be, shall be automatically extended by an additional 60 days so long as (i) such failure is subject to cure, and (ii) we are using commercially reasonable efforts to cure such failure; and *provided, further*, that a failure to comply with any such other

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agreement in the indenture that results from a change in GAAP shall not be deemed to be an Event of Default; or

(4) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization described in the indenture with respect to us.

In the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization with respect to us, the principal of all outstanding notes will automatically become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the notes of any series, the holders of at least 25%, in the case of clause (1) or (2) of this section, or of at least a majority, in the case of clause (3) of this section, in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes of such series, may declare all the notes of such series, to be due and payable immediately.

Holders of the notes may not enforce the indenture or the notes except as provided in the indenture. Subject to certain limitations, holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding notes of any series, may direct the trustee in its exercise of any trust or power with respect to the notes of such series. The trustee may withhold notice of any continuing default or Event of Default with respect to the notes of a series from holders of the notes of such series if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest, except a default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on, the notes of such series.

Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the notes of any series, then outstanding by notice to the trustee may on behalf of the holders of all of the notes of such series, waive any past or existing default or Event of Default under the indenture with respect to such series and its consequences, except a continuing default (a) in the payment of principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on the notes of such series or (b) in respect of a covenant or other provision of the indenture, which under the indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding note of such series.

We are required to deliver to the trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the indenture.

Modification and Waiver

The indenture provides that supplements to the indenture and any supplemental indentures may be made by us and the trustee for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of notes of any series under the indenture or under the notes of such series, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding notes of each series affected by such supplemental indenture (including consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, notes of a series); *provided, however*, that no such supplemental indenture may, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding note affected thereby:

(1) change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any premium or installment of interest on, any note, or reduce the principal amount thereof, the rate of interest thereon or any premium payable upon the redemption thereof or otherwise, or change the redemption provisions, or change the place of payment for any note or the currency in which the principal of, or any premium or interest on, any note is payable or impair or affect the right to institute suit for enforcement of any such payment on or after the stated maturity thereof (or in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date);

(2) reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding notes of any series, the consent of the holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture or the consent of whose holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of the indenture or certain defaults and their consequences) provided for in the indenture or reduce the requirements contained in the indenture for quorum or voting; or

(3) modify any of the provisions of the sections of such indenture relating to supplemental indentures with the consent of the holders or waivers of past defaults, except to increase any percentage

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set forth in such sections or to provide that certain other provisions of such indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each outstanding note affected thereby.

A supplemental indenture that changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of the indenture that has been included expressly and solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of notes, or that modifies the rights of holders of notes of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, are deemed not to affect the rights under the indenture of the holders of notes of any other series.

The indenture provides that we and the trustee may, at any time and from time to time, without the consent of any holders of the notes of any series, enter into one or more supplemental indentures, in form satisfactory to the trustee, for any of the following purposes:

- (1) to evidence the succession of another person to us, and the assumption by any such successor of our covenants in the indenture, the notes and the registration rights agreement;
- (2) to add to our covenants for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of notes (as shall be specified in such supplemental indenture or indentures) or to surrender any right or power in the indenture conferred on us;
- (3) to evidence and provide for acceptance of appointment of a successor trustee under the indenture with respect to the notes of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of the indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts under the indenture by more than one trustee;
- (4) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision in the indenture that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision of the indenture, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under such indenture; *provided* that no such action pursuant to this clause (4) shall adversely affect the interests of the holders of the notes of any series then outstanding in any material respect;
- (5) to add any additional Events of Default with respect to all or any series of notes (as shall be specified in such supplement indenture);
- (6) to supplement any of the provisions of the indenture to such extent as shall be necessary for the defeasance and discharge of any series of notes pursuant to Discharge, Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance ; *provided* that any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of any holder of an outstanding note of such series or any other note in any material respect;
- (7) to add guarantees in respect of the notes of one or more series and to provide for the terms and conditions of release thereof;
- (8) to convey, transfer, assign, mortgage or pledge to the trustee as security for the notes of one or more series any property or assets and to provide for the terms and conditions of any release thereof;
- (9) to provide for definitive notes in addition to or in place of global notes;
- (10) to qualify the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended;
- (11) to provide for the issuance of additional notes in accordance with the limitations set forth in the indenture;
- (12) with respect to the notes of a series, to conform the text of the indenture or the notes of such series to any provision of this Description of Notes to the extent that such provision in this Description of Notes , in our good faith

judgment, was intended to be a verbatim recitation of a provision of the indenture or such notes; or

(13) to make any other change that does not adversely affect the rights of holders of outstanding notes in any material respect.

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Discharge, Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

The indenture provides that we may satisfy and discharge our obligations under the notes of any series and the indenture with respect to such series if:

(1) either:

(a) all notes of such series previously authenticated and delivered have been delivered to the trustee for cancellation, except mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed notes of such series that have been replaced or paid and notes of such series for whose payment money has been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to us or discharged from such trust; or

(b) all notes of such series not delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, mature within one year, or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for giving the notice of redemption and we irrevocably deposit or cause to be deposited in trust with the trustee, as trust funds solely for the benefit of the holders, for such purpose, money, governmental obligations or a combination thereof sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized independent registered public accounting firm expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the trustee) to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such then outstanding notes to maturity or earlier redemption, as the case may be; and

(2) we pay or cause to be paid all other sums payable by us under such indenture with respect to outstanding notes of such series; and

(3) we deliver to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, in each case stating that all conditions precedent provided for in the indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture as to such series have been complied with.

Notwithstanding such satisfaction and discharge with respect to any series of notes, our obligations to compensate and indemnify the trustee and our and the trustee's obligations to hold funds in trust and to apply such funds pursuant to the terms of the indenture with respect to the notes of such series, with respect to issuing temporary notes of such series, with respect to the registration, transfer and exchange of notes of such series, with respect to the replacement of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen notes of such series and with respect to the maintenance of an office or agency for payment with respect to the notes of such series, shall in each case survive such satisfaction and discharge.

The indenture provides that (i) we will be deemed to have paid and will be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the notes of a series, and the provisions of the indenture will, except as noted below, no longer be in effect with respect to the notes of such series ("defeasance") and (ii) we may omit to comply with the covenants under "Liens and Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets," and such omission shall be deemed not to be an event of default under clause (3) of the first paragraph of "Events of Default and Remedies" with respect to the notes of such series ("covenant defeasance") and provided that the following conditions shall have been satisfied:

(1) we have irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited in trust with the trustee as trust funds solely for the benefit of the holders of such notes, money or government obligations or a combination thereof sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized independent registered public accounting firm expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the trustee) without consideration of any reinvestment to pay and discharge the principal of and accrued interest on such then outstanding notes to maturity or earlier redemption, as the case may be;

(2) such defeasance or covenant defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the indenture or any other material agreement or instrument to which we are a party or by which we are bound;

(3) no Event of Default or event which with notice or lapse of time would become an Event of Default with respect to such notes shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit

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(other than an Event of Default resulting from non-compliance with any covenant from which the Company is released upon effectiveness of such defeasance or covenant defeasance as applicable);

(4) we shall have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel as described in the indenture to the effect that: the holders of the notes of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of our exercise of the option under this provision of the indenture and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred;

(5) we have delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, in each case stating that all conditions precedent provided for in the indenture relating to the defeasance or covenant defeasance have been complied with; and

(6) if the notes of such series are to be redeemed prior to their maturity, notice of such redemption shall have been duly given or provision therefor satisfactory to the trustee shall have been made.

Notwithstanding a defeasance or covenant defeasance with respect to the notes of a series, our obligations with respect to the following will survive until otherwise terminated or discharged under the terms of the indenture or until no notes of such series are outstanding:

(1) the rights of holders to receive payments in respect of the principal of, interest on or premium, if any, on such notes when such payments are due from the trust referred in clause (1) in the preceding paragraph;

(2) the issuance of temporary notes of such series, the registration, transfer and exchange of notes of such series, the replacement of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen notes of such series and the maintenance of an office or agency for payment and holding payments in trust with respect to the notes of such series;

(3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the trustee, and our obligations in connection therewith; and

(4) the defeasance provisions of the indenture.

No Personal Liability

Neither our General Partner nor any affiliate, director, officer, partner, employee, incorporator, manager or owner of Capital Stock of our General Partner, as such, has any liability for any of our obligations under the notes, the indenture, or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each holder of notes by accepting a note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the federal securities laws.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in the preceding paragraph shall be construed to modify or supersede any obligation of our General Partner to restore any negative balance in its capital account (maintained by us pursuant to our Limited Partnership Agreement) upon liquidation of its interest in us.

Concerning the Trustee

If the trustee becomes a creditor of ours, the indenture limits its right to obtain payment of claims in certain cases or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The trustee will be permitted to engage in other transactions; however, if the trustee acquires any conflicting interest (as defined in the Trust Indenture Act) after a default has occurred and is continuing, it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days,

apply to the Commission for permission to continue or resign.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding notes of any series, will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the trustee with respect to the notes of such series, subject to certain exceptions. The indenture provides that in case an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the trustee will be required, in the exercise of its power, to

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use the degree of care of a prudent person in the conduct of such person's own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request of any holder of notes, unless such holder has offered to the trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

Governing Law

The indenture and the notes of each series are governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Additional Information

Anyone who receives this prospectus may obtain a copy of the indenture without charge by writing to Williams Partners L.P., One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172-0172; Attention: Chief Financial Officer.

Book-Entry, Delivery and Form

The exchange notes of each series will be represented by one or more permanent global notes in registered form without interest coupons (collectively, the Global Notes).

The Global Notes will be deposited upon issuance with the trustee as custodian for The Depository Trust Company (DTC), in New York, New York, and registered in the name of DTC's nominee, Cede & Co., in each case for credit to an account of a direct or indirect participant in DTC as described below. Beneficial interests in the Global Notes may be held through the Euroclear System (Euroclear) and Clearstream Banking, S.A. (Clearstream) (as indirect participants in DTC).

Except as set forth below, the Global Notes may be transferred, in whole but not in part, only to DTC, to a nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or its nominee. Beneficial interests in the Global Notes may not be exchanged for notes in registered, certificated form (Certificated Notes) except in the limited circumstances described below. See

Exchange of Certificated Notes for Global Notes. Except in the limited circumstances described below, owners of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of notes in certificated form.

Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be subject to the applicable rules and procedures of DTC and its direct or indirect participants (including, if applicable, those of Euroclear and Clearstream), which may change from time to time.

Depository Procedures

The following description of the operations and procedures of DTC is provided solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of DTC and are subject to changes by it. We take no responsibility for these operations and procedures and urge investors to contact DTC or its participants directly to discuss these matters.

DTC has advised us that DTC is a limited-purpose trust company created to hold securities for its participating organizations (collectively, the Participants) and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of transactions in those securities between Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its Participants. The Participants include securities brokers and dealers (including the initial purchasers), banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Access to DTC's system is also available to other entities such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Participant, either directly or

indirectly (collectively, the Indirect Participants). Persons who are not Participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through the Participants or the Indirect Participants. The ownership interests in, and transfers of ownership interests in, each security held by or on behalf of DTC are recorded on the records of the Participants and Indirect Participants.

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DTC has also advised us that, pursuant to procedures established by it:

- (1) upon deposit of the Global Notes, DTC will credit the accounts of the Participants designated by the initial purchasers with portions of the principal amount of the Global Notes; and
- (2) ownership of these interests in the Global Notes will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership of these interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to the Participants) or by the Participants and the Indirect Participants (with respect to other owners of beneficial interest in the Global Notes).

Investors in the Global Notes who are Participants may hold their interests therein directly through DTC. Investors in the Global Notes who are not Participants may hold their interests therein indirectly through organizations (including Euroclear and Clearstream) which are Participants. Euroclear and Clearstream may hold interests in the Global Notes on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in their respective names on the books of their respective depositories, which are Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of Euroclear, and Citibank, N.A., as operator of Clearstream. All interests in a Global Note, including those held through Euroclear or Clearstream, may be subject to the procedures and requirements of DTC. Those interests held through Euroclear or Clearstream may also be subject to the procedures and requirements of such systems. The laws of some states require that certain Persons take physical delivery in definitive form of securities that they own. Consequently, the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a Global Note to such Persons will be limited to that extent. Because DTC can act only on behalf of the Participants, which in turn act on behalf of the Indirect Participants, the ability of a Person having beneficial interests in a Global Note to pledge such interests to Persons that do not participate in the DTC system, or otherwise take actions in respect of such interests, may be affected by the lack of a physical certificate evidencing such interests.

Except as described below, owners of an interest in the Global Notes will not have notes registered in their names, will not receive physical delivery of Certificated Notes and will not be considered the registered owners or Holders thereof under the indenture for any purpose.

Payments in respect of the principal of, and interest and premium, if any, on a Global Note registered in the name of DTC or its nominee will be payable to DTC in its capacity as the registered holder under the indenture. Under the terms of the indenture, the Company and the trustee will treat the Persons in whose names the notes, including the Global Notes, are registered as the owners of the notes for the purpose of receiving payments and for all other purposes. Consequently, neither the Company, the trustee nor any agent of ours or of the trustee has or will have any responsibility or liability for:

- (1) any aspect of DTC's records or any Participant's or Indirect Participant's records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of DTC's records or any Participant's or Indirect Participant's records relating to the beneficial ownership interests in the Global Notes; or
- (2) any other matter relating to the actions and practices of DTC or any of its Participants or Indirect Participants.

DTC has advised us that its current practice, at the due date of any payment in respect of securities such as the notes, is to credit the accounts of the relevant Participants with the payment on the payment date unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on such payment date. Each relevant Participant is credited with an amount proportionate to its beneficial ownership of an interest in the principal amount of the notes as shown on the records of DTC. Payments by the Participants and the Indirect Participants to the beneficial owners of notes will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of the Participants or the Indirect Participants and will not be the responsibility of DTC, the trustee or us. Neither we nor the trustee will be liable for any delay by DTC or any of its Participants in identifying the beneficial owners of the notes, and the Company and the

trustee may conclusively rely on and will be protected in relying on instructions from DTC or its nominee for all purposes.

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Transfers between Participants in DTC will be effected in accordance with DTC's procedures, and will be settled in same-day funds, and transfers between participants in Euroclear and Clearstream will be effected in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

Cross-market transfers between the Participants in DTC, on the one hand, and Euroclear or Clearstream participants, on the other hand, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by its depositary; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by the counterparty in such system in accordance with the rules and procedures and within the established deadlines (Brussels time) of such system. Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its respective depositary to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant Global Note in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear participants and Clearstream participants may not deliver instructions directly to the depositories for Euroclear or Clearstream.

DTC has advised us that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of notes only at the direction of one or more Participants to whose account DTC has credited the interests in the Global Notes and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the notes as to which such Participant or Participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an Event of Default under the notes of any series, DTC reserves the right to exchange the Global Notes of such series for Certificated Notes of such series, and to distribute such notes to its Participants.

Although DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream have agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of interests in the Global Notes among participants in DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, they are under no obligation to perform or to continue to perform such procedures, and may discontinue such procedures at any time. Neither the Company nor the trustee nor any of their respective agents will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective Participants or Indirect Participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

Exchange of Global Notes for Certificated Notes

A Global Note of any series is exchangeable for Certificated Notes of such series in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof if:

- (1) DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for such Global Notes or that it has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, we fail to appoint a successor depositary within 120 days after the date of such notice from DTC;
- (2) we, at our option and subject to the procedures of DTC, notify the trustee in writing that we elect to cause the issuance of the Certificated Notes; or
- (3) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the notes of such series.

In addition, beneficial interests in a Global Note may be exchanged for Certificated Notes upon prior written notice given to the trustee by or on behalf of DTC in accordance with the indenture. In all cases, Certificated Notes delivered in exchange for any Global Note or beneficial interests in Global Notes will be registered in the names, and issued in any approved denominations, requested by or on behalf of the depositary (in accordance with its customary procedures).

Exchange of Certificated Notes for Global Notes

Certificated Notes may not be exchanged for beneficial interests in any Global Note.

Same-Day Settlement and Payment

We will make payments in respect of the notes represented by the Global Notes (including principal, interest and premium, if any) by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the

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Global Note Holder. We will make all payments of principal, interest and premium, if any, with respect to Certificated Notes (i) to holders having an aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000 or less, by check mailed to such holder's registered address or (ii) to holders having an aggregate principal amount of more than \$2,000,000, by check mailed to such holder's registered address or, upon application by a holder to the registrar not later than the relevant record date or in the case of payments of principal or premium, if any, not later than 15 days prior to the principal payment date, by wire transfer in immediately available funds to that holder's account within the United States (subject to surrender of the Certificated Note in the case of payments of principal or premium), which application shall remain in effect until the holder notifies the registrar to the contrary in writing. The notes represented by the Global Notes are expected to be eligible to trade in DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System, and any permitted secondary market trading activity in such notes will, therefore, be required by DTC to be settled in immediately available funds. The Company expects that secondary trading in any Certificated Notes will also be settled in immediately available funds.

Because of time zone differences, the securities account of a Euroclear or Clearstream participant purchasing an interest in a Global Note from a Participant in DTC will be credited, and any such crediting will be reported to the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream participant, during the securities settlement processing day (which must be a business day for Euroclear and Clearstream) immediately following the settlement date of DTC. DTC has advised us that cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream as a result of sales of interests in a Global Note by or through a Euroclear or Clearstream participant to a Participant in DTC will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream following DTC's settlement date.

Certain Definitions

Set forth below are certain defined terms used in the indenture. Reference is made to the indenture for a full disclosure of all such terms, as well as any other capitalized terms used herein for which no definition is provided.

Adjusted Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for that redemption date.

Board of Directors means:

- (1) with respect to the Company, the board of directors of the General Partner or any authorized committee thereof; and
- (2) with respect to any corporation, the board of directors of the corporation or any authorized committee thereof;
- (3) with respect to a limited liability company, the managing member or managing members or board of directors, as applicable, of such limited liability company or any authorized committee thereof;
- (4) with respect to any other partnership, the board of directors of the general partner of the partnership or any authorized committee thereof; and
- (5) with respect to any other Person, the board or committee of such Person serving a similar function.

Business Day means each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in New York, New York or another place of payment are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close.

Capital Stock means:

(1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;

(2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;

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(3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and

(4) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

Commission means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Exchange Act or any successor agency.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term of a series of notes that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the notes of such series.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date:

(1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for that redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or

(2) if the Quotation Agent obtains fewer than three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations so received.

Consolidated Net Tangible Assets means at any date of determination, the total amount of assets of us and our Subsidiaries after deducting therefrom:

(1) all current liabilities (excluding (A) any current liabilities that by their terms are extendable or renewable at the option of the obligor thereon to a time more than 12 months after the time as of which the amount thereof is being computed, and (B) current maturities of long-term debt); and

(2) the value (net of any applicable reserves) of all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents, and other like intangible assets,

all as set forth, or on a pro forma basis would be set forth, on our consolidated balance sheet for our most recently completed fiscal quarter, prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Dropdown means the contribution by Williams (through certain of its subsidiaries) to us of 100% of its ownership interests in each of Marsh Resources, LLC, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, WGP Development, LLC, WGPC Holdings LLC, Williams Field Services Group, LLC, Williams Pacific Connector Gas Operator, LLC, Williams Pipeline GP LLC, Williams Pipeline Services LLC, Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LLC, Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP and a 24.5% ownership interest in Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C. in exchange for the aggregate consideration specified in that certain Contribution Agreement, dated as of January 15, 2010, by and among us, the General Partner, our operating company, certain subsidiaries of Williams (and solely with respect to Section 9.11 thereof, Williams).

GAAP means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, which are in effect from time to time.

General Partner means Williams Partners GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (including any permitted successors and assigns under the Limited Partnership Agreement).

Government Securities means (i) direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States of America (including any agency or instrumentality thereof) for the payment of which obligations or guarantees the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged and which are not callable or redeemable at the issuer's option, (ii) repurchase agreements with respect to debt obligations referred to in clause (i) above and (iii) money market accounts that invest solely in the debt obligations referred to in clause (i) and/or repurchase agreements referred to in clause (ii) above.

holder means a Person in whose name a note is registered.

Indebtedness means, with respect to any specified Person, any obligation created or assumed by such Person, whether or not contingent, for the repayment of money borrowed from others or any guarantee thereof.

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Joint Venture means any Person that is not a direct or indirect Subsidiary of ours in which we or any of our Subsidiaries owns any Capital Stock.

Lien means any mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest or other similar encumbrance.

Limited Partnership Agreement means our Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, dated as of August 23, 2005, among the General Partner, Williams Energy Services, LLC, Williams Energy, L.L.C., Williams Discovery Pipeline LLC and Williams Partners Holdings LLC, as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

Non-Recourse Indebtedness means any Indebtedness incurred by any Joint Venture or Non-Recourse Subsidiary which does not provide for recourse against us or any Subsidiary of ours (other than a Non-Recourse Subsidiary) or any property or asset of ours or any Subsidiary of ours (other than the Capital Stock or the properties or assets of a Joint Venture or Non-Recourse Subsidiary).

Non-Recourse Subsidiary means any Subsidiary of ours (i) whose principal purpose is to incur Non-Recourse Indebtedness and/or construct, lease, own or operate the assets financed thereby, or to become a direct or indirect partner, member or other equity participant or owner in a partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation (including a business trust), limited liability company, unlimited liability company, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association or joint venture created for such purpose (collectively, a Business Entity), (ii) who is not an obligor or otherwise bound with respect to any Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Indebtedness, (iii) substantially all the assets of which Subsidiary or Business Entity are limited to (x) those assets being financed (or to be financed), or the operation of which is being financed (or to be financed), in whole or in part by Non-Recourse Indebtedness or (y) Capital Stock in, or Indebtedness or other obligations of, one or more other Non-Recourse Subsidiaries or Business Entities and (iv) any Subsidiary of a Non-Recourse Subsidiary; *provided* that such Subsidiary shall be considered to be a Non-Recourse Subsidiary only to the extent that and for so long as each of the above requirements are met.

Permitted Liens means:

(1) any Lien existing on any property at the time of the acquisition thereof and not created in contemplation of such acquisition by us or any of our Subsidiaries, whether or not assumed by us or any of our Subsidiaries;

(2) any Lien existing on any property of a Subsidiary of ours at the time it becomes a Subsidiary of ours and not created in contemplation thereof and any Lien existing on any property of any Person at the time such Person is merged or liquidated into or consolidated with us or any Subsidiary of ours and not created in contemplation thereof;

(3) purchase money and analogous Liens incurred in connection with the acquisition, development, construction, improvement, repair or replacement of property (including such Liens securing Indebtedness incurred within 12 months of the date on which such property was acquired, developed, constructed, improved, repaired or replaced); *provided* that all such Liens attach only to the property acquired, developed, constructed, improved, repaired or replaced and the principal amount of the Indebtedness secured by such Lien shall not exceed the gross cost of the property;

(4) any Liens created or assumed to secure Indebtedness of ours or of any Subsidiary of ours maturing within 12 months of the date of creation thereof and not renewable or extendible by the terms thereof at the option of the obligor beyond such 12 months;

(5) Liens on accounts receivable and related proceeds thereof arising in connection with a receivables financing and any Lien held by the purchaser of receivables derived from property or assets sold by us or any Subsidiary of ours and securing such receivables resulting from the exercise of any rights arising out of defaults on such receivables;

(6) leases constituting Liens now or hereafter existing and any renewals or extensions thereof;

(7) any Lien securing industrial development, pollution control or similar revenue bonds;

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(8) Liens existing on the date of the indenture;

(9) Liens in favor of us or any Subsidiary of ours;

(10) Liens securing Indebtedness incurred to refund, extend, refinance or otherwise replace Indebtedness (Refinanced Indebtedness) secured by a Lien permitted to be incurred under the indenture; *provided* that the principal amount of such Refinanced Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of Indebtedness refinanced (plus the amount of penalties, premiums, fees, accrued interest and reasonable expenses incurred therewith) at the time of refinancing;

(11) Liens on any assets or properties, or pledges of the Capital Stock, of (a) any Joint Venture owned by us or any Subsidiary of ours or (b) any Non-Recourse Subsidiary, in each case only to the extent securing Non-Recourse Indebtedness of such Joint Venture or Non-Recourse Subsidiary;

(12) Liens on the products and proceeds (including insurance, condemnation, and eminent domain proceeds) of and accessions to, and contract or other rights (including rights under insurance policies and product warranties) derivative of or relating to, property permitted by the indenture to be subject to Liens but subject to the same restrictions and limitations set forth in the indenture as to Liens on such property (including the requirement that such Liens on products, proceeds, accessions, and rights secure only obligations that such property is permitted to secure);

(13) any Liens securing Indebtedness neither assumed nor guaranteed by us or any Subsidiary of ours nor on which we or they customarily pay interest, existing upon real estate or rights in or relating to real estate (including rights-of-way and easements) acquired by us or such Subsidiary, which mortgage Liens do not materially impair the use of such property for the purposes for which it is held by us or such Subsidiary;

(14) any Lien existing or hereafter created on any office equipment, data processing equipment (including computer and computer peripheral equipment) or transportation equipment (including motor vehicles, aircraft, and marine vessels);

(15) undetermined Liens and charges incidental to construction or maintenance;

(16) any Lien created or assumed by us or any Subsidiary of ours on oil, gas, coal or other mineral or timber property owned by us or a Subsidiary of ours;

(17) any Lien created by us or any Subsidiary of ours on any contract (or any rights thereunder or proceeds therefrom) providing for advances by us or such Subsidiary to finance gas exploration and development, which Lien is created to secure Indebtedness incurred to finance such advances; and

(18) any Lien granted in connection with a cash collateralization or similar arrangement to secure obligations of ours or any Subsidiary of ours to issuing banks in connection with letters of credits issued at the request of us or any Subsidiary of ours.

Person means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, limited liability company or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

Quotation Agent means the Reference Treasury Dealer appointed as such agent by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to any Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Quotation Agent, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Quotation Agent by that

Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day preceding that redemption date.

Reference Treasury Dealers means (i) Barclays Capital Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and their successors, unless any of such entities ceases to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a Primary Treasury Dealer), in which case we shall substitute another Primary Treasury Dealer; and (ii) any two other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by us.

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Subsidiary means, with respect to any specified Person:

(1) any corporation, association or other business entity (other than a partnership or limited liability company) of which more than 50% of the total voting power of Voting Stock is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and

(2) any partnership (whether general or limited) or limited liability company (a) the sole general partner or member of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) if there is more than a single general partner or member, either (x) the only managing general partners or managing members of which are such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination thereof) or (y) such Person owns or controls, directly or indirectly, a majority of the outstanding general partner interests, member interests or other Voting Stock of such partnership or limited liability company, respectively.

Voting Stock of any Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of the Board of Directors of such Person.

Williams means The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

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DESCRIPTION OF OTHER INDEBTEDNESS

Existing Williams Partners Notes

As of March 31, 2010, we had \$150 million of 7.5% senior unsecured notes outstanding that mature on June 15, 2011 and \$600 million of 7.25% senior unsecured notes outstanding that mature on February 1, 2017 (together, the Existing Notes).

The terms of the Existing Notes are governed by indentures that contain covenants that, among other things, limit (1) our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to incur liens to support indebtedness and (2) mergers, consolidations and transfers of all or substantially all of our properties or assets. The indentures also contain customary events of default, upon which the trustee or the holders of the Existing Notes may declare all outstanding Existing Notes to be due and payable immediately.

We may redeem the Existing Notes at our option in whole or in part at any time or from time to time prior to the respective maturity dates, at a redemption price per note equal to the sum of (1) the then outstanding principal amount thereof, plus (2) accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date), plus (3) a specified make-whole premium (as defined in the applicable indenture). We are not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Existing Notes or to repurchase the Existing Notes at the option of the holders.

Credit Facility

In connection with the Dropdown, we entered into the Credit Facility with Transco and Northwest Pipeline, as co-borrowers, Citibank, N.A., as the administrative agent, and certain other named lenders. Under certain conditions, the Credit Facility may be increased by up to an additional \$250 million. The full amount of the Credit Facility is available to us, to the extent not utilized by Transco or Northwest Pipeline. Each of Transco and Northwest Pipeline may borrow up to \$400 million under the Credit Facility to the extent not otherwise utilized by a co-borrower. We borrowed \$250 million under the Credit Facility to repay the term loan under our then existing credit facility. As of March 31, 2010, loans outstanding under the Credit Facility were reduced to \$108 million using available cash.

Interest on borrowings under the Credit Facility is payable at rates per annum equal to, at the option of the borrower: (1) a fluctuating base rate equal to Citibank, N.A.'s adjusted base rate plus the applicable margin, or (2) a periodic fixed rate equal to LIBOR plus the applicable margin. The adjusted base rate will be the highest of (i) the federal funds rate plus 0.5 percent, (ii) Citibank N.A.'s publicly announced base rate, and (iii) one-month LIBOR plus 1.0 percent. We pay a commitment fee (currently 0.5 percent) on the unused portion of the facility. The applicable margin and the commitment fee are determined by reference to a pricing schedule based on the borrower's senior unsecured debt ratings.

The Credit Facility contains various covenants that limit, among other things, a borrower's and its respective subsidiaries' ability to incur indebtedness, grant certain liens supporting indebtedness, merge or consolidate, sell all or substantially all of its assets, enter into certain affiliate transactions, make certain distributions during an event of default and allow any material change to the nature of its business.

In addition, we are required to maintain a ratio of debt to EBITDA (each as defined in the Credit Facility) of no greater than 5.00 to 1.00 for us and our consolidated subsidiaries. For each of Transco and Northwest Pipeline and

their respective consolidated subsidiaries, the ratio of debt to capitalization (defined as net worth plus debt) is not permitted to be greater than 55%. Each of the above ratios will be tested, beginning June 30, 2010, at the end of each fiscal quarter, and the debt to EBITDA ratio will be measured on a rolling four-quarter basis (with the first full year measured on an annualized basis).

The Credit Facility also includes customary events of default. If an event of default with respect to a borrower occurs under the Credit Facility, the lenders will be able to terminate the commitments for all borrowers and accelerate the maturity of the loans of the defaulting borrower under the Credit Facility and exercise other rights and remedies.

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Contributed Entity Debt

Following the consummation of the Dropdown, we own all of the ownership interests of Transco and all the ownership interests of Northwest Pipeline not indirectly owned by the public unitholders of WMZ. As of March 31, 2010, Transco had outstanding a total of \$1,282,500,000 aggregate principal face amount of senior unsecured debt issues with various interest rates from 6.05% to 8.875% and maturities ranging from 2011 to 2026 (the Transco Notes). As of March 31, 2010, Northwest Pipeline had outstanding a total of \$695,000,000 aggregate principal face amount of senior unsecured debt issues with various interest rates from 5.95% to 7.125% and maturities ranging from 2016 to 2025 (the Northwest Pipeline Notes).

The indentures governing the Transco Notes and the Northwest Pipeline Notes contain covenants that, among other things, limit Transco and Northwest Pipeline's ability to (1) incur liens securing indebtedness, (2) engage in certain sale and lease-back transactions and (3) consolidate, merge, transfer or lease assets. The indentures also contain customary events of default including non-payment of principal or interest, failure to comply with covenants, and certain bankruptcy or insolvency events. Northwest Pipeline's 7.125% Debentures due 2025 (\$85 million aggregate principal amount outstanding as of March 31, 2010) are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The remaining Northwest Pipeline Notes, and all of the Transco Notes, may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, as provided in the indentures governing the notes.

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MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of an exchange of outstanding notes for exchange notes in the exchange offer and the purchase, beneficial ownership, and disposition of the exchange notes. It is based on provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), existing and proposed Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Treasury Regulations"), and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, all as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis. No ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has been or will be sought with respect to any aspect of the transactions described herein. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the IRS will agree with the views expressed in this summary, or that a court will not sustain any challenge by the IRS in the event of litigation. The following relates only to notes that are held as capital assets (i.e., generally, property held for investment). This summary does not address all of the U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to particular holders in light of their personal circumstances, or to certain types of holders that may be subject to special tax treatment (such as banks and other financial institutions, employee stock ownership plans, partnerships, or other pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes, certain former citizens or residents of the United States, controlled foreign corporations, corporations that accumulate earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, dealers in securities and foreign currencies, brokers, persons who hold the notes as a hedge or other integrated transaction or who hedge the interest rate on the notes, "U.S. holders" (as defined below) whose functional currency is not U.S. dollars, or persons subject to the alternative minimum tax). In addition, this summary does not include any description of the tax laws of any state, local, or non-U.S. jurisdiction that may be applicable to a particular holder and does not consider any aspects of U.S. federal tax law other than income taxation.

For purposes of this discussion, a "non-U.S. holder" is an individual, corporation, estate, or trust that is a beneficial owner of the notes and that is not, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

a corporation (or other business entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust if a court within the United States can exercise primary supervision over its administration, and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of that trust (or the trust was in existence on August 20, 1996, and validly elected to continue to be treated as a U.S. trust).

A U.S. holder is an individual, corporation, estate, or trust that is a beneficial owner of the notes and is not a non-U.S. holder.

The U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in a partnership (or other entity classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that holds the notes generally will depend on such partner's particular circumstances and on the activities of the partnership. Partners in such partnerships should consult their own tax advisors.

HOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTICULAR U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER AND THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP, AND DISPOSITION OF THE NOTES AND THE TAX CONSEQUENCES UNDER STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. AND OTHER U.S. FEDERAL TAX LAWS AND THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS

OF CHANGES IN THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS.

Notes Subject to Contingencies

As described under Description of Notes Deposit of Proceeds; Special Mandatory Redemption , we were required or had the right to redeem the notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount plus

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accrued and unpaid interest if the closing of the Dropdown did not occur on or before a certain date. Moreover, as described under **Description of Notes** **Registration Rights; Additional Interest** , we were required to pay additional interest if we failed to satisfy certain registration requirements. It is possible that our obligation or option to redeem at a premium or to pay such additional interest could have implicated the provisions of Treasury Regulations relating to contingent payment debt instruments . If the notes were characterized as contingent payment debt instruments, a U.S. Holder might, among other things, be required to accrue interest income in different amounts and at different times than the stated interest on the notes and to treat any gain recognized on the sale or other disposition of a note as ordinary income rather than as capital gain. We have taken the position that that the notes should not be treated as contingent payment debt instruments either because the likelihood of such redemption of the notes at a premium and the likelihood of payment of additional interest as a result of failing to satisfy certain registration requirements were remote or that the possibility of such payments should be ignored under the rules applicable to debt instruments with alternative payment schedules. Our determination that these contingencies are remote is binding on a U.S. Holder unless the U.S. Holder discloses its contrary position in the manner required by applicable Treasury Regulations. Our determination, however, is not binding on the IRS, and the IRS could challenge this determination.

The remainder of this disclosure assumes that our determination that the notes are not subject to the rules applicable to contingent payment debt instruments is correct. The Treasury Regulations applicable to contingent payment debt instruments have not been the subject of authoritative interpretation, however, and the scope of the Treasury Regulations is not certain. A U.S. Holder is urged to consult its own tax advisor regarding the possible application of the special rules related to contingent payment debt instruments.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Exchange Offer to U.S. Holders and Non-U.S. Holders

The exchange of outstanding notes for exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer will not be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. U.S. holders and non-U.S. holders will not recognize any taxable gain or loss as a result of such exchange and will have the same adjusted issue price, tax basis, and holding period in the exchange notes as they had in the outstanding notes immediately before the exchange.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders

Treatment of Stated Interest

Stated interest on the notes will generally be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary income at the time it is paid or accrues in accordance with the U.S. holder's method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Market Discount

A note that is acquired for an amount that is less than its principal amount by more than a de minimis amount (generally 0.25% of the principal amount multiplied by the number of remaining whole years to maturity), will be treated as having market discount equal to such difference. Unless the U.S. holder elects to include such market discount in income as it accrues, a U.S. holder will be required to treat any principal payment on, and any gain on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition (including a gift) of, a note as ordinary income to the extent of any accrued market discount that has not previously been included in income. In general, market discount on the notes will accrue ratably over the remaining term of the notes or, at the election of the U.S. holder, under a constant yield method. In addition, a U.S. holder could be required to defer the deduction of all or a portion of the interest paid on any indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry a note unless the U.S. holder elects to include market discount in income currently. Such an election applies to all debt instruments held by a taxpayer and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS.

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Amortization of Premium

A U.S. holder, whose tax basis immediately after its acquisition of a note is greater than the sum of all remaining payments other than qualified stated interest payable on the note, will be considered to have purchased the note at a premium. Qualified stated interest is stated interest that is unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate. A U.S. holder may elect to amortize any such bond premium to offset a portion of the stated interest that would otherwise be includable in income, using a constant yield method, over the remaining term of the note (or, if it results in a smaller amount of amortizable premium, until an earlier call date). Such an election generally applies to all taxable debt instruments held by the holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies, and may be revoked only with the consent of the IRS. Holders that acquire a note with bond premium should consult their tax advisors regarding the manner in which such premium is calculated and the election to amortize bond premium over the life of the instrument.

Sale, Exchange, or Other Disposition of the Notes

In general, upon the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement at maturity, or other taxable disposition of a note, a U.S. holder will recognize taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between (1) the amount of the cash and the fair market value of any property received (less any portion allocable to any accrued and unpaid interest, which will be taxable as interest) and (2) the U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the note. Gain or loss realized on the sale, retirement, or other taxable disposition of a note will generally be capital gain or loss. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

In general, a U.S. holder of the notes will be subject to backup withholding with respect to interest on the notes, and the proceeds of a sale of the notes, at the applicable tax rate (currently 28%), unless such holder (a) is an entity that is exempt from withholding (including corporations, tax-exempt organizations and certain qualified nominees) and, when required, demonstrates this fact, or (b) provides the payor with its taxpayer identification number (TIN), certifies that the TIN provided to the payor is correct and that the holder has not been notified by the IRS that such holder is subject to backup withholding due to underreporting of interest or dividends, and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. In addition, such payments to U.S. holders that are not exempt entities will generally be subject to information reporting requirements. A U.S. holder who does not provide the payor with its correct TIN may be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a U.S. holder will be allowed as a credit against such holder's U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle such holder to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders

Treatment of Stated Interest

Subject to the discussion of backup withholding below, under the portfolio interest exemption, a non-U.S. holder will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax (or any withholding tax) on payments of interest on the notes, provided that:

the non-U.S. holder does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the capital or profits interest in us;

the non-U.S. holder is not, and is not treated as, a bank receiving interest on an extension of credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business;

the non-U.S. holder is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related (directly or indirectly) to us; and

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certain certification requirements are met. Under current law, the certification requirement will be satisfied in any of the following circumstances:

If a non-U.S. holder provides to us or our paying agent a statement on IRS Form W-8BEN (or suitable successor form), together with all appropriate attachments, signed under penalties of perjury, identifying the non-U.S. holder by name and address and stating, among other things, that the non-U.S. holder is not a United States person.

If a note is held through a securities clearing organization, bank, or another financial institution that holds customers' securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business, (i) the non-U.S. holder provides such a form to such organization or institution, and (ii) such organization or institution, under penalty of perjury, certifies to us that it has received such statement from the beneficial owner or another intermediary and furnishes us or our paying agent with a copy thereof.

If a financial institution or other intermediary that holds the note on behalf of the non-U.S. holder has entered into a withholding agreement with the IRS and submits an IRS Form W-8IMY (or suitable successor form) and certain other required documentation to us or our paying agent.

If the requirements of the portfolio interest exemption described above are not satisfied, a 30% withholding tax will apply to the gross amount of interest on the notes that is paid to a non-U.S. holder, unless either: (a) an applicable income tax treaty reduces or eliminates such tax, and the non-U.S. holder claims the benefit of that treaty by providing a properly completed and duly executed IRS Form W-8BEN (or suitable successor or substitute form) establishing qualification for benefits under the treaty, or (b) the interest is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States and the non-U.S. holder provides an appropriate statement to that effect on a properly completed and duly executed IRS Form W-8ECI (or suitable successor form).

If a non-U.S. holder is engaged in a trade or business in the United States and interest on a note is effectively connected with the conduct of that trade or business, the non-U.S. holder will be required to pay U.S. federal income tax on that interest on a net income basis (and the 30% withholding tax described above will not apply provided the duly executed IRS Form W-8ECI is provided to us or our paying agent) generally in the same manner as a U.S. person. If a non-U.S. holder is eligible for the benefits of an income tax treaty between the United States and its country of residence, and the non-U.S. holder claims the benefit of the treaty by properly submitting an IRS Form W-8BEN, any interest income that is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business will be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the manner specified by the treaty and generally will only be subject to tax on a net basis if such income is attributable to a permanent establishment (or a fixed base in the case of an individual) maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States. In addition, a non-U.S. holder that is treated as a foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) of its earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to adjustments, that are effectively connected with its conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

Sale, Exchange, or Other Disposition of the Notes

Subject to the discussion of backup withholding below, a non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax (or any withholding thereof) on any gain (other than any gain attributable to accrued interest, which will be taxed in the manner described above under the heading "U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders—Treatment of Stated Interest") realized by such holder upon a sale, exchange, redemption, retirement at maturity, or other taxable disposition of a note, unless:

the non-U.S. holder is an individual present in the U.S. for 183 days or more during the taxable year of disposition and who has a tax home in the United States and certain other conditions are met; or

the gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business of the non-U.S. holder (and, if an applicable income tax treaty so provides, the gain is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment of the non-U.S. holder or a fixed base in the case of an individual).

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If the first exception applies, the non-U.S. holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% on the amount by which its U.S.-source capital gains exceed its U.S.-source capital losses. If the second exception applies, the non-U.S. holder will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the net gain derived from the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement at maturity, or other taxable disposition of the notes in the same manner as a U.S. person. In addition, corporate non-U.S. holders may be subject to a 30% branch profits tax on any such effectively connected gain. If a non-U.S. holder is eligible for the benefits of an income tax treaty between the United States and its country of residence, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of any such gain may be modified in the manner specified by the treaty.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

When required, we or our paying agent will report to the IRS and to each non-U.S. holder the amount of any principal and interest paid on the notes in each calendar year, and the amount of U.S. federal income tax withheld, if any, with respect to these payments.

Non-U.S. holders who have provided certification as to their non-U.S. status or who have otherwise established an exemption will generally not be subject to backup withholding tax on payments of principal or interest if neither we nor our agent have actual knowledge or reason to know that such certification is unreliable or that the conditions of the exemption are in fact not satisfied.

Payments of the proceeds from the sale of a note to or through a foreign office of a broker generally will not be subject to information reporting or backup withholding. However, additional information reporting, but generally not backup withholding, may apply to those payments if the broker is one of the following: (a) a United States person, (b) a controlled foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (c) a foreign person 50 percent or more of whose gross income from all sources for the three-year period ending with the close of its taxable year preceding the payment was effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business, or (d) a foreign partnership with specified connections to the United States.

Payment of the proceeds from a sale of a note to or through the United States office of a broker will be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless the non-U.S. holder certifies as to its non-U.S. status or otherwise establishes an exemption from information reporting and backup withholding.

The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a non-U.S. holder will be allowed as a credit against such holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, and may entitle such holder to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

New Legislation Relating to Foreign Accounts

Newly enacted legislation may impose withholding taxes on certain types of payments made to foreign financial institutions and certain other non-U.S. entities after December 31, 2012. The legislation imposes a 30% withholding tax on interest payments on, or gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, certain obligations paid to a foreign financial institution unless the foreign financial institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. Treasury to among other things, undertake to identify accounts held by certain U.S. persons or U.S.-owned foreign entities, annually report certain information about such accounts, and withhold 30% on payments to account holders whose actions prevent it from complying with these reporting and other requirements. In addition, the legislation imposes a 30% withholding tax on the same types of payments to a foreign non-financial entity unless the entity certifies that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or furnishes identifying information regarding each substantial U.S. owner. These withholding obligations do not apply to interest payments on, or gross sale proceeds from sale or disposition of,

obligations outstanding prior to March 18, 2012. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding this legislation.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in the exchange offer must acknowledge that it acquired the outstanding notes for its own account as a result of market-making or other trading activities and must agree that it will deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of the exchange notes. A participating broker-dealer may use this prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, in connection with resales of exchange notes received in exchange for outstanding notes where such outstanding notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The registration rights agreement we executed in connection with the offering of the outstanding notes provides that we will generally not be required to amend or supplement this prospectus for a period exceeding 180 days after the expiration time of the exchange offer and participating broker-dealers shall not be authorized by us to deliver this prospectus in connection with resales after that period of time has expired.

We will not receive any proceeds from any sale of exchange notes by any participating broker-dealer. Exchange notes received by participating broker-dealers for their own account pursuant to the exchange offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the exchange notes, or a combination of such methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, or negotiated prices. Any resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such participating broker-dealer and/or the purchasers of the exchange notes. Any participating broker-dealer that resells exchange notes that were received by it for its own account in the exchange offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of the exchange notes may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit on any such resale of exchange notes and any commissions or concessions received by those persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. The letter of transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a participating broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act.

We have agreed to pay all expenses incident to the exchange offer other than commissions or concessions of any brokers or dealers and will indemnify the holders of the outstanding notes (including any broker-dealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain matters with respect to the validity of the exchange notes will be passed upon for us by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Williams Partners L.P. for the year ended December 31, 2009, appearing in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 12, 2010, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon included therein and incorporated herein by reference, and are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The effectiveness of Williams Partners L.P.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, included our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon included therein and incorporated herein by reference, and is incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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\$3,500,000,000

Williams Partners L.P.

Exchange Offer for All Outstanding

**\$750,000,000 aggregate amount of 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015
(CUSIP Nos. 96950FAA2 and U96956AA2)
for new 3.800% Senior Notes due 2015
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933**

and

**\$1,500,000,000 aggregate amount of 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020
(CUSIP Nos. 96950FAC8 and U96956AB0)
for new 5.250% Senior Notes due 2020
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933**

and

**\$1,250,000,000 aggregate amount of 6.300% Senior Notes due 2040
(CUSIP Nos. 96950FAE4 and U96956AC8)
for new 6.300% Senior Notes due 2040
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933**

PROSPECTUS

June 1, 2010