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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2014**

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

**Commission file number 1-10447**

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**CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**DELAWARE**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**04-3072771**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**Three Memorial City Plaza**

**840 Gessner Road, Suite 1400, Houston, Texas 77024**

(Address of principal executive offices including ZIP code)

**(281) 589-4600**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer ☒

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐  
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐

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

As of April 21, 2014, there were 417,290,522 shares of Common Stock, Par Value \$.10 Per Share, outstanding.



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Table of Contents**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. Financial Statements****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)**

(In thousands, except share amounts)	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,431	\$ 23,400
Restricted cash	19,713	28,094
Accounts receivable, net	245,073	222,476
Inventories	10,392	17,468
Deferred income taxes	71,806	81,855
Other current assets	1,415	5,606
Total current assets	373,830	378,899
Properties and equipment, net (Successful efforts method)	4,710,569	4,546,227
Other assets	61,376	55,954
	\$ 5,145,775	\$ 4,981,080
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 297,685	\$ 288,801
Accrued liabilities	47,203	73,601
Derivative instruments	73,428	13,912
Income taxes payable	14,312	31,591
Total current liabilities	432,628	407,905
Postretirement benefits	34,373	33,554
Long-term debt	1,222,000	1,147,000
Deferred income taxes	1,074,497	1,067,912
Asset retirement obligation	75,604	73,853
Other liabilities	37,882	46,254
Total liabilities	2,876,984	2,776,478
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock:		
Authorized 480,000,000 shares of \$0.10 par value in 2014 and 2013, respectively		
Issued 422,906,452 shares and 422,014,681 shares in 2014 and 2013, respectively	42,291	42,201
Additional paid-in capital	713,950	710,940
Retained earnings	1,726,504	1,627,805
Accumulated other comprehensive income / (loss)	(45,971)	(8,361)

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Less treasury stock, at cost:			
5,618,166 shares in 2014 and 2013, respectively		(167,983)	(167,983)
Total stockholders' equity		2,268,791	2,204,602
	\$	5,145,775	\$ 4,981,080

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

Table of Contents**CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)**

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Natural gas	\$ 432,809	\$ 293,793
Crude oil and condensate	59,144	65,655
Brokered natural gas	13,153	10,893
Other	4,697	2,944
	509,803	373,285
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Direct operations	35,834	31,497
Transportation and gathering	77,765	46,221
Brokered natural gas cost	11,860	8,389
Taxes other than income	13,044	11,687
Exploration	6,474	4,024
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	147,418	148,653
General and administrative	21,636	35,704
	314,031	286,175
Gain / (loss) on sale of assets	(1,285)	(96)
<b>INCOME FROM OPERATIONS</b>	194,487	87,014
Interest expense and other	16,557	16,255
Income before income taxes	177,930	70,759
Income tax expense	70,899	27,935
<b>NET INCOME</b>	\$ 107,031	\$ 42,824
<b>Earnings per share</b>		
Basic	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.10
Diluted	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.10
<b>Weighted-average common shares outstanding</b>		
Basic	416,900	420,300
Diluted	418,513	422,752
<b>Dividends per common share</b>	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.01

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Table of Contents**CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Net income	\$ 107,031	\$ 42,824
Other comprehensive income / (loss), net of taxes:		
Reclassification adjustment for settled hedge contracts (1)	42,565	(9,325)
Changes in fair value of hedge contracts (2)	(80,175)	(36,975)
Postretirement benefits:		
Amortization of net loss (3)		125
Total other comprehensive income / (loss)	(37,610)	(46,175)
Comprehensive income / (loss)	\$ 69,421	\$ (3,351)

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- (1) Net of income taxes of \$(28,210) and \$6,045 for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.
- (2) Net of income taxes of \$53,135 and \$23,971 for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.
- (3) Net of income taxes of \$(80) for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

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Table of Contents**CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income	\$ 107,031	\$ 42,824
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	147,418	148,653
Deferred income tax expense	57,603	23,574
(Gain) / loss on sale of assets	1,285	96
Exploration expense	2,040	666
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,126	897
Stock-based compensation and other	3,029	17,655
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	(23,418)	(243)
Income taxes	(16,889)	4,349
Inventories	7,076	2,896
Other current assets	1,170	983
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(16,089)	(27,885)
Other assets and liabilities	39	358
Stock-based compensation tax benefit	(16,043)	(2,138)
Net cash provided by operating activities	255,378	212,685
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Capital expenditures	(338,701)	(260,169)
Proceeds from sale of assets	108	486
Restricted cash	8,382	
Investment in equity method investment	(5,937)	(1,250)
Net cash used in investing activities	(336,148)	(260,933)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Borrowings from debt	366,000	135,000
Repayments of debt	(291,000)	(95,000)
Dividends paid	(8,332)	(4,201)
Stock-based compensation tax benefit	16,043	2,138
Other	90	32
Net cash provided by financing activities	82,801	37,969
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,031	(10,279)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	23,400	30,736
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 25,431	\$ 20,457

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Table of Contents**CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)****1. Financial Statement Presentation**

During interim periods, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (the Company) follows the same accounting policies disclosed in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (Form 10-K) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements and information presented in the Form 10-K. In management's opinion, the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements contain all material adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement. The results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the expected results for the entire year.

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year statements to conform with the current year presentation. These reclassifications have no impact on previously reported net income.

With respect to the unaudited financial information of the Company as of March 31, 2014 and for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate report dated April 25, 2014 appearing herein states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that unaudited financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their report on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 for their report on the unaudited financial information because that report is not a report or a part of a registration statement prepared or certified by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

**2. Properties and Equipment, Net**

Properties and equipment, net are comprised of the following:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Proved oil and gas properties	\$ 6,676,002	\$ 6,362,570
Unproved oil and gas properties	365,186	375,428
Gathering and pipeline systems	239,925	239,958
Land, building and other equipment	97,082	94,243
	7,378,195	7,072,199
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(2,667,626)	(2,525,972)

\$	4,710,569	\$	4,546,227
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At March 31, 2014, the Company did not have any projects that had exploratory well costs that were capitalized for a period of greater than one year after drilling.

### 3. Equity Method Investment

For further information regarding the Company's equity method investments, refer to Note 4 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K.

#### *Meade Pipeline Co LLC*

In February 2014, the Company acquired a 20% equity interest in Meade Pipeline Co LLC (Meade). Meade was formed to participate in the development and construction of a 177-mile pipeline (Central Penn Line) that will transport natural gas from Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania to an interconnect with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC's (Transco) mainline in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The new pipeline will be constructed and operated by Transco and will be owned by Transco and Meade in proportion to their respective ownership percentages. Under the terms of the LLC agreement, the Company agreed to invest its proportionate share of Meade's anticipated costs associated with the new pipeline of \$149 million, which is expected to occur over the next three to four years. The expected in-service date for the new pipeline is scheduled for the second half of 2017. There were no material contributions made to Meade for the period ended March 31, 2014.

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The Company's debt and credit agreements consisted of the following:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>		
7.33% weighted-average fixed rate notes	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
6.51% weighted-average fixed rate notes	425,000	425,000
9.78% notes	67,000	67,000
5.58% weighted-average fixed rate notes	175,000	175,000
Credit facility	535,000	460,000
	\$ 1,222,000	\$ 1,147,000

At March 31, 2014, the Company had \$535.0 million of borrowings outstanding under its revolving credit facility at a weighted-average interest rate of 2.2% and \$864.0 million available for future borrowings.

The Company was in compliance with all restrictive financial covenants for both the revolving credit facility and fixed rate notes as of March 31, 2014.

Effective April 15, 2014, the lenders under the Company's revolving credit facility approved an increase in the Company's borrowing base from \$2.3 billion to \$3.1 billion as part of the annual redetermination under the terms of the revolving credit facility. The commitments under the revolving credit facility remain unchanged at \$1.4 billion.

**5. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Company periodically enters into commodity derivative instruments to hedge its exposure to price fluctuations on natural gas and crude oil production. The Company's credit agreement restricts the ability of the Company to enter into commodity hedges other than to hedge or mitigate risks to which the Company has actual or projected exposure or as permitted under the Company's risk management policies and where such derivatives do not subject the Company to material speculative risks. All of the Company's derivatives are used for risk management purposes and are not held for trading purposes.

As of March 31, 2014, the Company had the following outstanding commodity derivatives:

	Collars		Swaps
Floor		Ceiling	

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Type of Contract	Volume		Contract Period	Range	Weighted-Average	Range	Weighted-Average	Weighted-Average
Natural gas	253.8	Bcf	Apr. 2014 - Dec. 2014	\$3.60-\$4.37	\$ 4.13	\$4.22-\$4.80	\$ 4.51	
Natural gas	80.1	Bcf	Apr. 2014 - Dec. 2014					\$ 4.05
Crude oil	550.0	Mbbl	Apr. 2014 - Dec. 2014					\$ 97.00

*Natural gas prices are stated per Mcf and crude oil prices are stated per barrel.*

The change in the fair value of derivatives designated as hedges that are effective is recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income / (loss) in stockholders' equity in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. The ineffective portion of the change in the fair value of derivatives designated as hedges and the change in fair value of derivatives not designated as hedges are recorded currently in earnings as a component of natural gas revenue and crude oil and condensate revenue in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

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The following tables reflect the fair value of derivative instruments on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements:

*Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet*

(In thousands)	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Values of Derivative Instruments			
		Derivative Assets		Derivative Liabilities	
		March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Commodity contracts	Other current assets	\$	\$ 3,019	\$	\$
Commodity contracts	Derivative instruments (current liabilities)			73,428	13,912
		\$	\$ 3,019	\$ 73,428	\$ 13,912

At March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, unrealized losses of \$73.4 million (\$44.2 million, net of tax) and \$10.9 million (\$6.6 million, net of tax), respectively, were recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income / (loss) in stockholders' equity in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. Based upon estimates at March 31, 2014, the Company expects to reclassify \$44.2 million in after-tax losses associated with its commodity hedges from accumulated other comprehensive income / (loss) to the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations over the next nine months.

*Offsetting of Derivative Assets and Liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet*

(In thousands)	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b>Derivative Assets</b>		
Gross amounts of recognized assets	\$ 4,041	\$ 13,792
Gross amounts offset in the statement of financial position	(4,041)	(10,773)
Net amounts of assets presented in the statement of financial position		3,019
Gross amounts of financial instruments not offset in the statement of financial position		373
Net amount	\$	\$ 3,392
<b>Derivative Liabilities</b>		
Gross amounts of recognized liabilities	\$ 77,469	\$ 24,685
Gross amounts offset in the statement of financial position	(4,041)	(10,773)
Net amounts of liabilities presented in the statement of financial position	73,428	13,912
Gross amounts of financial instruments not offset in the statement of financial position	218	
Net amount	\$ 73,646	\$ 13,912

*Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations**Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments*

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The amount of gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive income / (loss) on derivatives (effective portion) is as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended			
	March 31,			
	2014		2013	
Commodity contracts	\$	(133,310)	\$	(60,946)



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The amount of gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income / (loss) into income (effective portion) is as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2014		2013	
Natural gas revenues	\$	(70,557)	\$	13,328
Crude oil and condensate revenues		(218)		2,042
	\$	(70,775)	\$	15,370

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, there was no ineffectiveness recorded in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations related to its derivative instruments designated as hedges.

*Additional Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*

The use of derivative instruments involves the risk that the counterparties will be unable to meet their obligations under the agreements. The Company enters into derivative contracts with multiple counterparties in order to limit its exposure to individual counterparties. The Company also has netting arrangements with all of its counterparties that allow it to offset assets and liabilities from separate derivative contracts with that counterparty.

Certain counterparties to the Company's derivative instruments are also lenders under its revolving credit facility. The Company's revolving credit facility and derivative instruments contain certain cross default and acceleration provisions that may require immediate payment of its derivative liabilities in certain situations.

**6. Fair Value Measurements**

The Company follows the authoritative guidance for measuring fair value of assets and liabilities in its financial statements. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). The authoritative guidance also established a formal fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 measurements and the lowest priority to Level 3 measurements. The Company has classified its assets and liabilities into these levels depending upon the data relied on to determine the fair values. For further information regarding the fair value hierarchy, refer to Note 7 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K.

*Non-Financial Assets and Liabilities*

The Company discloses or recognizes its non-financial assets and liabilities, such as impairments of oil and gas properties and other assets, at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. As none of the Company's non-financial assets and liabilities were impaired as of March 31, 2014 and 2013

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and no other assets or liabilities were required to be recognized at fair value on a non-recurring basis, additional disclosures were not provided.

The estimated fair value of the Company's asset retirement obligation at inception is determined by utilizing the income approach by applying a credit-adjusted risk-free rate, which takes into account the Company's credit risk, the time value of money, and the current economic state, to the undiscounted expected abandonment cash flows. Given the unobservable nature of the inputs, the measurement of the asset retirement obligation was classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

Table of Contents**Financial Assets and Liabilities**

The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

(In thousands)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	March 31, 2014
<b>Assets</b>				
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 12,886	\$	\$	\$ 12,886
Derivative contracts			4,041	4,041
Total assets	\$ 12,886	\$	\$ 4,041	\$ 16,927
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 30,983	\$	\$	\$ 30,983
Derivative contracts		13,060	64,409	77,469
Total liabilities	\$ 30,983	\$ 13,060	\$ 64,409	\$ 108,452

(In thousands)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	December 31, 2013
<b>Assets</b>				
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 12,507	\$	\$	\$ 12,507
Derivative contracts			13,792	13,792
Total assets	\$ 12,507	\$	\$ 13,792	\$ 26,299
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 33,211	\$	\$	\$ 33,211
Derivative contracts		6,983	17,702	24,685
Total liabilities	\$ 33,211	\$ 6,983	\$ 17,702	\$ 57,896

The Company's investments associated with its deferred compensation plan consist of mutual funds and deferred shares of the Company's common stock that are publicly traded and for which market prices are readily available.

The derivative instruments were measured based on quotes from the Company's counterparties. Such quotes have been derived using an income approach that considers various inputs including current market and contractual prices for the underlying instruments, quoted forward prices for natural gas and crude oil, basis differentials, volatility factors and interest rates, such as a LIBOR curve for a similar length of time as the derivative contract term as applicable. Estimates are verified using relevant NYMEX futures contracts and/or are compared to multiple quotes obtained from counterparties for reasonableness. The determination of the fair values presented above also incorporates a credit adjustment for non-performance risk. The Company measured the non-performance risk of its counterparties by reviewing credit default swap spreads for the various financial institutions with which it has derivative transactions, while non-performance risk of the Company is evaluated using a market credit spread provided by the Company's bank.

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The most significant unobservable inputs relative to the Company's Level 3 derivative contracts are basis differentials and volatility factors. An increase (decrease) in these unobservable inputs would result in an increase (decrease) in fair value, respectively. The Company does not have access to the specific assumptions used in its counterparties' valuation models. Consequently, additional disclosures regarding significant Level 3 unobservable inputs were not provided.

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The following table sets forth a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of financial assets / (liabilities) classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2014		2013	
Balance at beginning of period	\$	(3,910)	\$	41,159
Total gains or (losses) (realized or unrealized):				
Included in earnings		(62,285)		13,328
Included in other comprehensive income		(56,458)		(71,058)
Settlements		62,285		(13,328)
Transfers in and/or out of level 3				
Balance at end of period	\$	(60,368)	\$	(29,899)

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 measurements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013.

## *Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments*

The estimated fair value of financial instruments is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged currently between willing parties. The carrying amounts reported in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

The fair value of long-term debt is the estimated amount the Company would have to pay a third party to assume the debt, including a credit spread for the difference between the issue rate and the period end market rate. The credit spread is the Company's default or repayment risk. The credit spread (premium or discount) is determined by comparing the Company's fixed-rate notes and revolving credit facility to new issuances (secured and unsecured) and secondary trades of similar size and credit statistics for both public and private debt. The fair value of all fixed-rate notes and the revolving credit facility is based on interest rates currently available to the Company. The Company's long-term debt is valued using an income approach and classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy due to the unobservable nature of the inputs.

The Company uses available market data and valuation methodologies to estimate the fair value of debt. The carrying amounts and fair values of long-term debt are as follows:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Long-term debt	\$ 1,222,000	\$ 1,325,174	\$ 1,147,000	\$ 1,224,273

## 7. Asset Retirement Obligation

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Activity related to the Company's asset retirement obligation is as follows:

<b>(In thousands)</b>		<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
		<b>March 31, 2014</b>	
Balance at beginning of period	\$	75,853	
Liabilities incurred		1,647	
Liabilities divested		(899)	
Accretion expense		1,003	
Balance at end of period	\$	77,604	

As of March 31, 2014, approximately \$2.0 million, which represents the current portion of the Company's asset retirement obligation, is included in accrued liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

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**8. Commitments and Contingencies**

***Contractual Obligations***

The Company has various contractual obligations in the normal course of its operations. Except for certain new and amended transportation agreements described below, there have been no material changes to the Company's contractual obligations described under Transportation and Gathering Agreements, Drilling Rig Commitments and Lease Commitments as disclosed in Note 9 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Form 10-K.

***Transportation and Gathering Agreements***

During the first three months of 2014, the Company entered into or amended certain natural gas transportation agreements associated with the Company's production in Pennsylvania. These agreements increased the Company's future aggregate obligations under its transportation commitments by approximately \$180.3 million over the next 10 years compared to those amounts disclosed in Note 9 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Form 10-K.

***Legal Matters***

The Company is a defendant in various legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business. All known liabilities are accrued when management determines they are probable based on its best estimate of the potential loss. While the outcome and impact of these legal proceedings on the Company cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the resolution of these proceedings will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

***Contingency Reserves***

When deemed necessary, the Company establishes reserves for certain legal proceedings. The establishment of a reserve is based on an estimation process that includes the advice of legal counsel and subjective judgment of management. While management believes these reserves to be adequate, it is reasonably possible that the Company could incur additional losses with respect to those matters in which reserves have been established. The Company believes that any such amount above the amounts accrued is not material to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Future changes in facts and circumstances not currently foreseeable could result in the actual liability exceeding the estimated ranges of loss and amounts accrued.

***Environmental Matters***

*Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*

On December 15, 2010, the Company entered into a consent order and settlement agreement (CO&SA) with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP), addressing a number of environmental issues originally identified in 2008 and 2009, including alleged releases of drilling mud and other substances, alleged record keeping violations at various wells and alleged natural gas contamination of water supplies to 14 households in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. During 2010 and 2011, the Company paid a total of \$1.3 million in settlement of fines and penalties sought or claimed by the PaDEP related to this matter. On January 11, 2011, certain of the affected households appealed the CO&SA to the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board (PEHB). On October 17, 2011, the Company requested PaDEP approval to resume hydraulic fracturing and new natural gas well drilling operations in the affected area, along with a request to cease temporary water deliveries to the affected households pursuant to prior consent orders with the PaDEP. The PaDEP concurred that temporary water deliveries to the property owners are no longer necessary. On August 21, 2012, the PaDEP notified the Company that it could commence completion operations on existing wells within the concerned area.

On November 18, 2011, certain of the affected households appealed this order to the PEHB, which appeal was later consolidated with the CO&SA appeal. All appellants have accepted their portion of the \$2.2 million that was placed into escrow in 2011 for their benefit and on October 18, 2012 had dismissed their appeal to the PEHB. Subsequent to the withdrawal of the appeals, the PEHB allowed three groups of appellants to reinstate their appeal. On April 1, 2014, on the motion of the appellants, the Court dismissed all claims on appeal.



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The components of net periodic benefit costs, included in general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations, were as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended			
	March 31,			
	2014		2013	
Service cost	\$	456	\$	415
Interest cost		407		395
Amortization of net loss				205
	\$	863	\$	1,015

Under the authoritative guidance, the net actuarial loss is not amortized if it is less than 10% of the postretirement obligation. Accordingly, the Company does not expect to amortize its net actuarial loss from accumulated other comprehensive income during 2014.

**10. Stock-based Compensation**

Stock-based compensation expense during the first three months of 2014 and 2013 was \$3.2 million and \$18.7 million, respectively, and is included in general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company realized a \$16.0 million and a \$2.1 million tax benefit, respectively, related to the federal tax deduction in excess of book compensation cost for employee stock-based compensation. The Company is able to recognize this tax benefit only to the extent it reduces the Company's income taxes payable.

***Restricted Stock Awards***

During the first three months of 2014, 44,000 restricted stock awards were granted to employees with a weighted-average grant date per share value of \$35.00. The fair value of restricted stock grants is based on the average of the high and low stock price on the grant date. The Company used an annual forfeiture rate assumption of 5.0% for purposes of recognizing stock-based compensation expense for restricted stock awards.

***Restricted Stock Units***

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During the first three months of 2014, 32,203 restricted stock units were granted to non-employee directors of the Company with a weighted-average grant date per unit value of \$39.33. The fair value of these units is measured based on the average of the high and low stock price on grant date and compensation expense is recorded immediately. These units immediately vest and are issued when the director ceases to be a director of the Company.

### *Performance Share Awards*

The performance period for the awards granted in 2014 commenced on January 1, 2014 and ends on December 31, 2016. The Company used an annual forfeiture rate assumption ranging from 0% to 5% for purposes of recognizing stock-based compensation expense for its performance share awards. Refer to Note 13 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K for further description of the various types of performance share awards and the applicable award terms.

### *Performance Share Awards Based on Internal Performance Metrics*

The fair value of performance award grants based on internal performance metrics is based on the average of the high and low stock price on the grant date and represents the right to receive up to 100% of the award in shares of common stock.

*Employee Performance Share Awards.* During the first three months of 2014, 241,130 Employee Performance Share Awards were granted at a grant date per share value of \$39.43. These performance metrics are set by the Company's Compensation Committee and are based on the Company's average production, average finding costs and average reserve replacement over a three-year performance period. Based on the Company's probability assessment at March 31, 2014, it is considered probable that the criteria for the performance awards based on performance conditions will be met.

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*Hybrid Performance Share Awards.* During the first three months of 2014, 123,257 Hybrid Performance Share Awards were granted at a grant date per share value of \$39.43, which is based on the average of the high and low stock price on the grant date. The 2014 awards vest 25% on each of the first and second anniversary dates and 50% on the third anniversary, provided that the Company has \$100 million or more of operating cash flow for the year preceding the vesting date, as set by the Company's Compensation Committee. If the Company does not meet the performance metric for the applicable period, then the portion of the performance shares that would have been issued on that anniversary date will be forfeited. Based on the Company's probability assessment at March 31, 2014, it is considered probable that the criteria for the performance awards based on performance conditions will be met.

*Performance Share Awards Based on Market Conditions*

These awards have both an equity and liability component, with the right to receive up to the first 100% of the award in shares of common stock and the right to receive up to an additional 100% of the value of the award in excess of the equity component in cash. The equity portion of these awards is valued on the grant date and is not marked to market, while the liability portion of the awards is valued as of the end of each reporting period on a mark-to-market basis. The Company calculates the fair value of the equity and liability portions of the awards using a Monte Carlo simulation model.

*TSR Performance Share Awards.* During the first three months of 2014, 184,885 TSR Performance Share Awards were granted and are earned, or not earned, based on the comparative performance of the Company's common stock measured against fourteen other companies in the Company's peer group over a three-year performance period.

The following assumptions were used to determine the grant date fair value of the equity component (February 20, 2014) and the period-end fair value of the liability component of the TSR Performance Share Awards:

	Grant Date	March 31, 2014
Fair value per performance share award	\$ 32.04	\$9.58 - \$25.37
Assumptions:		
Stock price volatility	41.3%	30.7% - 78.7%
Risk free rate of return	0.7%	0.1% - 0.8%
Expected dividend yield	0.2%	0.2%

*Supplemental Employee Incentive Plan*

The Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$1.5 million and \$3.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, related to the Supplemental Employee Incentive Plan (the Plan) which is included in general and administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. Refer to Note 13 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K for additional information on the provisions of the Plan.

The following assumptions were used to determine the period-end fair value of the SEIP IV liability using a Monte Carlo model:

	March 31, 2014
Stock price volatility	37.5%
Risk free rate of return	1.1%
Annual salary increase rate	4.0%
Annual turnover rate	4.6%

Table of Contents**11. Earnings per Common Share**

Basic EPS is computed by dividing net income (the numerator) by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period (the denominator). Diluted EPS is similarly calculated except that the denominator is increased using the treasury stock method to reflect the potential dilution that could occur if outstanding stock appreciation rights were exercised and stock awards were vested at the end of the applicable period.

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Weighted-average shares - basic	416,900	420,300
Dilution effect of stock appreciation rights and stock awards at end of period	1,613	2,452
Weighted-average shares - diluted	418,513	422,752
Weighted-average shares excluded from diluted earnings per share due to the anti-dilutive effect	272	368

**12. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss)**

Changes in accumulated other comprehensive income / (loss) by component, net of tax, were as follows:

(In thousands)	Net Gains / (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges	Postretirement Benefits	Total
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ (6,551)	\$ (1,810)	\$ (8,361)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	(80,175)		(80,175)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	42,565		42,565
Net current-period other comprehensive income	(37,610)		(37,610)
Balance at March 31, 2014	\$ (44,161)	\$ (1,810)	\$ (45,971)

Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income / (loss) into the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations were as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Affected Line Item in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations
(In thousands)	2014	2013	
<b>Net gains / (losses) on cash flow hedges</b>			
Commodity contracts	\$ (70,557)	13,328	Natural gas revenues
Commodity contracts	(218)	2,042	Crude oil and condensate revenues
<b>Postretirement benefits</b>			

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Amortization of net loss		(205)	General and administrative expense
	(70,775)	15,165	Total before tax
	28,210	(5,965)	Tax (expense) / benefit
Total reclassifications for the period	\$ (42,565)	9,200	Net of tax

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Certain balance sheet amounts are comprised of the following:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b>Accounts receivable, net</b>		
Trade accounts	\$ 242,367	\$ 215,361
Joint interest accounts	3,469	7,261
Income taxes receivable	532	922
Other accounts	516	746
	246,884	224,290
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,811)	(1,814)
	\$ 245,073	\$ 222,476
<b>Inventories</b>		
Natural gas in storage	\$ 3,169	\$ 9,056
Tubular goods and well equipment	7,193	8,396
Other accounts	30	16
	\$ 10,392	\$ 17,468
<b>Other current assets</b>		
Prepaid balances and other	1,415	2,587
Derivative instruments		3,019
	\$ 1,415	\$ 5,606
<b>Other assets</b>		
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 12,886	\$ 12,507
Debt issuance cost	15,350	16,476
Equity method investment	32,971	26,892
Other accounts	169	79
	\$ 61,376	\$ 55,954
<b>Accounts payable</b>		
Trade accounts	\$ 56,956	\$ 26,023
Natural gas purchases	2,933	2,052
Royalty and other owners	83,902	79,150
Accrued capital costs	120,091	146,899
Taxes other than income	18,869	13,677
Drilling advances	8,334	14,093
Producer gas imbalances	69	69
Other accounts	6,531	6,838
	\$ 297,685	\$ 288,801
<b>Accrued liabilities</b>		
Employee benefits	\$ 24,645	\$ 43,599
Taxes other than income	6,797	6,894
Interest payable	12,637	20,211
Other accounts	3,124	2,897
	\$ 47,203	\$ 73,601
<b>Other liabilities</b>		
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 30,983	\$ 33,211
Other accounts	6,899	13,043
	\$ 37,882	\$ 46,254





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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation:

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation and its subsidiaries (the Company) as of March 31, 2014, and the related condensed consolidated statements of operations and of comprehensive income for the three month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 and the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the three month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and of cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein), and in our report dated February 28, 2014, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet information as of December 31, 2013, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Houston, Texas

April 25, 2014

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**ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following review of operations for the three month periods ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes included in this Form 10-Q and with the Consolidated Financial Statements, Notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis included in the Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (Form 10-K).

***Overview***

On an equivalent basis, our production for the three months ended March 31, 2014 increased by 34% compared to the three months ended March 31, 2013. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, we produced 119.9 Bcfe, or 1,331.8 Mmcfe per day, compared to 89.3 Bcfe, or 992.3 Mmcfe per day, for the three months ended March 31, 2013. Natural gas production increased by 30.6 Bcf, or 36%, to 115.8 Bcf for the first three months of 2014 compared to 85.2 Bcf for the first three months of 2013. This increase was primarily the result of higher production in the Marcellus Shale associated with our drilling program. Partially offsetting the production increase in the Marcellus Shale were decreases in production due to certain non-core asset dispositions in Texas and Oklahoma in the fourth quarter of 2013 and normal production declines in Texas and West Virginia. Crude oil/condensate/NGL production decreased by 5 Mbbls, or 1%, to 686 Mbbls in the first three months of 2014 from 691 Mbbls in the first three months of 2013. This decrease was primarily due to certain non-core asset dispositions in Oklahoma in the fourth quarter of 2013, partially offset by higher production resulting from our oil-focused drilling program in south Texas.

Our financial results depend on many factors, particularly the price of natural gas and crude oil and our ability to market our production on economically attractive terms. Our average realized natural gas price for the first three months of 2014 was \$3.74 per Mcf, 8% higher than the \$3.45 per Mcf price realized in the first three months of 2013. Our average realized crude oil price for the first three months of 2014 was \$97.76 per Bbl, 6% lower than the \$104.03 per Bbl price realized in the first three months of 2013. These realized prices include realized gains and losses resulting from commodity derivatives. For information about the impact of these derivatives on realized prices, refer to Results of Operations below. Commodity prices are determined by many factors that are outside of our control. Historically, commodity prices have been volatile, and we expect them to remain volatile. Commodity prices are affected by changes in market supply and demand, which are impacted by overall economic activity, weather, pipeline capacity constraints, inventory storage levels, basis differentials and other factors. As a result, we cannot accurately predict future natural gas, NGL and crude oil prices and, therefore, we cannot determine with any degree of certainty what effect increases or decreases will have on our capital program, production volumes or future revenues. In addition to production volumes and commodity prices, finding and developing sufficient amounts of natural gas and crude oil reserves at economical costs are critical to our long-term success.

During the first three months of 2014, we drilled 27 gross wells (27.0 net) with a success rate of 100% compared to 32 gross wells (25.9 net) with a success rate of 97% for the comparable period of the prior year. Our total capital and exploration expenditures were \$316.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to \$253.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The increase in capital spending was the result of our Marcellus Shale horizontal drilling program in northeast Pennsylvania and our drilling program in the Eagle Ford Shale in south Texas. We allocate our planned program for capital and exploration expenditures among our various operating areas based on return expectations, availability of services and human resources. Our 2014 drilling program includes between \$1.375 billion and \$1.475 billion in capital and exploration expenditures and is expected to be funded by operating cash flow, existing cash and, if required, borrowings under our revolving credit facility. We will continue to assess the natural gas and crude oil price environment along with our liquidity position and may increase or decrease our capital and exploration expenditures accordingly.

***Financial Condition***

***Capital Resources and Liquidity***

Our primary sources of cash for the three months ended March 31, 2014 were from funds generated from the sale of natural gas and crude oil production (including the impact of realizations from our commodity derivatives) and net borrowings under our revolving credit facility. These cash flows were primarily used to fund our capital and exploration expenditures and payment of dividends. See below for additional discussion and analysis of cash flow.

Operating cash flow fluctuations are substantially driven by commodity prices and changes in our production volumes and operating expenses. Prices for natural gas and crude oil have historically been volatile, including seasonal influences and demand; however, the impact of other risks and uncertainties, as described in our Form 10-K and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, have also influenced prices throughout the recent years. In addition, fluctuations in cash flow may result in an increase or decrease in our capital and exploration expenditures. See [Results of Operations](#) for a review of the impact of prices and volumes on revenues.

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Our working capital is also substantially influenced by the variables discussed above. From time to time, our working capital will reflect a surplus, while at other times it will reflect a deficit. This fluctuation is not unusual. We believe we have adequate availability under our revolving credit facility and liquidity available to meet our working capital requirements.

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$ 255,378	\$ 212,685
Cash flows used in investing activities	(336,148)	(260,933)
Cash flows provided by financing activities	82,801	37,969
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,031	\$ (10,279)

**Operating Activities.** Net cash provided by operating activities in the first three months of 2014 increased by \$42.7 million over the first three months of 2013. This increase was primarily due to higher operating revenues partially offset by higher operating expenses (excluding non-cash expenses) and unfavorable changes in working capital and other assets and liabilities. The increase in operating revenues was primarily due to an increase in equivalent production and higher realized natural gas prices, partially offset by the decrease in realized crude oil prices. Equivalent production volumes increased by 34% for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2013 as a result of higher natural gas production. Average realized natural gas prices increased by 8% and average realized crude oil prices decreased by 6% for the first three months of 2014 compared to the first three months of 2013.

See Results of Operations for additional information relative to commodity price, production and operating expense movements. We are unable to predict future commodity prices and, as a result, cannot provide any assurance about future levels of net cash provided by operating activities. Realized prices may decline in future periods.

**Investing Activities.** Cash flows used in investing activities increased by \$75.2 million for the first three months of 2014 compared to the first three months of 2013. The increase was due to \$78.5 million of higher capital expenditures and an increase of \$4.7 million in capital contributions associated with our equity method investments. Partially offsetting the increases was a decrease in restricted cash of \$8.4 million related to funding of oil and gas lease acquisitions by our qualified intermediary during the first quarter of 2014 associated with our like-kind exchange transactions pursuant to Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Financing Activities.** Cash flows provided by financing activities increased by \$44.8 million for the first three months of 2014 compared to the first three months of 2013. This increase was primarily due to \$35.0 million of higher net borrowings and an increase of \$13.9 million in tax benefits associated with our stock-based compensation, partially offset by a \$4.1 million increase in dividend payments.

Effective April 15, 2014, the lenders under our revolving credit facility approved an increase in our borrowing base from \$2.3 billion to \$3.1 billion as part of the annual redetermination under the terms of the revolving credit facility. The commitments under the revolving credit facility remain unchanged at \$1.4 billion. At March 31, 2014, we had \$535.0 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility at a weighted-average interest rate of 2.2% and \$864.0 million available for future borrowings. See Note 4 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

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We strive to manage our debt at a level below the available credit line in order to maintain borrowing capacity. Our revolving credit facility includes a covenant limiting our total debt. Management believes that, with internally generated cash flow, existing cash on hand and availability under our revolving credit facility, we have the capacity to finance our spending plans and maintain our strong financial position.

Table of Contents*Capitalization*

Information about our capitalization is as follows:

<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>March 31, 2014</b>	<b>December 31, 2013</b>
Debt (1)	\$ 1,222,000	\$ 1,147,000
Stockholders' equity	2,268,791	2,204,602
Total capitalization	\$ 3,490,791	\$ 3,351,602
Debt to capitalization	35%	34%
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,431	\$ 23,400

(1) Includes \$535.0 million and \$460.0 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we paid dividends of \$8.3 million (\$0.02 per share) on our common stock. A regular dividend has been declared for each quarter since we became a public company in 1990.

*Capital and Exploration Expenditures*

On an annual basis, we generally fund most of our capital and exploration expenditures, excluding any significant property acquisitions, with cash generated from operations and, when necessary, borrowings under our revolving credit facility. We budget these expenditures based on our projected cash flows for the year.

The following table presents major components of our capital and exploration expenditures:

<b>(In thousands)</b>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Capital Expenditures		
Drilling and facilities	\$ 292,736	\$ 230,049
Leasehold acquisitions	14,849	16,177
Pipeline and gathering	(34)	108
Other	2,377	3,094
	309,928	249,428
Exploration expense	6,474	4,024

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Total	\$	316,402	\$	253,452
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For the full year of 2014, we plan to drill approximately 155 to 175 gross wells (150 to 170 net). In 2014, we plan to spend approximately \$1.375 billion and \$1.475 billion in total capital and exploration expenditures (excluding expected contributions of approximately \$36.4 million to Constitution and approximately \$0.4 million to Meade). See [Overview](#) for additional information regarding the current year drilling program. We will continue to assess the natural gas and crude oil price environment and our liquidity position and may increase or decrease our capital and exploration expenditures accordingly.

### *Contractual Obligations*

We have various contractual obligations in the normal course of our operations. Except for certain new and amended transportation agreements described in Note 8 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-Q, there have been no material changes to our contractual obligations described under [Transportation and Gathering Agreements](#), [Drilling Rig Commitments](#) and [Lease Commitments](#) as disclosed in Note 9 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and the obligations described under [Contractual Obligations](#) in Item 7 [Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations](#) included in our Form 10-K.

Table of Contents*Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates*

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. See our Form 10-K for further discussion of our critical accounting policies.

*Results of Operations**First Quarters of 2014 and 2013 Compared*

We reported net income in the first quarter of 2014 of \$107.0 million, or \$0.26 per share, compared to \$42.8 million, or \$0.10 per share, in the first quarter of 2013. The increase in net income was due to an increase in equivalent production and higher realized natural gas prices, partially offset by higher operating expenses and lower realized crude oil prices.

*Revenue, Price and Volume Variances*

Below is a discussion of revenue, price and volume variances.

Revenue Variances (In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Variance		Percent
	2014	2013	Amount		
Natural gas	\$ 432,809	\$ 293,793	\$ 139,016		47%
Crude oil and condensate	59,144	65,655	(6,511)		(10%)
Brokered natural gas	13,153	10,893	2,260		21%
Other	4,697	2,944	1,753		60%

  

Price Variances	Three Months Ended March 31,		Variance		Increase (Decrease)
	2014	2013	Amount	Percent	
Natural gas (1)	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.45	\$ 0.29	8%	\$ 33,597
Crude oil and condensate (2)	\$ 97.76	\$ 104.03	\$ (6.27)	(6%)	(3,792)
Total					\$ 29,805

  

Volume Variances		Variance		Increase (Decrease)
		Amount	Percent	
Natural gas (Bcf)	115.8	85.2	30.6	36%
Crude oil and condensate (Mbbl)	605	631	(26)	(4%)
Total				\$ 102,700



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(1) *These prices include the realized impact of derivative instrument settlements, which decreased the price by \$0.61 per Mcf in 2014 and increased the price by \$0.16 per Mcf in 2013.*

(2) *These prices include the realized impact of derivative instrument settlements, which decreased the price by \$0.36 per Bbl in 2014 and increased the price by \$3.24 per Bbl in 2013.*

#### *Natural Gas Revenues*

The increase in natural gas revenues of \$139.0 million is due to higher production and higher realized natural gas prices. The increase in production was a result of our Marcellus Shale drilling program, partially offset by the decrease in production due to certain non-core asset dispositions in the Oklahoma and Texas in the fourth quarter of 2013 and lower production in Texas and West Virginia due normal production declines.

#### *Crude Oil and Condensate Revenues*

The decrease in crude oil and condensate revenues of \$6.5 million is due to higher production associated with our oil-focused drilling program in south Texas, partially offset by the decrease in production primarily due to certain non-core asset dispositions in Texas and Oklahoma in the fourth quarter of 2013 and lower realized crude oil prices.

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### *Brokered Natural Gas Revenue and Cost*

	Three Months Ended March 31,				Variance		Price and Volume Variances		
	2014		2013	Amount		Percent	(In thousands)		
Brokered Natural Gas Sales									
Sales price (\$/Mcf)	\$	4.90	\$	3.55	\$	1.35	38%	\$	3,613
Volume brokered (Mmcf)	x	2,686	x	3,067		(381)	(12%)		(1,353)
Brokered natural gas (In thousands)	\$	13,153	\$	10,893				\$	2,260
Brokered Natural Gas Purchases									
Purchase price (\$/Mcf)	\$	4.42	\$	2.74	\$	1.68	61%	\$	(4,513)
Volume brokered (Mmcf)	x	2,686	x	3,067		(381)	(12%)		1,042
Brokered natural gas (In thousands)	\$	11,860	\$	8,389				\$	(3,471)
Brokered natural gas margin (In thousands)	\$	1,293	\$	2,504				\$	(1,211)

The \$1.2 million decrease in brokered natural gas margin is a result of an increase in purchase price that outpaced the increase in sales price and lower brokered volumes.

### *Impact of Derivative Instruments on Operating Revenues*

The following table reflects the increase / (decrease) to operating revenues from the realized impact of cash settlements for derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
<b>Cash Flow Hedges</b>		
Natural gas	\$ (70,557)	\$ 13,328
Crude oil	(218)	2,042
	\$ (70,775)	\$ 15,370

### *Operating and Other Expenses*

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Variance		
	2014	2013	Amount		Percent
Operating and Other Expenses					
Direct operations	\$ 35,834	\$ 31,497	\$ 4,337		14%
Transportation and gathering	77,765	46,221	31,544		68%
Brokered natural gas	11,860	8,389	3,471		41%

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Taxes other than income	13,044	11,687	1,357	12%
Exploration	6,474	4,024	2,450	61%
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	147,418	148,653	(1,235)	(1%)
General and administrative	21,636	35,704	(14,068)	(39%)
Total operating expense	\$ 314,031	\$ 286,175	\$ 27,856	10%
(Gain) / loss on sale of assets	\$ 1,285	\$ 96	\$ 1,189	1,239%
Interest expense and other	16,557	16,255	302	2%
Income tax expense	70,899	27,935	42,964	154%

Total costs and expenses from operations increased by \$27.9 million, or 10%, in the first quarter of 2014 compared to the same period of 2013. The primary reasons for this fluctuation are as follows:

- Direct operations increased \$4.3 million largely due to higher operating costs primarily driven by higher production, partially offset by lower costs due to the disposition of certain non-core assets in Oklahoma and Texas in the fourth

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quarter of 2013. Contributing to the increase are higher workover and employee-related costs, partially offset by lower plugging and abandonment costs. In addition, we experienced higher costs associated with oil separation and processing and related fuel charges as a result of more stringent oil pipeline quality requirements in south Texas.

- Transportation and gathering increased \$31.5 million due to higher throughput as a result of higher production, slightly higher transportation rates and the commencement of various transportation and gathering agreements primarily in northeast Pennsylvania.
- Brokered natural gas increased \$3.5 million. See the preceding table titled *Brokered Natural Gas Revenue and Cost* for further analysis.
- Taxes other than income increased \$1.4 million due to higher drilling impact fees associated with our Marcellus Shale drilling activities and higher production taxes. Production taxes increased due to higher oil production in south Texas, offset by lower taxes as a result of the disposition of certain non-core assets in Oklahoma and Texas in the fourth quarter of 2013.
- Exploration expense increased \$2.5 million as a result of higher exploratory dry hole costs and higher employee related and other costs.
- Depreciation, depletion and amortization decreased \$1.2 million, of which \$47.7 million was due to a lower DD&A rate of \$1.17 per Mcfe for the first quarter of 2014 compared to \$1.56 per Mcfe for the first quarter of 2013, offset by a \$47.8 million due to higher equivalent production volumes. The lower DD&A rate was primarily due to higher production in areas with lower DD&A rates and the impact of the disposition of higher rate fields in Oklahoma and Texas in the fourth quarter of 2013. In addition, amortization of unproved properties decreased \$1.5 million in the first quarter in 2014.
- General and administrative decreased \$14.1 million due to lower stock-based compensation expense of \$15.5 million associated with the mark-to-market of our liability-based performance awards and supplemental employee incentive plan due to changes in our stock price during 2014 compared to 2013, partially offset by \$1.5 million of higher employee related costs.

*Income Tax Expense*

Income tax expense increased \$43.0 million primarily due to higher pretax income and a slightly higher effective tax rate. The effective tax rate for the first quarter of 2014 and 2013 was 39.8% and 39.5%, respectively.

*Forward-Looking Information*

The statements regarding future financial and operating performance and results, strategic pursuits and goals, market prices, future hedging activities, and other statements that are not historical facts contained in this report are forward-looking statements. The words expect, project, estimate, believe, anticipate, intend, budget, plan, forecast, predict, may, should, could, will and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. Such statements involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, market factors, market prices (including geographic basis differentials) of natural gas and crude oil, results of future drilling and marketing activity, future production and costs, legislative and regulatory initiatives, electronic, cyber or physical security breaches and other factors detailed herein and in our other Securities and Exchange Commission filings. See Risk Factors in Item 1A of the Form 10-K for additional information about these risks and uncertainties. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those indicated.

Table of Contents**ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk***Market Risk*

Our primary market risk is exposure to natural gas and crude oil prices. Realized prices are mainly driven by worldwide prices for crude oil and spot market prices for North American natural gas production. Commodity prices can be volatile and unpredictable.

*Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*

Our hedging strategy is designed to reduce the risk of price volatility for our production in the natural gas and crude oil markets. A hedging committee that consists of members of senior management oversees our hedging activity. Our hedging arrangements apply to only a portion of our production and provide only partial price protection. These hedging arrangements limit the benefit to us of increases in prices, but offer protection in the event of price declines. Further, if our counterparties defaulted, this protection might be limited as we might not receive the benefits of the hedges. Please read the discussion below as well as Note 6 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Form 10-K for a more detailed discussion of our hedging arrangements.

Periodically, we enter into commodity derivative instruments, including collar and swap agreements, to hedge our exposure to price fluctuations on natural gas and crude oil production. Our credit agreement restricts our ability to enter into commodity hedges other than to hedge or mitigate risks to which we have actual or projected exposure or as permitted under our risk management policies and not subjecting us to material speculative risks. All of our derivatives are used for risk management purposes and are not held for trading purposes. Under the collar agreements, if the index price rises above the ceiling price, we pay the counterparty. If the index price falls below the floor price, the counterparty pays us. Under the swap agreements, we receive a fixed price on a notional quantity of natural gas or crude oil in exchange for paying a variable price based on a market-based index, such as the NYMEX gas and crude oil futures.

As of March 31, 2014, we had the following outstanding commodity derivatives designated as hedging instruments:

Type of Contract	Volume		Contract Period	Range	Floor		Collars		Ceiling		Swaps	Estimated Fair Value Asset (Liability) (In thousands)
					Weighted-Average		Weighted-Average		Weighted-Average		Weighted-Average	
Natural gas	253.8	Bcf	Apr. 2014 - Dec. 2014	\$3.60-\$4.37	\$	4.13	\$4.22-\$4.80	\$	4.51			\$ (57,596)
Natural gas	80.1	Bcf	Apr. 2014 - Dec. 2014								\$ 4.05	(15,810)
Crude oil	550.0	Mbbl	Apr. 2014 - Dec. 2014								\$ 97.00	(407)
												\$ (73,813)

*Natural gas prices are stated per Mcf and crude oil prices are stated per barrel.*

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The amounts set forth under the estimated fair value asset (liability) column in the table above represent our total unrealized derivative position at March 31, 2014 and exclude the impact of non-performance risk. Non-performance risk is primarily evaluated by reviewing credit default swap spreads for the various financial institutions in which we have derivative transactions, while our non-performance risk is evaluated using a market credit spread provided by one of our banks.

During the first three months of 2014, crude oil swaps covered 62 Mbbl, or 10% of crude oil production at an average price of \$97.00 per Bbl. Natural gas collars with floor prices ranging from \$3.60 to \$4.37 per Mcf and ceiling prices ranging from \$4.22 to \$4.80 per Mcf covered 83.1 Bcf, or 72%, of natural gas production at an average price of \$4.38 per Mcf. Natural gas swaps covered 20.2 Mcf, or 17% of natural gas production at an average price of \$4.06 per Mcf.

We are exposed to market risk on commodity derivative instruments to the extent of changes in market prices of natural gas and crude oil. However, the market risk exposure on these derivative contracts is generally offset by the gain or loss recognized upon the ultimate sale of the commodity. Although notional contract amounts are used to express the volume of natural gas agreements, the amounts that can be subject to credit risk in the event of non-performance by third parties are substantially smaller. We do not anticipate any material impact on our financial results due to non-performance by third parties. Our primary derivative contract counterparties are Bank of America, Bank of Montreal, Goldman Sachs, ING Capital Markets, JPMorgan, and Morgan Stanley.

The preceding paragraphs contain forward-looking information concerning future production and projected gains and losses, which may be impacted both by production and by changes in the future commodity prices. See [Forward-Looking Information](#) for further details.

Table of Contents***Fair Market Value of Other Financial Instruments***

The estimated fair value of other financial instruments is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged currently between willing parties. The carrying amounts reported in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and accounts payable approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

The fair value of long-term debt is the estimated amount we would have to pay a third party to assume the debt, including a credit spread for the difference between the issue rate and the period end market rate. The credit spread is our default or repayment risk. The credit spread (premium or discount) is determined by comparing our fixed-rate notes and revolving credit facility to new issuances (secured and unsecured) and secondary trades of similar size and credit statistics for both public and private debt. The fair value of all of the fixed-rate notes and the revolving credit facility is based on interest rates currently available to us.

We use available market data and valuation methodologies to estimate the fair value of debt. The carrying amounts and fair values of long-term debt are as follows:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Long-term debt	\$ 1,222,000	\$ 1,325,174	\$ 1,147,000	\$ 1,224,273

**ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the current reported period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective, in all material respects, with respect to the recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, of information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the first quarter of 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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



***Legal Matters***

The information set forth under the heading "Legal Matters" in Note 8 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this quarterly report is incorporated by reference in response to this item.

***Environmental Matters***

The information set forth under the heading "Environmental Matters" in Note 8 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this quarterly report is incorporated by reference in response to this item.

From time to time we receive notices of violation from governmental and regulatory authorities in areas in which we operate relating to alleged violations of environmental statutes or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. While we cannot predict with certainty whether these notices of violation will result in fines and/or penalties, if fines and/or penalties are imposed, they may result in monetary sanctions individually or in the aggregate in excess of \$100,000.

**ITEM 1A. Risk Factors**

For additional information about the risk factors that affect us, see Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Table of Contents**ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds***Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities*

Our Board of Directors has authorized a share repurchase program under which we may purchase shares of common stock in the open market or in negotiated transactions. There is no expiration date associated with the authorization. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we did not repurchase any shares of our common stock. All purchases executed to date have been through open market transactions. The maximum number of remaining shares that may be purchased under the plan as of March 31, 2014 was 14,371,834.

**ITEM 6. Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
15.1	Awareness letter of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
31.1	302 Certification - Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
31.2	302 Certification - Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
32.1	906 Certification
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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**SIGNATURES**

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

CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

April 25, 2014	By:	/S/ DAN O. DINGES <b>Dan O. Dinges</b> <b>Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer</b> <b>(Principal Executive Officer)</b>
April 25, 2014	By:	/S/ SCOTT C. SCHROEDER <b>Scott C. Schroeder</b> <b>Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer</b> <b>and Treasurer</b> <b>(Principal Financial Officer)</b>
April 25, 2014	By:	/S/ TODD M. ROEMER <b>Todd M. Roemer</b> <b>Controller</b> <b>(Principal Accounting Officer)</b>