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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-K

x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

or

.. TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from to

Commission File Number: 001-16107

Mirant Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)
1155 Perimeter Center West, Suite 100,

Atlanta, Georgia
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(678) 579-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

20-3538156
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

30338
(Zip Code)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	New York Stock Exchange
Series A Warrants	New York Stock Exchange
Series B Warrants	New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined by Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (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 Act). Yes No

Aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$2,283,856,245 on June 30, 2009 (based on \$15.74 per share, the closing price in the daily composite list for transactions on the New York Stock Exchange that day).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes No

As of February 19, 2010, there were 144,968,899 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's proxy statement for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K to the extent described herein.

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Glossary of Certain Defined Terms

Ancillary Services Services that ensure reliability and support the transmission of electricity from generation sites to customer loads. Such services include regulation service, reserves and voltage support.

APSA Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement dated June 7, 2000, between the Company and Pepco.

Bankruptcy Code United States Bankruptcy Code.

Bankruptcy Court United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division.

Baseload Generating Units Units that satisfy minimum baseload requirements of the system and produce electricity at an essentially constant rate and run continuously.

CAIR Clean Air Interstate Rule.

CAISO California Independent System Operator.

Cal PX California Power Exchange.

CAMR Clean Air Mercury Rule.

CCX Chicago Climate Exchange.

CERCLA Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980.

Clean Air Act Federal Clean Air Act.

Clean Water Act Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

CO₂ Carbon dioxide.

Company Old Mirant prior to January 3, 2006, and New Mirant on or after January 3, 2006.

CPUC California Public Utilities Commission.

Dark Spread The difference between the price received for electricity generated compared to the market price of the coal required to produce the electricity.

DC Circuit The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

DWR California Department of Water Resources.

EBITDA Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

EOB California Electricity Oversight Board.

EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency.

EPS Earnings (loss) per share.

ERISA Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

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Exchange Act Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

FASB Financial Accounting Standards Board.

FERC Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

GAAP United States generally accepted accounting principles.

Gross Margin Operating revenue less cost of fuel, electricity and other products, excluding depreciation and amortization.

Hudson Valley Gas Hudson Valley Gas Corporation.

IBEW International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

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InterContinental Exchange InterContinental Exchange, Inc.

Intermediate Generating Units Units that meet system requirements that are greater than baseload and less than peaking.

ISO Independent System Operator.

ISO-NE Independent System Operator-New England.

kW Kilowatt.

LIBOR London InterBank Offered Rate.

LTSA Long-term service agreement.

MC Asset Recovery MC Asset Recovery, LLC.

MDE Maryland Department of the Environment.

Mirant Old Mirant prior to January 3, 2006, and New Mirant on or after January 3, 2006.

Mirant Americas Mirant Americas, Inc.

Mirant Americas Energy Marketing Mirant Americas Energy Marketing, LP.

Mirant Americas Generation Mirant Americas Generation, LLC.

Mirant Bowline Mirant Bowline, LLC.

Mirant California Mirant California, LLC.

Mirant Canal Mirant Canal, LLC.

Mirant Chalk Point Mirant Chalk Point, LLC.

Mirant Delta Mirant Delta, LLC.

Mirant Energy Trading Mirant Energy Trading, LLC.

Mirant Kendall Mirant Kendall, LLC.

Mirant Lovett Mirant Lovett, LLC, owner of the former Lovett generating facility, which was shut down on April 19, 2008, and has been demolished.

Mirant Marsh Landing Mirant Marsh Landing, LLC.

Mirant MD Ash Management Mirant MD Ash Management, LLC.

Mirant Mid-Atlantic Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC and, except where the context indicates otherwise, its subsidiaries.

Mirant New York Mirant New York, LLC.

Mirant North America Mirant North America, LLC.

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Mirant NY-Gen Mirant NY-Gen, LLC sold by the Company in the second quarter of 2007.

Mirant Potomac River Mirant Potomac River, LLC.

Mirant Potrero Mirant Potrero, LLC.

Mirant Power Purchase Mirant Power Purchase, LLC.

Mirant Services Mirant Services, LLC.

Mirant Sual Mirant Sual Corporation sold by the Company in the second quarter of 2007.

MW Megawatt.

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MWh Megawatt hour.

NAAQS National ambient air quality standard.

NEPOOL New England Power Pool.

NERC North American Electric Reliability Council.

Net Capacity Factor Actual production of electricity as a percentage of net dependable capacity to produce electricity.

New Mirant Mirant Corporation on or after January 3, 2006.

NOL Net operating loss.

NOV Notice of violation.

NOx Nitrogen oxides.

NPCC Northeastern Power Coordinating Council.

NSR New source review.

NYISO New York Independent System Operator.

NYMEX New York Mercantile Exchange.

NYSE New York Stock Exchange.

Old Mirant MC 2005, LLC, known as Mirant Corporation prior to January 3, 2006.

Orange and Rockland Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.

OTC Over-the-Counter.

Ozone Season The period between May 1 and September 30 of each year.

Peaking Generating Units Units used to meet demand requirements during the periods of greatest or peak load on the system.

Pepco Potomac Electric Power Company.

PG&E Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

PJM PJM Interconnection, LLC.

Plan The plan of reorganization that was approved in conjunction with the Company's emergence from bankruptcy protection on January 3, 2006.

PPA Power purchase agreement.

PUHCA Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005.

Reserve Margin Excess capacity over peak demand.

RFC ReliabilityFirst Corporation.

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RGGI Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

RMR Reliability-must-run.

RTO Regional Transmission Organization.

SEC United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Securities Act Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Series A Warrants Warrants issued on January 3, 2006, with an exercise price of \$21.87 and expiration date of January 3, 2011.

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Series B Warrants Warrants issued on January 3, 2006, with an exercise price of \$20.54 and expiration date of January 3, 2011.

Shady Hills Shady Hills Power Company, L.L.C. sold by the Company in the second quarter of 2007.

SO₂ Sulfur dioxide.

Spark Spread The difference between the price received for electricity generated compared to the market price of the natural gas required to produce the electricity.

UWUA Utility Workers Union of America.

VaR Value at risk.

VIE Variable interest entity.

Virginia DEQ Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

WECC Western Electric Coordinating Council.

West Georgia West Georgia Generating Company, L.L.C. sold by the Company in the second quarter of 2007.

Wrightsville Wrightsville, Arkansas power generating facility sold by the Company in the third quarter of 2005.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

In addition to historical information, the information presented in this Form 10-K includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties and relate to future events, our future financial performance or our projected business results. In some cases, one can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, will, should, expect, intend, seek, plan, think, anticipate, predict, target, potential or continue or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology.

Forward-looking statements are only predictions. Actual events or results may differ materially from any forward-looking statement as a result of various factors, which include:

legislative and regulatory initiatives regarding deregulation, regulation or restructuring of the industry of generating, transmitting and distributing electricity (the electricity industry); changes in state, federal and other regulations affecting the electricity industry (including rate and other regulations); changes in, or changes in the application of, environmental and other laws and regulations to which we and our subsidiaries and affiliates are or could become subject;

failure of our plants to perform as expected, including outages for unscheduled maintenance or repair;

environmental regulations that restrict our ability or render it uneconomic to operate our business, including regulations related to the emission of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases;

increased regulation that limits our access to adequate water supplies and landfill options needed to support power generation or that increases the costs of cooling water and handling, transporting and disposing off-site of ash and other byproducts;

changes in market conditions, including developments in the supply, demand, volume and pricing of electricity and other commodities in the energy markets, including efforts to reduce demand for electricity and to encourage the development of renewable sources of electricity, and the extent and timing of the entry of additional competition in our markets;

continued poor economic and financial market conditions, including impacts on financial institutions and other current and potential counterparties and negative impacts on liquidity in the power and fuel markets in which we hedge and transact;

increased credit standards, margin requirements, market volatility or other market conditions that could increase our obligations to post collateral beyond amounts that are expected, including additional collateral costs associated with OTC hedging activities as a result of proposed OTC regulation;

our inability to access effectively the OTC and exchange-based commodity markets or changes in commodity market conditions and liquidity, including as a result of proposed OTC regulation, which may affect our ability to engage in asset management, proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities as expected, or result in material gains or losses from open positions;

deterioration in the financial condition of our counterparties and the failure of such parties to pay amounts owed to us or to perform obligations or services due to us beyond collateral posted;

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hazards customary to the power generation industry and the possibility that we may not have adequate insurance to cover losses resulting from such hazards or the inability of our insurers to provide agreed upon coverage;

price mitigation strategies employed by ISOs or RTOs that reduce our revenue and may result in a failure to compensate our generating units adequately for all of their costs;

changes in the rules used to calculate capacity, energy and ancillary services payments;

legal and political challenges to the rules used to calculate capacity, energy and ancillary services payments;

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volatility in our gross margin as a result of our accounting for derivative financial instruments used in our asset management, proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities and volatility in our cash flow from operations resulting from working capital requirements, including collateral, to support our asset management, proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities;

our ability to enter into intermediate and long-term contracts to sell power and to obtain adequate supply and delivery of fuel for our generating facilities, at our required specifications and on terms and prices acceptable to us;

our failure to utilize new or advancements in power generation technologies;

the inability of our operating subsidiaries to generate sufficient cash flow to support our operations;

the potential limitation or loss of our income tax NOLs notwithstanding a continuation of the stockholder rights plan;

our ability to borrow additional funds and access capital markets;

strikes, union activity or labor unrest;

our ability to obtain or develop capable leaders and our ability to retain or replace the services of key employees;

weather and other natural phenomena, including hurricanes and earthquakes;

the cost and availability of emissions allowances;

curtailment of operations and reduced prices for electricity resulting from transmission constraints;

our ability to execute our business plan in California, including entering into new tolling arrangements for our existing generating facilities;

our ability to execute our development plan in respect of our Marsh Landing generating facility, including (i) obtaining the permits necessary for construction and operation of the generating facility, (ii) securing the necessary project financing for construction of the generating facility, and (iii) completing the construction of the generating facility by May 2013;

our relative lack of geographic diversification in revenue sources resulting in concentrated exposure to the Mid-Atlantic market;

the ability of lenders under Mirant North America's revolving credit facility to perform their obligations;

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war, terrorist activities, cyberterrorism and inadequate cybersecurity, or the occurrence of a catastrophic loss;

our failure to provide a safe working environment for our employees and visitors thereby increasing our exposure to additional liability, loss of productive time, other costs and a damaged reputation;

our consolidated indebtedness and the possibility that we or our subsidiaries may incur additional indebtedness in the future;

restrictions on the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends, make distributions or otherwise transfer funds to us, including restrictions on Mirant North America contained in its financing agreements and restrictions on Mirant Mid-Atlantic contained in its leveraged lease documents, which may affect our ability to access the cash flows of those subsidiaries to make debt service and other payments;

our failure to comply with or monitor provisions of our loan agreements and debt may lead to a breach and, if not remedied, result in an event of default thereunder, which would limit access to needed capital and damage our reputation and relationships with financial institutions; and

the disposition of the pending litigation described in this Form 10-K.

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Many of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions are beyond our ability to control or predict. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by cautionary statements contained throughout this report. Because of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Furthermore, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made.

Factors that Could Affect Future Performance

We undertake no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that may arise after the date of this report.

In addition to the discussion of certain risks in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition and the accompanying Notes to Mirant's consolidated financial statements, other factors that could affect our future performance (business, results of operations or financial condition and cash flows) are set forth in Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Certain Terms

As used in this report, unless the context requires otherwise, we, us, our, the Company and Mirant refer to Old Mirant and its subsidiaries prior to January 3, 2006 and to New Mirant and its subsidiaries on or after January 3, 2006.

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PART I

**Item 1. *Business*
Overview**

We are a competitive energy company that produces and sells electricity in the United States. We own or lease 10,076 MW of net electric generating capacity in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions and in California. We also operate an integrated asset management and energy marketing organization based in Atlanta, Georgia. Our customers are principally ISOs, RTOs and investor-owned utilities. Our generating portfolio is diversified across fuel types, power markets and dispatch types and serves customers located near major metropolitan load centers. Our total net generating capacity is approximately 30% baseload, 58% intermediate and 12% peaking.

We are focused on the operational performance of our generating facilities, generation of cash from operations and prudent growth of our business as reflected in the following:

Including amounts already invested to date, we will invest \$1.674 billion on emissions reduction controls to comply with the Maryland Healthy Air Act. We completed the installation of flue gas desulphurization emissions controls (scrubbers) at our Chalk Point, Dickerson and Morgantown coal-fired units in the fourth quarter of 2009. We previously installed selective catalytic reduction systems at the Morgantown coal-fired units and one of the Chalk Point coal-fired units and a selective auto catalytic reduction system at the other Chalk Point coal-fired unit. In addition, we installed selective non-catalytic reduction systems at the three Dickerson coal-fired units. These controls are capable of reducing emissions of SO₂, NO_x and mercury by approximately 98%, 90% and 80%, respectively, for three of our largest coal-fired units.

Our investments in our generating facilities also reflect our targeted maintenance program to ensure consistent long-term availability of our generating facilities.

In 2009, Mirant Marsh Landing entered into a ten-year PPA with PG&E for 760 MW of natural gas-fired peaking generation to be constructed adjacent to our Contra Costa generating facility near Antioch, California. Construction of the Marsh Landing generating facility is scheduled to begin in late 2010 and is expected to be completed by May 2013. The Mirant Marsh Landing PPA is subject to approval by the CPUC.

In 2009, power and natural gas prices declined to average levels lower than 2008. Our hedging program, which reduces the impact of volatile commodity prices and enables us to achieve more predictable results, reduced our exposure to these relatively low prices and contributed \$629 million to our realized gross margin for 2009. In 2009, we generated \$808 million of net cash provided by operating activities of our continuing operations. We continue to add hedges opportunistically, including to maintain a projected level of cash flows from operations for future periods that supports continued compliance with the covenants in our debt and lease agreements.

As we generate excess cash from our operations, we will invest it in our business, but only when we can achieve an appropriate return for our investors by doing so. We have sufficient room at our existing sites to add an additional 4,000 MW to 5,000 MW of generating capacity in the Mid-Atlantic, an additional 1,000 MW to 1,500 MW of generating capacity in the Northeast and an additional 2,500 MW to 3,500 MW of generating capacity in California. We continue to consider these and other investment opportunities.

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We will return excess cash to our stockholders when we cannot prudently invest it in our business. Between November 2007 and December 2008, we returned approximately \$4.056 billion of cash to our stockholders through purchases of 122 million shares of our common stock.

Mirant Corporation was incorporated in Delaware on September 23, 2005. Pursuant to the Plan for Mirant and certain of its subsidiaries, on January 3, 2006, New Mirant emerged from bankruptcy and acquired

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substantially all of the assets of Old Mirant, a corporation that was formed in Delaware on April 3, 1993, and that had been named Mirant Corporation prior to January 3, 2006. The Plan provides that New Mirant has no successor liability for any unassumed obligations of Old Mirant. Old Mirant was then renamed and transferred to a trust, which is not affiliated with New Mirant.

The annual, quarterly and current reports, and any amendments to those reports, that we file with or furnish to the SEC are available free of charge on our website at www.mirant.com as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. General information about us, including our Corporate Governance Guidelines, the charters for our Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Governance Committees, and our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, can also be found at www.mirant.com. Information contained on our website is not incorporated into this Form 10-K.

Business Segments

We have four operating segments: Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, California and Other Operations. The map below shows the location of our generating facilities, sized by capacity.

The Mid-Atlantic segment consists of four generating facilities located in Maryland and Virginia, near Washington, D.C.

The Northeast segment consists of three generating facilities located in Massachusetts and one generating facility located in New York, near New York City. For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Northeast segment also included the Lovett generating facility, which was shut down on April 19, 2008.

The California segment consists of three generating facilities located in or near the City of San Francisco and development efforts, including Mirant Marsh Landing.

Other Operations includes proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities, unallocated corporate overhead, interest on debt at Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America and interest income on our invested cash balances. For the year ended December 31, 2007, Other Operations also included gains and losses related to a long-term PPA with Pepco (the Back-to-Back Agreement), which was terminated pursuant to a settlement agreement that became effective in the third quarter of 2007. See Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further discussion of the Back-to-Back Agreement.

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The table below presents our Net Capacity Factor for the year ended December 31, 2009:

Region	Net Capacity Factor
Mid-Atlantic	30%
Northeast	10%
California	5%

The table below summarizes selected financial information of our continuing operations by business segment for the year ended December 31, 2009 (dollars in millions):

Business Segment	Revenues	%	Gross Margin	%	Operating Income	%
Mid-Atlantic	\$ 1,778	77%	\$ 1,251	78%	\$ 348	54%
Northeast	318	14%	175	11%	35	6%
California	154	6%	122	8%	8	1%
Other Operations	62	3%	54	3%	66	10%
Eliminations	(3)	%	(3)	%	184	29%
Total	\$ 2,309	100%	\$ 1,599	100%	\$ 641	100%

Eliminations for revenues and gross margin are primarily related to intercompany sales of emissions allowances. Eliminations for operating income also include a \$183 million impairment loss related to goodwill recorded at our Mirant Mid-Atlantic registrant on its standalone balance sheet. The goodwill does not exist at Mirant Corporation's consolidated balance sheet. As such, the goodwill impairment loss and related goodwill balance are eliminated upon consolidation at Mirant North America. For selected financial information about our business segments, see Note 12 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report. See Item 2. Properties for a complete list of our generating facilities.

Asset Management

Our commercial operations consist primarily of procuring fuel, dispatching electricity, hedging the production and sale of electricity by our generating facilities, managing fuel and providing logistical support for the operation of our facilities (for example, by procuring transportation for coal). We typically sell the electricity we produce into the wholesale market at prices in effect at the time we produce it (the spot price). Spot prices for electricity are volatile, as are prices for fuel and emissions allowances, and in order to reduce the risk of that volatility and achieve more predictable financial results, it is our strategy to enter into hedges forward sales of electricity and forward purchases of fuel and emissions allowances to permit us to produce and sell the electricity for various time periods. In addition, given the high correlation between natural gas prices and electricity prices in the markets in which we operate, we enter into forward sales of natural gas to hedge our exposure to changes in the price of electricity. We procure our hedges in OTC transactions or on exchanges where electricity, fuel and emissions allowances are broadly traded, or through specific transactions with buyers and sellers, using futures, forwards, swaps and options. We also sell capacity and ancillary services where there are markets for such products and when it is economic to do so.

We use dispatch models to assist us in making daily bidding decisions regarding the quantity and price of the power that we offer to generate from our facilities and sell into the markets. We bid the energy from our generating facilities into the day-ahead energy market and sell ancillary services through the ISO and RTO markets. We sell capacity either bilaterally or through auction processes in each ISO and RTO in which we participate. We work with the ISOs and RTOs in real time to ensure that our generating facilities are dispatched economically to meet the reliability needs of the market.

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At February 9, 2010, our aggregate hedge levels based on expected generation for each period were as follows:

	Aggregate Hedge Levels Based on Expected Generation				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Power	92%	58%	57%	34%	29%
Fuel	72%	65%	34%	9%	%

Legislation has been proposed in Congress to increase the regulation of transactions involving OTC derivatives. The proposed legislation provides that standardized swap transactions between dealers and large market participants would have to be cleared and must be traded on an exchange or electronic platform. Although the proposed legislation provides exclusions from the clearing and certain other requirements for market participants, such as Mirant, which utilize OTC derivatives to hedge commercial risks, such exclusions are the focus of debate and may not ultimately be part of any final legislation. Greater regulation of OTC derivatives could materially affect our ability to hedge economically our generation by reducing liquidity in the energy and commodity markets and, if we are required to clear such transactions on exchanges, by significantly increasing the collateral costs associated with such activities.

Power

We hedge economically a substantial portion of our Mid-Atlantic coal-fired baseload generation and certain of our Northeast gas and oil-fired generation through OTC transactions. However, we generally do not hedge our intermediate and peaking units for tenors greater than 12 months. A significant portion of our hedges are financial swap transactions between Mirant Mid-Atlantic and financial counterparties that are senior unsecured obligations of such parties and do not require either party to post cash collateral either for initial margin or for securing exposure as a result of changes in power or natural gas prices. We also enter into forward sales of natural gas to hedge our exposure to changes in the price of electricity.

Although OTC transactions make up a substantial portion of our economic hedge portfolio, at times we sell non-standard, structured products to customers.

All of our California generating facilities operate either under contracts for their capacity or RMR contracts.

Fuel

We enter into contracts of varying terms to secure appropriate quantities of fuel that meet the varying specifications of our generating facilities. For our coal-fired generating facilities, we purchase most of our coal from a small number of strategic suppliers under contracts with terms of varying lengths, some of which extend to 2013. For our oil-fired units, we typically purchase fuel from a small number of suppliers under contracts with terms of varying lengths.

Our coal supply comes primarily from the Central Appalachian and Northern Appalachian coal regions. Most of our coal is delivered by rail, except for a portion of our coal deliveries at our Morgantown station which is received by barge at our unloading facility that became operational in the third quarter of 2008 and enables us to receive coal from international locations. In addition, we are constructing a coal blending facility at our Morgantown station that will allow for greater flexibility of our coal supply. We monitor coal supply and delivery logistics carefully and, despite occasional interruptions of scheduled deliveries, to date we have managed to avoid any significant detrimental effects on our operations. Because of the risk of disruptions in our coal supply, we typically maintain a target level of coal inventory at our coal-fired facilities. Interruptions of scheduled deliveries can result from a variety of disruptions, including coal supplier operational issues, rail system disruptions or severe weather.

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Emissions

Our commercial operations manage the acquisition and use of emissions allowances for our generating facilities. Primarily as a result of the pollution control equipment we installed to comply with the requirements of the Maryland Healthy Air Act, we have significant excess SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances. We will continue to maintain some SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances in excess of what we need to support our expected generation in case our actual generation exceeds our current forecasts for future periods and for possible future additions of generating capacity. During the fourth quarter of 2007, we began a program to sell excess SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances under certain market conditions. At December 31, 2009, the estimated fair value of our excess SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances was approximately \$29 million.

In September 2008, we joined the CCX, which is a voluntary greenhouse gas registry, reduction and trading system. As part of the agreement for membership in CCX, we have committed to meet annual emissions reduction targets and, by the end of 2010, to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 6% below the average of our 1998 to 2001 levels. We expect to satisfy our reduction targets primarily through previously implemented generating unit retirements and capacity factor reductions.

Our generating facilities in Maryland, Massachusetts and New York are subject to the RGGI, a multi-state cap-and-trade program to reduce CO₂ emissions from units of 25 MW or greater that became effective on January 1, 2009. To comply, we are required to purchase allowances, either through periodic auctions or open market transactions, to offset our CO₂ emissions. In 2009, we recognized approximately \$45 million in cost of fuel, electricity and other products as a result of our compliance with the RGGI.

Mid-Atlantic Region

We own or lease four generating facilities in the Mid-Atlantic region with total net generating capacity of 5,194 MW. Our Mid-Atlantic region had a combined 2009 Net Capacity Factor of 30%. The decrease in net generating capacity from our previous total of 5,230 MW is primarily related to an increase in station service power necessary to operate the scrubbers that were installed in the fourth quarter of 2009.

The following table presents the details of our Mid-Atlantic generating facilities:

Facility	Total Net Generating Capacity (MW)	Primary Fuel Type	Dispatch Type	Location	NERC Region
Chalk Point	2,401	Natural Gas/Coal/Oil	Intermediate/ Baseload/Peaking	Maryland	RFC
Dickerson	844	Natural Gas/Coal/Oil	Baseload/Peaking	Maryland	RFC
Morgantown	1,467	Coal/Oil	Baseload/Peaking	Maryland	RFC
Potomac River	482	Coal	Baseload/ Intermediate	Virginia	RFC
Total Mid-Atlantic	5,194				

Chalk Point is our largest generating facility. It consists of two coal-fired baseload units, two dual-fueled (oil and gas) intermediate units and two oil-fired and five dual-fueled (oil and gas) peaking units. Our next largest generating facility is Morgantown. It consists of two coal-fired baseload units and six oil-fired peaking units. The Dickerson generating facility has three coal-fired baseload units, and one oil-fired and two dual-fueled (oil and gas) peaking units. The Potomac River generating facility has three coal-fired baseload units and two

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coal-fired intermediate units. The capacity, energy and ancillary services from our Mid-Atlantic generating facilities are sold into the bilateral markets and into the markets administered by PJM. For a discussion of PJM, see *Regulatory Environment* below.

We produce byproducts from our coal-fired generating units, including ash and gypsum. We actively manage the current and planned disposition of each of these byproducts. All of our ash management facilities are dry landfills. Our disposal plan for ash includes having adequate capacity at our existing ash management facilities in Maryland, purchasing and permitting additional disposal sites, using third parties to handle and dispose of the ash and constructing an ash beneficiation facility to make the ash more suitable for sale to third parties for the production of concrete. Our disposal plan for gypsum includes selling it to third parties for use in the production of drywall.

Northeast Region

We own four generating facilities in the Northeast region with total net generating capacity of 2,535 MW. Our Northeast region had a combined 2009 Net Capacity Factor of 10%. The Northeast region is comprised of our generating facilities located in Massachusetts and New York.

The following table presents the details of our generating facilities in the Northeast Region:

Facility	Total Net Generating Capacity (MW)	Primary Fuel Type	Dispatch Type	Location	NERC Region
			Intermediate/		
Bowline	1,139	Natural Gas/Oil	Peaking	New York	NPCC
Canal	1,126	Natural Gas/Oil	Intermediate Baseload/	Massachusetts	NPCC
Kendall	256	Natural Gas/Oil	Peaking	Massachusetts	NPCC
Martha's Vineyard	14	Diesel	Peaking	Massachusetts	NPCC
Total Northeast Region	2,535				

The Bowline generating facility is a dual-fueled (natural gas and oil) facility comprised of two intermediate/peaking units. The capacity, energy and ancillary services from our Bowline generating facility are sold into the bilateral markets and into the markets administered by the NYISO. For a discussion of the NYISO, see *Regulatory Environment* below.

During the second quarter of 2009, the NYISO issued its annual peak load and energy forecast in its Load and Capacity Data report (the Gold Book). The Gold Book reports projected electricity supply and demand for the New York control area for the next ten years. The Gold Book reflected a significant decrease in future electricity demand as a result of current economic conditions and the expected future effects of demand-side management programs in New York. The reduction in future demand as a result of demand-side management programs is being driven primarily by an energy efficiency program being instituted within the State of New York that will seek to achieve a 15% reduction from 2007 energy volumes by 2015. The decrease in the projected future demand resulted in a significant decrease in our forecast of the capacity revenue our 1,139 MW Bowline generating facility will earn in future periods.

In addition to the change in forecasted capacity revenue, Mirant Bowline also received its property tax assessment during the second quarter of 2009. The assessment significantly exceeds the estimated fair value of the generating facility. We have initiated legal proceedings to challenge the assessment.

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In the second quarter of 2009, we evaluated the Bowline generating facility for impairment based on our five-year forecast at the time of the impairment review, which indicated that Mirant Bowline was projected to operate at a net loss for the next several years because of the excessive level of taxation combined with the forecasted decrease in capacity revenues. The sum of the probability weighted undiscounted cash flows for the Bowline generating facility exceeded the carrying value. As a result, we did not record an impairment loss for the Bowline generating facility for the year ended December 31, 2009. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further information related to our impairment analysis of the Bowline generating facility.

The Canal generating facility consists of one oil-fired intermediate unit and one dual-fueled (oil and gas) intermediate unit. The Kendall generating facility consists of one combined cycle dual-fueled (oil and gas) baseload unit, two 1,300 pound steam boilers and one simple cycle oil peaking unit. The Martha's Vineyard generating facility consists of five diesel peaking units. The capacity, energy and ancillary services from our Massachusetts generating units are sold into the NEPOOL bilateral markets and into the markets administered by the ISO-NE. For a discussion of the NEPOOL and the ISO-NE, see *Regulatory Environment* below. The Kendall generating facility, which is a co-generation facility, also has long-term agreements under which it sells steam.

The Canal generating facility is located in the lower Southeastern Massachusetts (SEMA) load zone in the ISO-NE control area. ISO-NE previously has determined that, at times, it is necessary for the Canal generating facility to operate to meet local reliability criteria for SEMA when it is not economic for the Canal generating facility to operate based upon prevailing market prices. When the Canal generating facility operates to meet local reliability criteria, we are compensated at the price we bid into the ISO-NE, pursuant to ISO-NE market rules, rather than at the lower market price.

During 2009, NSTAR Electric Company completed planned upgrades to the SEMA transmission system. These upgrades have reduced the need for the Canal generating facility to operate and caused a reduction in energy gross margin compared to historical levels. The final phase of these transmission upgrades was completed in the third quarter of 2009 and as a result, the capacity factor for the Canal generating facility dropped as compared to 2008. With the completion of the transmission upgrades and because of the Canal generating facility's high fuel costs relative to other generation in the northeast market, we expect that the future revenues of the Canal generating facility will be principally capacity revenue from the ISO-NE forward capacity market.

Pursuant to a consent decree, we discontinued operation of units 4 and 5 at our Lovett generating facility in May 2007 and April 2008, respectively. In addition, we discontinued operation of unit 3 at the Lovett generating facility in May 2007 because it was uneconomic to operate the unit. We completed the demolition of the Lovett generating facility in 2009.

California

We own three generating facilities in California with total net generating capacity of 2,347 MW. Our California generating facilities had a combined 2009 Net Capacity Factor of 5%. The following table presents the details of our California generating facilities:

Facility	Total Net Generating Capacity (MW)	Primary Fuel Type	Dispatch Type	Location	NERC Region
Contra Costa	674	Natural Gas	Intermediate	California	WECC
Pittsburg	1,311	Natural Gas	Intermediate	California	WECC
Potrero	362	Natural Gas/Diesel	Intermediate/ Peaking	California	WECC
Total California	2,347				

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The Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities are located in Contra Costa County and the Potrero generating facility is located in the City of San Francisco. The Contra Costa generating facility consists of two gas-fired intermediate units and the Pittsburg generating facility consists of three gas-fired intermediate units. The Potrero generating facility consists of one gas-fired intermediate unit and three diesel peaking units. The capacity, energy and ancillary services from our California generating facilities are sold into the bilateral markets and into the markets administered by the CAISO. For a discussion of the CAISO, see *Regulatory Environment* below.

On July 28, 2006, we signed two tolling agreements with PG&E to provide electricity from all our natural gas-fired units in service at Contra Costa and Pittsburg. The agreements are for 100% of the capacity from these units. One tolling agreement was for 2007 and the other tolling agreement was multi-year commencing January 1, 2008. The multi-year tolling agreement has varying tenors for each unit covering from two to four years, and includes capacity of 1,985 MW for 2009, 1,303 MW for 2010 and 674 MW for 2011. In 2009, PG&E exercised an option in the multi-year tolling agreement to increase the amount of capacity under contract for 2010 from 1,303 MW to 1,985 MW. We receive monthly capacity payments with bonuses and/or penalties based on guaranteed heat rate and availability tolerances.

On September 2, 2009, Mirant Delta entered into a new agreement with PG&E for the 674 MW at Contra Costa units 6 and 7 for the period from November 2011 through April 2013. At the end of the agreement, and subject to any necessary regulatory approval, Mirant Delta has agreed to retire Contra Costa units 6 and 7, which began operations in 1964, in furtherance of state and federal policies to retire aging power plants that utilize once-through cooling technology. The new Mirant Delta agreement is subject to approval by the CPUC.

In the third quarter of 2009, Mirant Potrero executed a settlement agreement with the City of San Francisco in which it agreed to shut down the Potrero generating facility when it is no longer needed for reliability, as determined by the CAISO. That settlement agreement became effective in November 2009, following its approval by the City's Board of Supervisors and Mayor. Mirant Potrero agreed in the settlement agreement to submit to the CAISO a notice of intent to shut down the facility as of December 31, 2010. The shutdown of the facility is affected by the expected timing of certain projects to ensure reliability of electricity supply for the City of San Francisco. One such project is the TransBay Cable, an underwater electric transmission cable in the San Francisco Bay that is expected to decrease the need for generating resources in the City of San Francisco, and that we expect to become operational by mid-2010 and thereby reduce the need for our Potrero unit 3 for reliability. By a letter dated January 12, 2010, the CAISO advised the City of San Francisco that the expected replacement in 2010 of two underground transmission cables, if completed successfully, would allow the CAISO not to require the continued operation of the remaining units of the Potrero generating facility, units 4, 5 and 6, for reliability purposes after 2010. The CAISO will not determine which units of the Potrero generating facility are required to operate in 2011 for reliability purposes until the fall of 2010, but Mirant Potrero expects that none of the units of the Potrero generating facility will be required to operate for reliability purposes after 2010 and that all of the units will close by the end of 2010. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further information related to our impairment analysis of the Potrero generating facility.

On September 2, 2009, Mirant Marsh Landing entered into a ten-year PPA with PG&E for 760 MW of natural gas-fired peaking generation to be constructed adjacent to our Contra Costa generating facility near Antioch, California. Construction of the Marsh Landing generating facility is scheduled to begin in late 2010 and is expected to be completed by May 2013. The Mirant Marsh Landing PPA is subject to approval by the CPUC, which we expect to receive during the third quarter of 2010.

Our existing generating facilities in California depend almost entirely on payments they receive to operate in support of system reliability. The energy, capacity and ancillary services markets, as currently constituted will not support the capital expenditures necessary to repower or reconstruct our facilities to make them commercially

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viable in a merchant market. In order to obtain the necessary capital support for repowering or reconstructing our facilities, we will need to obtain a contract with a creditworthy buyer. Absent that, our existing generating facilities in California will be commercially viable only as long as they are necessary for reliability.

Other Operations

In addition to selling the capacity and electricity we produce and buying the fuel and emissions allowances we need to produce electricity (asset management), we buy and sell some electricity, fuel and emissions allowances, sometimes through financial derivatives, as part of our proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities.

We engage in proprietary trading to gain information about the markets in which we operate to support our asset management and to take advantage of selected opportunities that we identify. We enter into fuel oil management activities to hedge economically the fair value of our physical fuel oil inventories and to optimize the approximately three million barrels of storage capacity that we own or lease.

Proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities together typically comprise less than 10% of our realized gross margin. All of our commercial activities are governed by a comprehensive risk management policy, which includes limits on the size of volumetric positions and VaR for our proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities. For 2009, our combined average daily VaR for these activities was approximately \$2 million.

Competitive Environment

The power generating industry is capital intensive and highly competitive. Our competitors include regulated utilities, merchant energy companies, financial institutions and other companies. For a discussion of competitive factors see Item 1A. Risk Factors. Coal-fired generation, natural gas-fired generation and nuclear generation currently account for approximately 45%, 24% and 20%, respectively, of the electricity produced in the United States. Hydroelectric and other energy sources account for the remaining 11% of electricity produced.

Wholesale power generation is highly fragmented relative to other commodity industries. There is a wide variation in terms of the capabilities, resources, nature and identity of the companies we compete with depending on the market. Our competitive advantages include the following:

Reliability of our future cash flows. We hedge economically a substantial portion of our Mid-Atlantic coal-fired baseload generation and certain of our Mid-Atlantic and Northeast gas and oil-fired generation through OTC transactions. We hedge our output at varying levels several years in advance because the price of electricity is volatile. In addition, we enter into contracts to hedge our future needs of coal, which is our primary fuel.

Location advantages. Most of our generating facilities are located in or near metropolitan areas, including Boston, New York City, San Francisco and Washington D.C. The supply-demand balance in these markets is becoming constrained and increasingly dependent on power imported from other regions to sustain reliability. Although transmission projects are planned in these markets to bring capacity from neighboring regions, the timing of these projects is subject to delays and uncertainty.

Room to expand at our existing sites. We have sufficient room at our existing sites to add an additional 4,000 MW to 5,000 MW of generating capacity in the Mid-Atlantic, an additional 1,000 MW to 1,500 MW of generating capacity in the Northeast and an additional 2,500 MW to 3,500 MW of generating capacity in California. We continue to consider these and other investment opportunities.

The economic downturn and programs to reduce the demand for electricity have resulted in a decrease in the rate at which the long-term demand for electricity is forecasted to grow.

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Given the substantial time necessary to permit and construct new power plants, the process to add generating capacity must begin years in advance of anticipated growth in demand. A number of ISOs and RTOs, including those in markets in which we operate, have implemented capacity markets as a way to encourage construction of additional generation, but it is not clear whether and when independent power producers will be sufficiently incented to build this required new generation. The costs to construct new generating facilities have been rising, and there is substantial environmental opposition to building either coal-fired or nuclear plants.

In some markets, regulators have provided long-term contracts for new generation that are not otherwise available to existing units. As a result of initiatives and incentives at both the federal and state level, significant new construction of renewable resources, including solar and wind, has occurred or is planned.

There are several proposed upgrades to the transmission systems in the markets in which we operate that could mitigate the need for existing marginal generating capacity and for additional generating capacity. To the extent that these upgrades are completed, prices for electricity and capacity could be lower than they might otherwise be.

The prices for power, coal and natural gas declined significantly during 2009 to average levels lower than during 2008. The energy gross margin from our baseload coal units was negatively affected by these price declines. The decrease in the price of natural gas contributed to a decrease in power prices, because natural gas-fired generation often sets prices in the markets in which we operate, and at times made it uneconomic for certain of our baseload coal-fired units to generate. However, we are generally economically neutral for that portion of the generation volumes that we have hedged because our realized gross margin will reflect the contractual prices of our power and fuel contracts. We continue to add hedges opportunistically, including to maintain a projected level of cash flows from operations for future periods that supports continued compliance with the covenants in our debt and lease agreements.

Climate change concerns have led to significant legislative and regulatory efforts at the state and federal level. The costs of compliance with such efforts could affect our ability to compete in the markets in which we operate, especially with our coal-fired generating facilities. See *Environmental Regulation* later in the section for further discussion.

Regulatory Environment

The electricity industry is regulated extensively at the federal, state and local levels. At the federal level, the FERC has exclusive jurisdiction under the Federal Power Act over sales of electricity at wholesale and the transmission of electricity in interstate commerce. Each of our subsidiaries that owns a generating facility selling at wholesale or that markets electricity at wholesale is a public utility subject to the FERC's jurisdiction under the Federal Power Act. These subsidiaries must comply with certain FERC reporting requirements and FERC-approved market rules and they are subject to FERC oversight of mergers and acquisitions, the disposition of facilities under the FERC's jurisdiction and the issuance of securities.

The FERC has authorized our subsidiaries that are public utilities under the Federal Power Act to sell wholesale energy, capacity and certain ancillary services at market-based rates. The majority of the output of the generating facilities owned by our subsidiaries is sold pursuant to this market-based rate authorization, although certain of our facilities sell their output under cost-based RMR agreements for which separate rate authorization was granted by the FERC, as explained below. The FERC could revoke or limit our market-based rate authority if it determined that we possess insufficiently mitigated market power in a regional electricity market. Under the Natural Gas Act, our subsidiary that sells natural gas for resale is deemed by the FERC to have blanket certificate authority to undertake these sales at market-based rates.

The FERC requires that our public utility subsidiaries with market-based rate authority and our subsidiary with blanket certificate authority adhere to general rules against market manipulation as well as certain market

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behavior rules and codes of conduct. If any of our subsidiaries were found to have engaged in market manipulation, the FERC has the authority to impose a civil penalty of up to \$1 million per day per violation. In addition to the civil penalties, if any of our subsidiaries were to engage in market manipulation or violate the market behavior rules or codes of conduct, the FERC could require a disgorgement of profits or revoke the subsidiary's market-based rate authority or blanket certificate authority. If the FERC were to revoke market-based rate authority, our affected public utility subsidiary would have to file a cost-based rate schedule for all or some of its sales of electricity at wholesale.

In 2006, the FERC certified the NERC as the National Energy Reliability Organization. The NERC is now responsible for the development and enforcement of mandatory reliability standards for the electric power system. Each of our entities selling electricity at wholesale is responsible for complying with the reliability standards in the region in which it operates. The NERC has the ability to assess financial penalties for non-compliance with the reliability standards. In addition to complying with the NERC standards, each of our entities selling electricity at wholesale must comply with the reliability standards of the regional reliability council for the NERC region in which its sales occur.

Our facilities operate in markets administered by ISOs and RTOs. In areas where ISOs or RTOs control the regional transmission systems, market participants have access to broader geographic markets than in regions without ISOs and RTOs. ISOs and RTOs operate day-ahead and real-time energy and ancillary services markets, typically governed by FERC-approved tariffs and market rules. Some ISOs and RTOs also operate capacity markets. Changes to the applicable tariffs and market rules may be requested by the ISO or RTO, or by other interested persons, including market participants and state regulatory agencies, and such proposed changes, if approved by the FERC, could have a significant effect on our operations and financial results. Although participation in ISOs and RTOs by public utilities that own transmission has been, and is expected to continue to be, voluntary, the majority of such public utilities in Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Virginia and California have joined the applicable ISO and RTO.

Our subsidiaries owning generating facilities have made such filings, and received such orders, as are necessary to obtain exempt wholesale generator status under the PUHCA and the FERC's regulations thereunder. Provided all of our subsidiaries owning generating facilities continue to be exempt wholesale generators, or are qualifying facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, we and our intermediate holding companies owning direct or indirect interests in those subsidiaries will remain exempt from the accounting, record retention or reporting requirements that PUHCA imposes on holding companies.

State and local regulatory authorities historically have overseen the distribution and sale of electricity at retail to the ultimate end user, as well as the siting, permitting and construction of generating and transmission facilities. Our existing generating facilities are subject to a variety of state and local regulations, including regulations regarding the environment, health and safety and maintenance and expansion of the facilities.

We hedge economically a substantial portion of our Mid-Atlantic coal-fired baseload generation and certain of our Mid-Atlantic and Northeast gas and oil-fired generation through OTC transactions. A significant portion of such hedges are financial swap transactions between Mirant Mid-Atlantic and financial counterparties that are senior unsecured obligations of such parties and do not require either party to post cash collateral either for initial margin or for securing exposure as a result of changes in power or natural gas prices. Legislation has been proposed in Congress to increase the regulation of transactions involving OTC derivatives. The proposed legislation provides that standardized swap transactions between dealers and large market participants would have to be cleared and must be traded on an exchange or electronic platform. Although the proposed legislation provides exclusions from the clearing and certain other requirements for market participants, such as Mirant, which utilize OTC derivatives to hedge commercial risks, such exclusions are the focus of debate and may not ultimately be part of any final legislation. Greater regulation of OTC derivatives could materially affect our ability to hedge economically our generation by reducing liquidity in the energy and commodity markets and, if we are required to clear such transactions on exchanges, by significantly increasing the collateral costs associated with such activities.

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In addition to the proposed legislation, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) has proposed designation of certain electricity contracts as significant price discovery contracts (SPDCs), including contracts that we trade on the Intercontinental Exchange based on CAISO and PJM West Hub locational marginal pricing. SPDC designation would subject these contracts to new more stringent requirements and could set a precedent for other contracts.

In January 2010, the CFTC issued a notice of proposed rulemaking in which it proposed to adopt all-months-combined, single (non-spot) month and spot-month position limits for exchange-listed natural gas, crude oil, heating oil and gasoline futures and options contracts. We continue to monitor the rulemaking proceeding, but do not think that the limits as proposed would have a material effect on our business.

Mid-Atlantic Region. Our Mid-Atlantic generating facilities sell electricity into the markets operated by PJM. We have access to the PJM transmission system pursuant to PJM's Open Access Transmission Tariff. PJM operates the PJM Interchange Energy Market, which is the region's spot market for wholesale electricity, provides ancillary services for its transmission customers, performs transmission planning for the region and economically dispatches generating facilities. PJM administers day-ahead and real-time single clearing price markets and calculates electricity prices based on a locational marginal pricing model. A locational marginal pricing model determines a price for energy at each node in a particular zone taking into account the limitations and losses on transmission of electricity into the zone, resulting in a higher zonal price when less expensive energy cannot be imported from another zone. Generation owners in PJM are subject to mitigation, which limits the prices that they may receive under certain specified conditions.

Load-serving entities within PJM are required to have adequate sources of generating capacity. Our generating facilities located in the Mid-Atlantic region that sell electricity into the PJM market participate in the reliability pricing model (the RPM) forward capacity market. The PJM RPM capacity auctions are designed to provide forward prices for capacity that are intended to ensure that adequate resources are in place to meet the region's demand requirements. PJM has conducted six PJM RPM capacity auctions and we began receiving payments in June 2007 as a result of the first auction. Certain market participants have challenged the results of the RPM auctions that set capacity payments under the RPM provisions of PJM's tariff for the twelve month periods beginning June 1, 2008, June 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010. Although the FERC has rejected those challenges, the orders entered by the FERC have been appealed. See *Complaint Challenging Capacity Rates Under the RPM Provisions of PJM's Tariff*, in Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for a discussion of the challenges.

The results of the PJM RPM capacity auctions for the delivery area where our generating facilities are located were as follows:

Auction Date	Capacity Period	Price per MW-day
April 2007	June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008	\$ 188.54
July 2007	June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009	\$ 210.11
October 2007	June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010	\$ 237.33
January 2008	June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011	\$ 174.29
May 2008	June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012	\$ 110.00
May 2009	June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013	\$ 133.37

Since 2008, annual auctions have been conducted to procure capacity three years prior to each delivery period. The first annual auction took place in May 2008, for the provision of capacity from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. PJM continues to revise elements of the RPM provisions of its tariff, both pursuant to those provisions and on its own volition or at the request of its stakeholders. These revisions must be filed with and approved by the FERC, and we, either individually or as part of a group, are actively involved at the FERC to protect our interests.

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Northeast Region. Our Bowline generating facility participates in a market administered by the NYISO. The NYISO provides statewide transmission service under a single tariff and interfaces with neighboring market control areas. To account for transmission congestion and losses, the NYISO calculates energy prices using a locational marginal pricing model. The NYISO also administers a spot market for energy, as well as markets for installed capacity and services that are ancillary to transmission service. The NYISO's locational capacity market utilizes a demand curve mechanism to determine monthly capacity prices to be paid to suppliers for three capacity zones: New York City, Long Island and Rest of State. Our facility is located in the Rest of State capacity zone.

Our Canal, Kendall and Martha's Vineyard generating facilities participate in a market administered by ISO-NE. Mirant Energy Trading is a member of NEPOOL, which is a voluntary association of electric utilities and other market participants in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, and which functions as an advisory organization to ISO-NE. The FERC approved ISO-NE as the RTO for the New England region, making ISO-NE responsible for market rule filings at the FERC, in addition to its responsibilities for the operation of transmission systems and for the administration and settlement of the wholesale electric energy, capacity and ancillary services markets. ISO-NE utilizes a locational marginal pricing model similar to the model used in PJM and NYISO.

On March 6, 2006, a settlement proposal was filed with the FERC among ISO-NE and multiple market participants for a forward capacity market (the FCM) under which annual capacity auctions would be conducted for supply three years in advance of provision. The settlement provided for a four-year transition period during which capacity suppliers receive a set price for their capacity commencing on December 1, 2006, with price escalators through May 31, 2010. Beginning December 1, 2006, our generating facilities began receiving capacity revenues under the FCM transition period. During the FCM transition period we received or will receive capacity revenues between \$3.05 per kW-month and \$4.10 per kW-month.

The results of the ISO-NE FCM annual capacity auctions were as follows:

Auction Date	Capacity Period	Price per kW-month
February 2008	June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011	\$ 4.25
December 2008	June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012	\$ 3.12
October 2009	June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013	\$ 2.54

In March 2008, the FERC's orders approving and implementing the FCM were affirmed by the DC Circuit; however, the DC Circuit reversed a portion of the FERC's orders regarding the rights of a non-settling party to challenge the FCM charges through future proceedings initiated at the FERC. On January 15, 2009, the FERC issued an order on remand, directing the settling parties to revise the applicable standard of review to be consistent with the DC Circuit's decision. The FERC's order on remand did not change the FCM structure or the capacity payments we received under the FCM.

California. Our California generating facilities are located inside the CAISO's control area. On April 1, 2009, the CAISO implemented its Market Redesign and Technology Update (MRTU). MRTU's key components include locational marginal pricing of energy similar to the RTO/ISO markets in the east, a day-ahead market in addition to the existing real-time market, a more effective congestion management system and an increase in the existing bid caps. The CAISO also schedules transmission transactions and arranges for necessary ancillary services. Most sales in California are pursuant to bilateral contracts, but a significant percentage of electrical energy is sold in the day-ahead and real-time market. The CAISO does not operate a capacity market.

The CPUC has begun a proceeding to develop, together with the CAISO, a wholesale capacity market. FERC approval would be required for any such capacity market to become effective. We cannot at this time

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predict the outcome of the CPUC proceeding or the timing for the implementation or the structure of any wholesale capacity market in California.

Mirant Potrero is party to a PPA with PG&E that from 2006 through 2012 allows PG&E to dispatch and purchase the output of our Potrero units that have been designated RMR units, which for 2009 and 2010 includes all of the Potrero units. RMR units are designated annually by the CAISO to meet local reliability needs on the CAISO's system. Under the PPA, through 2008, PG&E paid us charges equivalent to the rates we charged during 2004 when the units were designated as RMR units reduced by \$1.4 million for each year since 2004. For 2009 through 2012, the charges for the units that are then subject to the PPA will be determined annually by the FERC pursuant to the cost-based formula rates set forth in the RMR agreement. On December 4, 2008, the FERC issued an order approving the charges for the Potrero units for 2009 and 2010. The approved PPA charges for 2010 are expected to result in approximately the same level of gross margin for Mirant Potrero as it recognized for 2009. As discussed further in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report, we plan to shut down the Potrero generating facility when it is no longer needed for reliability as determined by the CAISO, which is currently anticipated to be by the end of 2010.

Environmental Regulation

Our business is subject to extensive environmental regulation by federal, state and local authorities. We must comply with applicable laws and regulations, and obtain and comply with the terms of government issued permits. Our costs of complying with environmental laws, regulations and permits are substantial, including significant environmental capital expenditures. See Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition - Capital Expenditures and Capital Resources for additional information.

We expect that available cash and future cash flows from operations will be sufficient to fund these capital expenditures.

Air Emissions Regulations

The Clean Air Act and similar state laws impose significant environmental requirements on our generating facilities. The Clean Air Act mandates a broad range of requirements concerning air emissions, operating practices and pollution control equipment. Most of our facilities are located in or near metropolitan areas, including New York City, Boston, San Francisco and Washington D.C., which are classified by the EPA as not achieving certain NAAQS (non-attainment areas). As a result of the classification of each of these areas as a non-attainment area, our operations generally are subject to more stringent air pollution requirements than those applicable to plants located elsewhere. The states are generally free to impose requirements that are more stringent than those imposed by the federal government. In the future, we expect increased regulation at both the federal and state levels of our air emissions. We maintain a comprehensive compliance strategy to address these continuing and new requirements. Significant air regulatory programs to which we are subject are described below.

Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR). In 2005, the EPA promulgated the CAIR, which established in the eastern United States SO₂ and NO_x cap-and-trade programs applicable directly to states and indirectly to generating facilities. The NO_x cap-and-trade program has two components, an annual program and an Ozone Season program. The CAIR SO₂ cap-and-trade program builds off of the existing acid rain cap-and-trade program but requires generating facilities to surrender twice as many allowances in 2010 and approximately three times as many allowances in 2015. Maryland, New York and Virginia are subject to CAIR's SO₂ and both NO_x trading programs. Massachusetts is subject only to CAIR's Ozone Season NO_x trading program. These cap-and-trade programs were to be implemented in two phases, with the first phase going into effect in 2009 for NO_x and 2010 for SO₂ and more stringent caps going into effect in 2015. Various parties challenged the EPA's adoption of the CAIR, and on July 11, 2008, the DC Circuit in *State of North Carolina v. Environmental Protection Agency* issued an opinion that would have vacated the CAIR. Various parties filed requests for

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rehearing with the DC Circuit and on December 23, 2008, the DC Circuit issued a second opinion in which it granted rehearing only to the extent that it remanded the case to the EPA without vacating the CAIR. Accordingly, the CAIR will remain effective until it is replaced by a rule consistent with the DC Circuit's opinions. The four states in which we operate that are subject to CAIR (i.e., Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Virginia) have promulgated regulations implementing the federal CAIR.

Maryland Healthy Air Act. The Maryland Healthy Air Act was enacted in April 2006 and requires reductions in SO₂, NO_x and mercury emissions from large coal-fired power facilities. The state law also required Maryland to join the RGGI, which is discussed below. The Maryland Healthy Air Act and the regulations adopted by MDE to implement that act impose limits for (i) emissions of NO_x in 2009 with further reductions in 2012 (including sublimits during the Ozone Season) and (ii) emissions of SO₂ in 2010 with further reductions in 2013. The Maryland Healthy Air Act also imposes restrictions on emissions of mercury beginning in 2010 with further reductions in 2013. The Maryland Healthy Air Act prohibits power facilities from purchasing emissions allowances to comply.

We installed scrubbers at our Chalk Point, Dickerson and Morgantown coal-fired units. In addition, we installed selective catalytic reduction systems at the Morgantown coal-fired units and one of the Chalk Point coal-fired units and a selective auto catalytic reduction system at the other Chalk Point coal-fired unit. We also installed selective non-catalytic reduction systems at the three Dickerson coal-fired units. These controls are capable of reducing emissions of SO₂, NO_x and mercury by approximately 98%, 90% and 80%, respectively, for three of our largest coal-fired units. The control equipment we have installed will allow our Maryland generating facilities to comply with (a) all of the requirements of the Maryland Healthy Air Act and (b) the first phase of the CAIR without having to purchase emissions allowances.

In 2009, we had planned outages to complete the installation of the scrubbers. During those outages, we also performed significant maintenance activities. Including amounts already invested to date, we expect that our total capital expenditures to comply with the requirements for SO₂, NO_x and mercury emissions under the Maryland Healthy Air Act will be approximately \$1.674 billion. On July 30, 2007, our subsidiaries Mirant Mid-Atlantic and Mirant Chalk Point entered into an agreement with Stone & Webster, Inc. for engineering, procurement and construction services relating to the installation of the scrubbers described above. The expected cost under the agreement is approximately \$1.13 billion and is a part of the \$1.674 billion described above. As of December 31, 2009, we have invested approximately \$1.405 billion of the \$1.674 billion for capital expenditures related to the Maryland Healthy Air Act.

Mercury Regulations. In 2005, the EPA issued the CAMR, which would have limited total annual mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants across the United States through a two-phased cap-and-trade program. In February 2008, the DC Circuit vacated the CAMR and the EPA's decision not to regulate emissions of mercury from coal- and oil-fired electric utility steam generating units under section 112 of the Clean Air Act, which regulates Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). The EPA and a group representing electricity generators sought review of the DC Circuit's decision by the United States Supreme Court. In February 2009, the EPA filed to withdraw its petition for review, stating that it intends to promulgate alternative regulations to address mercury emissions under section 112 of the Clean Air Act, and the United States Supreme Court subsequently denied the petition for review. As a result of the DC Circuit decision, mercury emissions from coal- and oil-fired generating facilities are now subject to regulation under the section of the Clean Air Act which authorizes the EPA to develop standards for the installation of maximum achievable control technology (MACT) to reduce emissions of HAPs, including mercury. Although the EPA has announced that it will develop MACT standards for mercury and other HAPs, it has not yet promulgated such standards. In 2010, the EPA will be collecting emissions data, which will be used to develop such standards. Our Maryland coal-fired units already are subject to mercury limits under the Maryland Healthy Air Act, as described below. Many of our coal-fired units will emit less mercury as a result of the SO₂ and NO_x controls that have been installed.

NSR Enforcement Initiative. In 2001, the EPA requested information concerning some of our generating facilities in Maryland and Virginia covering a time period that pre-dates our acquisition or lease of those

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facilities in December 2000. We responded fully to this request. Under the APSA, Pepco is responsible for fines and penalties arising from any violation associated with operations prior to our subsidiaries' acquisition or lease of the facilities. If a violation is determined to have occurred at any of the facilities, our subsidiary owning or leasing the facilities may be responsible for the cost of purchasing and installing emissions control equipment, the cost of which may be material. Our subsidiaries owning or leasing the Chalk Point, Dickerson and Morgantown generating facilities in Maryland have installed a variety of emissions control equipment at those facilities to comply with the Maryland Healthy Air Act, but that equipment may not include all of the pollution control equipment that could be required if a violation of the EPA's NSR regulations is determined to have occurred at one or more of those facilities. If such a violation is determined to have occurred after our subsidiaries acquired or leased the facilities or, if occurring prior to the acquisition or lease, is determined to constitute a continuing violation, our subsidiary owning or leasing the facility at issue could also be subject to fines and penalties by the state or federal government for the period after its acquisition or lease of the facility, the cost of which may be material, although applicable bankruptcy law may bar such liability for periods prior to January 3, 2006, when the Plan became effective for us and our subsidiaries that own or lease these facilities.

Virginia CAIR Implementation. In April 2006, Virginia enacted legislation that, among other things, granted the Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board the discretion to prohibit electric generating facilities located in a non-attainment area from purchasing SO₂ and NO_x allowances to achieve compliance under the EPA's CAIR. In the fourth quarter of 2007, the Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board approved regulations that it interpreted as prohibiting the acquisition in any manner of SO₂ and NO_x allowances by facilities in non-attainment areas to satisfy the requirements of the CAIR as implemented by Virginia. Mirant Potomac River's generating facility is located in a non-attainment area for ozone. Thus, this Virginia regulation effectively capped the Potomac River generating facility's SO₂ and NO_x emissions at amounts equal to the allowances allocated to the facility, which constrained the facility's operations. Mirant Potomac River challenged the legality of the regulations regarding the trading of NO_x allowances in Virginia state court. On June 23, 2009, the Court of Appeals of Virginia issued an opinion concluding that the Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board exceeded its statutory authority in the Virginia regulation by prohibiting facilities in non-attainment areas from using allowances acquired by any form of transfer to satisfy the requirements of the CAIR, rather than limiting the prohibition to purchased allowances. The Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board petitioned the Virginia Supreme Court to review the decision by the Virginia Court of Appeals, and the Virginia Supreme Court denied that request on October 15, 2009. In January 2010, the Virginia DEQ informed Mirant Potomac River that in light of the decision of the Virginia Court of Appeals vacating Virginia's rules restricting trading, the Virginia DEQ has determined that issuing a state operating permit to limit NO_x emissions during the Ozone Season is warranted.

New York Consent Decree. In 2000, the State of New York issued an NOV to the previous owner of our Lovett generating facility alleging NSR violations associated with the operation of that facility prior to its acquisition by us. To resolve the issues raised by the State of New York, on June 11, 2003, Mirant New York, Mirant Lovett and the State of New York entered into a consent decree (the 2003 Consent Decree). Under the 2003 Consent Decree, Mirant Lovett had three options: (1) install emissions controls on Lovett's two coal-fired units (units 4 and 5); (2) shut down unit 4 and convert unit 5 to natural gas; or (3) shut down unit 4 in 2008 and unit 5 in 2007. We concluded that the installation of the required emissions controls was uneconomic. We also concluded that operating unit 5 on natural gas was uneconomic.

On May 10, 2007, Mirant Lovett entered into an amendment to the 2003 Consent Decree with the State of New York that switched the deadlines for shutting down units 4 and 5 so that the deadline for compliance by unit 5 was extended until April 30, 2008, and the deadline for unit 4 was shortened. We discontinued operation of unit 4 as of May 7, 2007. In addition, we discontinued operation of unit 3 because it was uneconomic to run the unit. We shut down unit 5 on April 19, 2008, and completed the demolition of the Lovett generating facility in 2009.

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Regulation of Greenhouse Gases, including the RGGI. Concern over climate change has led to significant legislative and regulatory efforts at the state and federal level to limit greenhouse gas emissions. One such effort is the RGGI, a multi-state initiative in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast outlining a cap-and-trade program to reduce CO₂ emissions from electric generating units with capacity of 25 MW or greater. The RGGI program calls for signatory states, which include Maryland, Massachusetts and New York, to stabilize CO₂ emissions to an established baseline from 2009 through 2014, followed by a 2.5% reduction each year from 2015 through 2018. Each of these three states has promulgated regulations implementing the RGGI. Complying with the RGGI could have a material adverse effect upon our operations and our operating costs, depending upon the availability and cost of emissions allowances and the extent to which such costs may be offset by higher market prices to recover increases in operating costs caused by the RGGI.

During 2009, we produced approximately 14.6 million tons of CO₂ at our Maryland, Massachusetts and New York generating facilities for a total cost of \$45 million under the RGGI. In 2010, we expect to produce approximately 16.5 million tons of CO₂ at our Maryland, Massachusetts and New York generating facilities. The RGGI regulations require those facilities to obtain allowances to emit CO₂ beginning in 2009. Annual allowances generally were not granted to existing sources of such emissions. Instead, allowances have been made available for such facilities by purchase through periodic auctions conducted quarterly or through subsequent purchase from a party that holds allowances sold through a quarterly auction process. The Maryland regulations implementing the RGGI, which were amended on May 8, 2009, also provide that if the allowance clearing price reaches or exceeds \$7 per ton of CO₂ in the auctions of allowances that occur during 2009 to 2011 for the current year's allowances, Maryland will withhold the remainder of that year's allowances from sale in any future auction during that calendar year and make those allowances available by direct sale to generators in Maryland. In this scenario, between 0 and 50% of Maryland's allowances allocated for sale in that year may be made available for purchase by such generators. Any such allowances made available for each generator to purchase at \$7 per ton will be in proportion to each generator's annual average heat input during specified historical periods as compared to the total average input for all affected Maryland generators in existence at that time. In none of the auctions held to date has the price reached \$7 per ton.

The sixth auction of allowances by the RGGI states was held on December 2, 2009. The clearing price for the approximately 29 million allowances sold in the auction allocated for use beginning in 2009 was \$2.05 per ton. Allowances allocated for use beginning in 2012 were also made available, and approximately 1.6 million of the 2.2 million allowances available at the auction were sold at a price of \$1.86 per ton. The allowances sold in this auction can be used for compliance in any of the RGGI states. Further auctions will occur quarterly through the end of the first compliance period in 2011, with the next auction scheduled for March 10, 2010.

In California, emissions of greenhouse gases are governed by California's Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32), which requires that statewide greenhouse gas emissions be reduced to 1990 levels by 2020. In December 2008, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved a Scoping Plan for implementing AB 32. The Scoping Plan requires that the CARB adopt a cap-and-trade regulation by January 2011 and that the cap and trade program begin in 2012. The CARB's schedule for developing regulations to implement AB 32 is being coordinated with the schedule of the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) for development of a regional cap-and-trade program for greenhouse gas emissions. Through the WCI, California is working with other western states and Canadian provinces to coordinate and implement a regional cap-and-trade program. AB 32, and any plans, rules and programs approved to implement AB 32, could have a material adverse effect on how we operate our California generating facilities and the costs of operating the facilities.

In August 2008, Massachusetts adopted its Global Warming Solutions Act (the Climate Protection Act), which establishes a program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly over the next 40 years. Under the Climate Protection Act, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) has established a reporting and verification system for statewide greenhouse gas emissions, including emissions from generating facilities producing all electricity consumed in Massachusetts, and determined the state's greenhouse gas emissions level from 1990. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy

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and Environmental Affairs (MAEEA) is to establish statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits effective beginning in 2020 that will reduce such emissions from the 1990 levels by a range of 10% to 25% beginning in 2020, with the reduction increasing to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. In setting these limits, the MAEEA is to consider the potential costs and benefits of various reduction measures, including emissions limits for electric generating facilities, and may consider the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. A violation of the emissions limits established under the Climate Protection Act may result in a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day. Implementation of the Climate Protection Act could have a material adverse effect on how we operate our Massachusetts generating facilities and the costs of operating those facilities.

In April 2009, the Maryland General Assembly passed the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act of 2009 (the Maryland Act), which became effective in October 2009. The Maryland Act requires a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland by 25% from 2006 levels by 2020. However, this provision of the Maryland Act is only in effect through 2016 unless a subsequent statutory enactment extends its effective period. The Maryland Act requires the MDE to develop a proposed implementation plan to achieve these reductions by the end of 2011 and to adopt a final plan by the end of 2012.

In light of the United States Supreme Court ruling in *Massachusetts v. EPA* that greenhouse gases fit within the Clean Air Act 's definition of air pollutant, the EPA has proposed and promulgated regulations regarding the emission of greenhouse gases. In September 2009, the EPA (a) promulgated a rule that requires owners of facilities in many sectors of the economy, including power generation, to report annually to the EPA the quantity and source of greenhouse gas emissions released from those facilities and (b) proposed a rule to regulate greenhouse gases from vehicles beginning in model year 2012. In December 2009, under a portion of the Clean Air Act that regulates vehicles, the EPA determined that elevated concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere endanger the public 's health and welfare through their contribution to climate change (Endangerment Finding). Neither the Endangerment Finding nor the rule requiring reporting seeks to restrict the emission of CO₂ from power plants. However, the EPA has stated that it intends to finalize the rule regulating greenhouse gases from vehicles in the spring of 2010, which the EPA views will cause greenhouse gases to become regulated pollutants. If so, additional requirements under the Clean Air Act may apply or may come to apply to stationary sources such as power plants. The effect of any such additional requirements is not clear at this time.

Various bills have been proposed in Congress to govern CO₂ emissions from generating facilities. Current proposals include a cap-and-trade system that would require us to purchase allowances for some or all of the CO₂ emitted by our generating facilities. Although we expect that market prices for electricity would increase following such legislation and would allow us to recover a portion of the cost of these allowances, we cannot predict with any certainty the actual increases in costs such legislation could impose upon us or our ability to recover such cost increases through higher market rates for electricity, and such legislation could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated statements of operations, financial position and cash flows. It is possible that Congress will take action to regulate greenhouse gas emissions within the next several years. The form and timing of any final legislation will be influenced by political and economic factors and is uncertain at this time. During 2009, we produced approximately 16.1 million tons of CO₂ at our generating facilities. We expect to produce approximately 18.4 million total tons of CO₂ at our generating facilities in 2010.

Water Regulations

We are required under the Clean Water Act to comply with intake and discharge requirements, requirements for technological controls and operating practices. To discharge water, we generally need permits required by the Clean Water Act. Such permits typically are subject to review every five years. As with air quality regulations, federal and state water regulations are expected to impose additional and more stringent requirements or limitations in the future. This is particularly the case for regulatory requirements governing cooling water intake structures, which are subject to regulation under section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act (the 316 (b) regulations). A 2007 decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (the Second Circuit) in *Riverkeeper Inc. et al v. EPA*, in which the court remanded to the EPA for reconsideration numerous

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provisions of the EPA's section 316(b) regulations for existing power plants, has created substantial uncertainty about exactly what technologies or other measures will be needed to satisfy section 316(b) requirements in the future and when any new requirements will be imposed.

Following that ruling by the Second Circuit, the EPA in 2007 suspended its 316(b) regulations for existing power plants. Various parties sought review of the Second Circuit's decision by the United States Supreme Court, and it granted those requests with respect to whether the EPA could permissibly weigh costs versus benefits in determining what requirements to impose. On April 1, 2009, the Supreme Court reversed the Second Circuit, ruling that the EPA had permissibly relied on cost-benefit analysis in setting standards for cooling water intake structures for existing power plants and authorizing site-specific variances. The Supreme Court's ruling did not alter other aspects of the Second Circuit's decision. Significant uncertainty remains regarding the effect of the Supreme Court's decision on the EPA's 316(b) regulations for existing power plants and what technologies or other measures will be needed to satisfy section 316(b) regulations.

Endangered Species Acts. Mirant Delta's use of water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta at its Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities potentially affects certain fish species protected under the federal Endangered Species Act and the California Endangered Species Act. Mirant Delta therefore must maintain authorization under both statutes to engage in operations that could result in a take of (i.e., cause harm to) fish of the protected species. In January and February 2006, Mirant Delta received correspondence from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Army Corps of Engineers expressing the view that the federal Endangered Species Act take authorization for the Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities was no longer in effect as a result of changed circumstances. Mirant Delta disagreed with the agencies' characterization of its take authorization as no longer being in effect. In late October 2007, Mirant Delta received correspondence from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Army Corps of Engineers clarifying that Mirant Delta continued to be authorized to take four species of fish protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. The agencies have initiated a process that will review the environmental effects of Mirant Delta's water usage, including effects on the protected species of fish. That process could lead to changes in the manner in which Mirant Delta can use river water for the operation of the Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities. As discussed further in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report, we plan to shut down the Contra Costa generating facility in April 2013.

By letter dated September 27, 2007, the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta, four water districts, and an individual (the Delta Noticing Parties) provided notice to Mirant and Mirant Delta of their intent to file suit alleging that Mirant Delta has violated, and continues to violate, the federal Endangered Species Act through the operation of its Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities. The Delta Noticing Parties contend that the facilities' use of water drawn from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for cooling purposes results in harm to four species of fish listed as endangered species. The Delta Noticing Parties assert that Mirant Delta's authorizations to take (i.e., cause harm to) those species, a biological opinion and incidental take statement issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on October 17, 2002, for three of the fish species and a biological opinion and incidental take statement issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on November 4, 2002, for the fourth fish species, have been violated by Mirant Delta and no longer apply to permit the effects on the four fish species caused by the operation of the Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities. As discussed further in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report, we plan to shut down the Contra Costa generating facility in April 2013. Following receipt of these letters, in late October 2007, Mirant Delta received correspondence from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) clarifying that Mirant Delta continued to be authorized to take the four species of fish protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. The agencies have initiated a process that will review the environmental effects of Mirant Delta's water usage, including effects on the protected species of fish. That process could lead to changes in the manner in which Mirant Delta can use river water for the operation of the Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities. In a subsequent letter, the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta also alleged violations of the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Endangered Species Act associated with the operation of Mirant Delta's generating facilities. On May 14, 2009, the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta, Kern County Water Agency and an individual sent a new

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notice of intent to sue to the Corps alleging that the Corps had violated the federal Endangered Species Act by issuing permits related to the operation of Mirant Delta's Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities without ensuring that conservation measures would be implemented to minimize and mitigate the harm to the four endangered fish species and their habitat allegedly resulting from such operation. Mirant Delta disputes the allegations made by the Delta Noticing Parties and those made in the May 14, 2009 notice.

On February 11, 2010, Mirant Delta entered into a settlement agreement with the Delta Noticing Parties, the parties to the May 14, 2009 notice of intent to sue, and the Corps. The settlement agreement provides for the Delta Noticing Parties and the parties to the May 14, 2009 notice of intent to sue to withdraw the two notices of intent to sue and to release all claims described in those notices. The settlement agreement obligates Mirant Delta to seek approval from the Corps, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service to amend its plan currently in effect for monitoring entrainment and impingement of aquatic species caused by the operation of its generating facilities to increase monitoring during periods the facilities are operating. If that amendment or an alternative acceptable to all the parties has not been approved by August 11, 2010, then the withdrawal of the notices of intent to sue and the release of claims included in the settlement agreement become void. The settlement agreement requires the Corps to use its best efforts to conclude ongoing consultations with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding the environmental effects of Mirant Delta's water usage in a timely manner and allows the Delta Noticing Parties and the parties to the May 14, 2009 notice of intent to sue to issue new notices of intent to sue if such consultations are not completed by October 31, 2011.

In November 2009, Mirant Delta signed a second amendment to a Memorandum of Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game. The amendment requires Mirant Delta to prepare a planning and feasibility study for potential habitat restoration projects and extends by 16 months to March 1, 2011, the deadline for submitting an application for a new permit authorizing Mirant Delta to take the protected fish species affected by the operation of its facilities. The amendment extends Mirant Delta's existing authorization for take of fish species protected under the California Endangered Species Act until the California Department of Fish and Game completes its consideration of the application for the new permit.

Potrero National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit. On June 8, 2006, Bayview-Hunters Point Community Advocates and Communities for a Better Environment filed a petition challenging the issuance of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for our Potrero generating facility. On February 8, 2007, Bayview-Hunters Point Community Advocates and Communities for a Better Environment filed another petition with a request to amend their initial petition. On March 21, 2007, the California State Water Resources Control Board notified the parties that petitioners requested that as of March 19, 2007, the two petitions be moved from active status to abeyance. Those petitions currently remain in abeyance. Additionally, on June 15, 2007, Bayview-Hunters Point Community Advocates and Communities for a Better Environment and San Francisco Baykeeper filed a third petition requesting that the NPDES permits for Potrero and Mirant Delta's Pittsburg generating facility be reopened. The State Water Resources Control Board denied that petition on November 27, 2007. As discussed further in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report, we plan to shut down the Potrero generating facility when it is no longer needed for reliability as determined by the CAISO, which is currently anticipated to be by the end of 2010.

Kendall NPDES and Surface Water Discharge Permit. On September 26, 2006, the EPA issued to Mirant Kendall an NPDES renewal permit for the Kendall generating facility. The same permit was concurrently issued by the MADEP as a state Surface Water Discharge Permit (SWD Permit), and was accompanied by MADEP's earlier issued water quality certificate under section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The new permits impose new temperature limits at various points in the Charles River, an extensive temperature, water quality and biological monitoring program and a requirement to develop and install a barrier net system to reduce fish impingement and entrainment. The provisions regulating the thermal discharge could cause substantial curtailments of the operations of the Kendall generating facility. Mirant Kendall has appealed the permits in three proceedings: (1) appeal of the NPDES permit to the EPA's Environmental Appeals Board; (2) appeal of the SWD Permit to the MADEP; and (3) appeal of the water quality certification to the MADEP. The effect of the permits has been

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stayed pending the outcome of these appeals. The two appeals to the MADEP have been stayed pending the outcome of the appeal to the Environmental Appeals Board. On September 28, 2007, the Environmental Appeals Board stayed the appeal proceedings in order for the EPA to address the sections of the permit that are affected by the EPA's suspension of the 316(b) regulations as a result of the 2007 decision by the Second Circuit in *Riverkeeper, Inc. et al. v. EPA* discussed above. Subsequent orders by the Environmental Appeals Board have extended that stay until June 3, 2010. On March 6, 2008, the EPA and the MADEP issued a draft permit modification to address the 316(b) provisions of the permit that would require modifications to the intake structure for the Kendall generating facility to add fine and coarse mesh barrier exclusion technologies and to install a mechanism to sweep organisms away from the intake structure through an induced water flow. On May 1, 2008, Mirant Kendall submitted comments on the draft permit modification objecting to the new requirements. On December 19, 2008, the EPA and the MADEP issued final permit modifications to address the 316(b) regulations. Those final permit modifications did not substantially modify the requirements proposed in the draft modifications, and on February 2, 2009 Mirant Kendall filed an appeal of those modifications. While the appeals are pending, the effect of any contested permit provisions is stayed and the Kendall generating facility will continue to operate under its current NPDES permit. We are unable to predict the outcome of these proceedings.

Canal NPDES and SWD Permit. On August 1, 2008, the EPA issued to Mirant Canal an NPDES renewal permit for the Canal generating facility. The same permit was concurrently issued by MADEP as a state SWD Permit, and was accompanied by MADEP's earlier water quality certificate under section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The new permit imposes a requirement on Mirant Canal to install closed cycle cooling or an alternative technology that will reduce the entrainment of marine organisms by the Canal generating facility to levels equivalent to what would be achieved by closed cycle cooling. Mirant Canal appealed the NPDES permit to the EPA's Environmental Appeals Board and appealed the surface water discharge and the water quality certificate to the MADEP. On December 4, 2008, the EPA requested a stay to the appeal proceedings and withdrew provisions related to the closed cycle cooling requirements. The EPA has re-noticed these provisions as draft conditions for additional public comment. Mirant Canal filed comments on January 29, 2009, stating that installing closed cycle cooling at the Canal generating facility was not justified and that without some cost-recovery mechanism the cost would make continued operation of the facility uneconomic. While the appeals of the renewal permit are pending, the effect of any contested permit provisions is stayed and the Canal generating facility will continue to operate under its current NPDES permit. We are unable to predict the outcome of this proceeding.

NPDES and State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Renewals. In addition to the proceedings described above in *Kendall NPDES and Surface Water Discharge Permit* and *Canal NPDES and SWD Permit* related to the renewal of the NPDES permit for the Kendall and Canal generating facilities, proceedings are currently pending for renewal of the NPDES permits for the three ash sites in Maryland owned by Mirant MD Ash Management, the Potomac River generating facility owned by Mirant Potomac River, the Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities owned by Mirant Delta and the Potrero generating facility owned by Mirant Potrero. A proceeding is also pending for renewal of the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit for the Bowline generating facility owned by Mirant Bowline.

In general, the EPA and the state agencies responsible for implementing the provisions of the Clean Water Act applicable to the intake of water and discharge of effluent by electric generating facilities have been making the requirements imposed upon such facilities more stringent over time. For example, with respect to the Potrero generating facility, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board has previously stated its intent not to renew the facility's NPDES permit unless Mirant Potrero can demonstrate that the operation of the facility does not adversely affect the San Francisco Bay. With respect to each of these permit renewal proceedings, the permit renewal proceeding could take years to resolve and the agency or agencies involved could impose requirements upon the Mirant entity owning the facility that require significant capital expenditures, limit the times at which the facility can operate, or increase operations and maintenance costs materially.

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Byproducts, Wastes, Hazardous Materials and Contamination

Our facilities are subject to laws and regulations governing waste management. The federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (and many analogous state laws) contains comprehensive requirements for the handling of solid and hazardous wastes. The generation of electricity produces non-hazardous and hazardous materials, and we incur substantial costs to store and dispose of waste materials. The EPA and the states in which we operate coal-fired units may develop new regulations that impose additional requirements on facilities that store or dispose of materials remaining after the combustion of fossil fuels, including types of coal ash. If so, we may be required to change the current waste management practices at some facilities and incur additional costs.

Additionally, CERCLA, also known as the Superfund law, establishes a federal framework for dealing with the cleanup of contaminated sites. Many states have enacted similar state superfund statutes as well as other laws imposing obligations to investigate and clean up contamination. Our Contra Costa, Pittsburg and Potrero generating facilities have areas of soil and groundwater contamination subject to CERCLA and the California Health and Safety Code. In 1998, prior to our acquisition of those facilities from PG&E, consultants for PG&E conducted soil and groundwater investigations at those facilities which revealed contamination. The consultants conducting the investigation estimated the aggregate cleanup costs at those facilities could be as much as \$60 million. Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement with PG&E, PG&E has responsibility for the containment or capping of all soil and groundwater contamination and the disposition of up to 60,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the Potrero generating facility and the remediation of any groundwater or solid contamination identified by PG&E's consultants in 1998 at the Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities, before those facilities were purchased in 1999 by our subsidiaries. Pursuant to our requests, PG&E has disposed of 807 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the Potrero generating facility. We are not aware of soil or groundwater conditions at our Contra Costa, Pittsburg and Potrero generating facilities for which we expect remediation costs to be material that are not the responsibility of other parties.

In 2008, we closed and then demolished the Lovett generating facility in New York. Pursuant to an agreement with the NYDEC, in 2009 we assessed the environmental condition of the property. We do not yet know what, if any, remediation will be required for the Lovett property.

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At February 19, 2010, we employed 1,679 people, which included approximately 1,179 employees at our generating facilities, 59 employees at our regional offices and 441 employees at our corporate headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. The following details the employees subject to collective bargaining agreements:

Union	Location	Number of Employees Covered	Contract Expiration Date
Mid-Atlantic Region			
IBEW Local 1900	Maryland and Virginia	548	6/1/2010
Northeast Region			
IBEW Local 503 ⁽¹⁾	New York	47	4/30/2013
UWUA Local 369	Cambridge, Massachusetts	32	2/28/2013
UWUA Local 369 ⁽²⁾	Sandwich, Massachusetts	49	6/1/2011
California			
IBEW Local 1245	California	122	10/31/2013
Total		798	

⁽¹⁾ Our New York employees continue to work without disruption under the terms imposed by Mirant effective January 28, 2009, after reaching an impasse in negotiations with the union.

⁽²⁾ In June 2009, the UWUA Local 480 representing the Canal generating facility employees in Sandwich, Massachusetts, merged with the UWUA Local 369. The UWUA Local 369 also represents our Kendall generating facility employees in a separate bargaining unit and each facility is covered by its own collective bargaining agreement.

To mitigate and reduce the risk of disruption during labor negotiations, we engage in contingency planning for operation of our generating facilities to the extent possible during an adverse collective action by one or more of our unions.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

The following are factors that could affect our future performance:

Risks Related to the Operation of our Business

Our revenues are unpredictable because most of our generating facilities operate without long-term power sales agreements, and our revenues and results of operations depend on market and competitive forces that are beyond our control.

We sell capacity, energy and ancillary services from our generating facilities into competitive power markets on a short-term fixed price basis or through power sales agreements. Since mid-2007, our revenues from selling capacity have become a significant part of our overall revenues. Except for our Potrero generating facility, we are not guaranteed recovery of our costs or any return on our capital investments through mandated rates. The market for wholesale electric energy and energy services reflects various market conditions beyond our control, including the balance of supply and demand, our competitors' marginal and long run costs of production, and the effect of market regulation. The price for which we can sell our output may fluctuate on a day-to-day basis and our ability to transact may be affected by the overall liquidity in the markets in which we operate. The markets in which we compete remain subject to one or more forms of regulation that limit our ability to raise prices during periods of shortage to the degree that would occur in a fully deregulated market and may thereby limit our ability to recover costs and an adequate return on our investment. Our revenues and results of operations are influenced by factors that are beyond our control, including:

the failure of market regulators to develop and maintain efficient mechanisms to compensate merchant generators for the value of providing capacity needed to meet demand;

actions by regulators, ISOs, RTOs and other bodies that may artificially modify supply and demand levels and prevent capacity and energy prices from rising to the level necessary for recovery of our costs, our investment and an adequate return on our investment;

legal and political challenges to the rules used to calculate capacity payments in the markets in which we operate;

the ability of wholesale purchasers of power to make timely payment for energy or capacity, which may be adversely affected by factors such as retail rate caps, refusals by regulators to allow utilities to recover fully their wholesale power costs and investments through rates, catastrophic losses and losses from investments by utilities in unregulated businesses;

increases in prevailing market prices for fuel oil, coal, natural gas and emissions allowances that may not be reflected in prices we receive for sales of energy;

increases in electricity supply as a result of actions of our current competitors or new market entrants, including the development of new generating facilities or alternative energy sources that may be able to produce electricity less expensively than our generating facilities and improvements in transmission that allow additional supply to reach our markets;

increases in credit standards, margin requirements, market volatility or other market conditions that could increase our obligations to post collateral beyond amounts that are expected, including additional collateral costs associated with OTC hedging activities as a result of proposed OTC regulation;

decreases in energy consumption resulting from demand-side management programs such as automated demand response, which may alter the amount and timing of consumer energy use;

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the competitive advantages of certain competitors, including continued operation of older power plants in strategic locations after recovery of historic capital costs from ratepayers;

existing or future regulation of our markets by the FERC, ISOs and RTOs, including any price limitations and other mechanisms to address some of the price volatility or illiquidity in these markets or the physical stability of the system;

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regulatory policies of state agencies that affect the willingness of our customers to enter into long-term contracts generally, and contracts for capacity in particular;

changes in the rate of growth in electricity usage as a result of such factors as national and regional economic conditions and implementation of conservation programs;

seasonal variations in energy and natural gas prices, and capacity payments; and

seasonal fluctuations in weather, in particular abnormal weather conditions.

In addition, unlike most other commodities, electric energy can only be stored on a very limited basis and generally must be produced at the time of use. As a result, the wholesale power markets are subject to substantial price fluctuations over relatively short periods of time and can be unpredictable.

Because of the current market design in California, our existing generating facilities may have a limited life unless we make significant capital expenditures to increase their commercial and environmental performance.

Our existing generating facilities in California depend almost entirely on payments in support of system reliability. The energy market, as currently constituted, will not justify the capital expenditures necessary to repower or reconstruct our facilities to make them commercially viable in a merchant market. If a commercially reasonable capacity market were to be instituted by the CAISO or we could obtain a contract with a creditworthy buyer, it is possible that we could justify investing the necessary capital to repower or reconstruct our facilities. Absent that, our existing generating facilities will be commercially viable only as long as they are necessary for reliability. As discussed further in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report, we plan to shut down the Contra Costa generating facility in April 2013 and the Potrero generating facility when it is no longer needed for reliability as determined by the CAISO, which is currently anticipated to be by the end of 2010.

Our Mirant Marsh Landing development project is subject to permitting, construction and financing risks and, if we are unsuccessful in addressing those risks, we may not recover our investment in the project or our return on the project may be lower than expected.

In 2009, Mirant Marsh Landing entered into a ten-year PPA with PG&E for 760 MW of natural gas-fired peaking generation to be constructed adjacent to our Contra Costa generating facility near Antioch, California. Under the terms of the PPA, Mirant Marsh Landing bears the risks of (i) obtaining the permits necessary for construction and operation of the generating facility, (ii) securing the necessary project financing for construction of the generating facility, and (iii) completing the construction of the generating facility by May 2013. The process for obtaining governmental permits and approvals is complicated and lengthy and is subject to significant uncertainties. Mirant Marsh Landing has posted letters of credit of approximately \$12 million to secure its obligations under the PPA, which amount will increase to approximately \$80 million upon the CPUC approval of the PPA. Although we have attempted to minimize the financial risks in the development of the Marsh Landing generating facility, in the event that we are unsuccessful in securing the required permits and financing necessary to begin construction of the facility, we may not be able to recover our investment in the development of the project. If we do not complete the construction of the Marsh Landing generating facility by May 2013, our return on the project may be lower than expected.

We are exposed to the risk of fuel and fuel transportation cost increases and volatility and interruption in fuel supply because our generating facilities generally do not have long-term agreements for the supply of natural gas, coal and oil.

Although we attempt to purchase fuel based on our expected fuel requirements, we still face the risks of supply interruptions and fuel price volatility. Our cost of fuel may not reflect changes in energy and fuel prices in part because we must pre-purchase inventories of coal and oil for reliability and dispatch requirements, and thus the price of fuel may have been determined at an earlier date than the price of energy generated from it. The price we can obtain from the sale of energy may not rise at the same rate, or may not rise at all, to match a rise in fuel costs. This may have a material adverse effect on our financial performance. The volatility of fuel prices could adversely affect our financial results and operations.

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We enter into contracts of varying terms to secure appropriate quantities of fuel that meet the varying specifications of our generating facilities. For our coal-fired generating facilities, we purchase most of our coal from a small number of strategic suppliers under contracts with terms of varying lengths, some of which extend to 2013. We have non-performance risk associated with our long-term coal agreements. There is risk that our coal suppliers may not provide the contractual quantities on the dates specified within the agreements or the deliveries may be carried over to future periods. If our coal suppliers do not perform in accordance with the agreements, we may have to procure coal in the market to meet our needs, or power in the market to meet our obligations. In addition, a number of the coal suppliers do not currently have an investment grade credit rating and, accordingly, we may have limited recourse to collect damages in the event of default by a supplier. We seek to mitigate this risk through diversification of coal suppliers and through guarantees. Despite this, there can be no assurance that these efforts will be successful in mitigating credit risk from coal suppliers. Non-performance or default risk by our coal suppliers could have a material adverse effect on our future results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

For our oil-fired generating facilities, we typically purchase fuel from a limited number of suppliers under contracts with terms of varying lengths. If our oil suppliers do not perform in accordance with the agreements, we may have to procure oil in the market to meet our needs, or power in the market to meet our obligations.

Operation of our generating facilities involves risks that may have a material adverse effect on our cash flows and results of operations.

The operation of our generating facilities involves various operating risks, including, but not limited to:

the output and efficiency levels at which those generating facilities perform;

interruptions in fuel supply and quality of available fuel;

disruptions in the delivery of electricity;

adverse zoning;

breakdowns or equipment failures (whether a result of age or otherwise);

violations of our permit requirements or changes in the terms of or revocation of permits;

releases of pollutants and hazardous substances to air, soil, surface water or groundwater;

ability to transport and dispose of coal ash at reasonable prices;

shortages of equipment or spare parts;

labor disputes;

operator errors;

curtailment of operations because of transmission constraints;

failures in the electricity transmission system which may cause large energy blackouts;

implementation of unproven technologies in connection with environmental improvements; and

catastrophic events such as fires, explosions, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes or other similar occurrences.

A decrease in, or the elimination of, the revenues generated by our facilities or an increase in the costs of operating such facilities could materially affect our cash flows and results of operations, including cash flows available to us to make payments on our debt or our other obligations.

Our operating results are subject to quarterly and seasonal fluctuations.

Our operating results have fluctuated in the past and are likely to continue to do so in the future as a result of a number of factors, including seasonal variations in demand and fuel prices.

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Our generating facilities are located in a few geographic markets, resulting in concentrated exposure to the Mid-Atlantic market.

Our generating facilities are located in California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Virginia. In 2009, 2008 and 2007, we earned a significant portion of our operating revenue and gross margin from the PJM market, where our Mid-Atlantic generating facilities are located. Having our generating facilities in a few geographic markets results in our concentrated exposure to those markets, especially PJM.

Our income tax net operating loss carry forwards could be substantially limited if we experience an ownership change as defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

As of December 31, 2009, we had approximately \$2.7 billion of federal NOL carry forwards. Our ability to deduct the NOL carry forwards against future taxable income could be substantially limited if we experience an ownership change, as defined in Section (§) 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, at or near our recent stock price levels. In general, an ownership change would occur if certain shifts in ownership of the Company's stock exceed 50 percentage points measured over a specified period of time. Given §382's broad definition, an ownership change could be the unintended consequence of otherwise normal market trading in the Company's stock that is outside our control. On March 26, 2009, we adopted a stockholder rights plan (the Stockholder Rights Plan) to reduce the likelihood of such an unintended ownership change occurring. However, there can be no assurance that the Stockholder Rights Plan will prevent such an ownership change. Our inability to utilize NOL carry forwards could result in the payment of cash taxes above the amounts currently estimated for future periods and have a negative effect on our future results of operations and financial position.

Under the Stockholder Rights Plan, when a person or group has obtained beneficial ownership of 4.9% or more of our common stock, or an existing holder with greater than 4.9% ownership acquires more shares representing at least an additional 0.2% of our common stock, there would be a triggering event causing potential significant dilution in the economic interest and voting power of such person or group. Such triggering event would also occur if an existing holder with greater than 4.9% ownership but less than 5.0% ownership acquires more shares that would result in such stockholder obtaining beneficial ownership of 5.0% or more of our common stock. The Board of Directors has the discretion to exempt an acquisition of common stock from the provisions of the Stockholder Rights Plan if it determines the acquisition will not jeopardize tax benefits or is otherwise in our best interests.

On February 26, 2010, Mirant announced that the Board of Directors had extended the Stockholder Rights Plan and that the Company would submit the Stockholder Rights Plan to a stockholder vote at its 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 6, 2010. As extended, this Stockholder Rights Plan is limited in life, and the rights expire upon the earliest of (1) the Board of Directors' determination that the plan is no longer needed for the preservation of NOLs as a result of the implementation of legislative changes, or any other change; (2) February 25, 2020; or (3) certain other events described in the Stockholder Rights Plan. If the Stockholder Rights Plan is not approved by our stockholders prior to February 25, 2011, the Stockholder Rights Plan will terminate by its terms on that date, and we could experience an ownership change and thereby be limited in our ability to utilize NOL carry forwards. This could result in the payment of cash taxes above the amounts currently estimated for future periods and have a negative effect on our future results of operations and financial position.

We compete to sell energy, capacity and ancillary services in the wholesale power markets against some competitors that enjoy competitive advantages, including the ability to recover fixed costs through rate-base mechanisms and a lower cost of capital.

Regulated utilities in the wholesale markets generally enjoy a lower cost of capital than we do and often are able to recover fixed costs through regulated retail rates, including, in many cases, the costs of generation, allowing them to build, buy and upgrade generating facilities without relying exclusively on market clearing prices to recover their investments. The competitive advantages of such participants could adversely affect our ability to compete effectively and could have an adverse effect on the revenues generated by our facilities.

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The expected decommissioning and/or site remediation obligations of certain of our generating facilities may negatively affect our cash flows.

Some of our generating facilities and related properties are subject to decommissioning and/or site remediation obligations that may require material expenditures. Furthermore, laws and regulations may change to impose material additional decommissioning and remediation obligations on us in the future. If we are required to make material expenditures to decommission or remediate one or more of our facilities, such obligations will affect our cash flows and may adversely affect our ability to make payments on our obligations.

Changes in technology may significantly affect our generating business by making our generating facilities less competitive.

We generate electricity using fossil fuels at large central facilities. This method results in economies of scale and lower costs than newer technologies such as fuel cells, microturbines, windmills and photovoltaic solar cells. It is possible that advances in those technologies will reduce their costs to levels that are equal to or below that of most central station electricity production, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Terrorist attacks, future wars or risk of war may adversely affect our results of operations, our ability to raise capital or our future growth.

As power generators, we face heightened risk of an act of terrorism, either a direct act against one of our generating facilities or an inability to operate as a result of systemic damage resulting from an act against the transmission and distribution infrastructure that is used to transport our power. Further, we rely on information technology networks and systems to operate our generating facilities, engage in asset management activities, and process, transmit and store electronic information. Security breaches of this information technology infrastructure, including cyber-attacks and cyber terrorism, could lead to system disruptions, generating facility shutdowns or unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. If such an attack or security breach were to occur, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected. In addition, such an attack could affect our ability to service our indebtedness, our ability to raise capital and our future growth opportunities.

Our operations are subject to hazards customary to the power generating industry. We may not have adequate insurance to cover all of these hazards.

Our operations are subject to many hazards associated with the power generating industry, which may expose us to significant liabilities for which we may not have adequate insurance coverage. Power generation involves hazardous activities, including acquiring, transporting and unloading fuel, operating large pieces of rotating equipment and delivering electricity to transmission and distribution systems. In addition to natural risks, such as earthquake, flood, storm surge, lightning, hurricane and wind, hazards, such as fire, explosion, collapse and machinery failure, are inherent risks in our operations. These hazards can cause significant injury to personnel or loss of life, severe damage to and destruction of property, plant and equipment, contamination of, or damage to, the environment and suspension of operations. The occurrence of any one of these events may result in our being named as a defendant in lawsuits asserting claims for substantial damages, environmental cleanup costs, personal injury and fines and/or penalties. We maintain an amount of insurance protection that we consider adequate, but we cannot assure that our insurance will be sufficient or effective under all circumstances and against all hazards or liabilities to which we may be subject. A successful claim for which we are not fully insured could have a material adverse effect on our financial results and our financial condition.

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We are currently involved in significant litigation that, if decided adversely to us, could materially adversely affect our results of operations and profitability.

We are currently involved in various litigation matters which are described in more detail in this Form 10-K. We intend to defend vigorously against those claims that we are unable to settle, but the results of this litigation cannot be determined. Adverse outcomes for us in this litigation could require significant expenditures by us and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and profitability.

Risks Related to Economic and Financial Capital Market Conditions

Maintaining sufficient liquidity in our business for maintenance and operating expenditures, capital expenditures and collateral is crucial in order to mitigate the risk of future financial distress to us. Accordingly, we maintain a revolving credit facility to manage our expected liquidity needs and contingencies. If the lenders under such facility were unable to perform, it could have a material adverse affect on our results of operations. As a result, we are exposed to systemic risk of the financial markets and institutions and the risk of non-performance of the individual lenders under our revolving credit facility.

Maintaining sufficient liquidity in our business for maintenance and operating expenditures, capital expenditures and collateral is crucial in order to mitigate the risk of future financial distress to us. Accordingly, we maintain a revolving credit facility to manage our expected liquidity needs and contingencies as described in more detail in this Form 10-K. If the lenders under such facility were unable to perform it could have a material adverse affect on our results of operations. For example, in October 2008, Lehman Commercial Paper, Inc., a subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. and a lender under the senior secured revolving credit facility of our subsidiary, Mirant North America, filed for bankruptcy. As a result of the Lehman Commercial Paper, Inc. bankruptcy, the total availability under our senior secured revolving credit facility has effectively decreased from \$800 million to \$755 million. The \$755 million includes the \$50 million commitment under such facility by CIT Capital USA Inc., whose corporate parent, CIT Group Inc., filed for and emerged from bankruptcy reorganization on November 1, 2009 and December 10, 2009, respectively. Although we do not expect that the Lehman Commercial Paper, Inc. and CIT Group bankruptcies will have a material adverse effect on Mirant, a credit crisis could negatively affect availability under the Mirant North America senior secured revolving credit facility if other lenders under such facility are forced to file for bankruptcy or are otherwise unable to perform their obligations. Absent significant non-performance of lenders under the existing Mirant North America senior secured revolving credit facility, we think that we have sufficient liquidity for future operations (including potential working capital requirements) and capital expenditures as discussed in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition Liquidity and Capital Resources. However, in the event of significant non-performance of lenders under the existing Mirant North America senior secured revolving credit facility, or in the event that financial institutions are unwilling or unable to renew our existing revolving credit facility or enter into new revolving credit facilities, our ability to hedge our assets or engage in proprietary trading could be impaired.

Global financial institutions have been active participants in the energy and commodity markets and we hedge economically a substantial portion of our Mid-Atlantic coal-fired baseload generation with such parties. As such financial institutions consolidate and operate under more restrictive capital constraints and regulations in response to the recent financial crisis, there could be less liquidity in the energy and commodity markets, which could have a negative effect on our ability to hedge and transact with creditworthy counterparties.

In recent years, global financial institutions have been active participants in the energy and commodity markets. We hedge economically a substantial portion of our Mid-Atlantic coal-fired baseload generation through OTC transactions. A significant portion of our hedges are financial swap transactions between Mirant Mid-Atlantic and financial counterparties that are senior unsecured obligations of such parties and do not require either party to post cash collateral, either for initial margin or for securing exposure as a result of changes in power or natural gas prices. As such financial institutions consolidate and operate under more restrictive capital

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constraints and regulations in response to the recent financial crisis, there could be less liquidity in the energy and commodity markets, which could have a negative effect on our ability to hedge and transact with creditworthy counterparties.

Greater regulation of energy contracts, including the regulation of OTC derivatives, could materially affect our ability to hedge economically our generation by reducing liquidity in the energy and commodity markets and, if we are required to clear such transactions on exchanges, by significantly increasing the collateral costs associated with such activities.

In response to the global financial crisis, legislation has been proposed in Congress to increase the regulation of transactions involving OTC derivatives. The proposed legislation provides that standardized swap transactions between dealers and large market participants would have to be cleared and must be traded on an exchange or electronic platform. Although the proposed legislation provides exclusions from the clearing and certain other requirements for market participants, such as Mirant, which utilize OTC derivatives to hedge commercial risks, such exclusions are the focus of debate and may not ultimately be part of any final legislation.

In addition to the proposed legislation, the CFTC has proposed designation of certain electricity contracts as significant price discovery contracts (SPDCs), including contracts that we trade on the Intercontinental Exchange based on CAISO and PJM West Hub locational marginal pricing. SPDC designation would subject these contracts to new more stringent requirements and could set a precedent for other contracts.

Further, the CFTC issued a notice of proposed rulemaking in which it proposed to adopt all-months-combined, single (non-spot) month and spot-month position limits for exchange-listed natural gas, crude oil, heating oil and gasoline futures and options contracts. We continue to monitor the rulemaking proceeding, but do not think that the limits as proposed would have a material effect on our business.

While we do not expect the current proposals in Congress and at the CFTC to have a material adverse effect on our business, a continuation of the trend of greater regulation of energy contracts, including more restrictive regulation of OTC derivative contracts, could materially affect our ability to hedge economically our generation by reducing liquidity in the energy and commodity markets and, if we are required to clear such transactions on exchanges, by significantly increasing the collateral costs associated with such activities.

We are exposed to credit risk resulting from a loss that may occur from the failure of a counterparty to perform according to the terms of a contractual arrangement with us, particularly in connection with our non-collateralized power hedges entered into by Mirant Mid-Atlantic with financial institutions.

We are exposed to credit risk resulting from the possibility that a loss may occur from the failure of a counterparty to perform according to the terms of a contractual arrangement with us, particularly in connection with our non-collateralized power hedges entered into by Mirant Mid-Atlantic with our major trading partners, which represent 65% of our net notional position at December 31, 2009. Such hedges are senior unsecured obligations of Mirant Mid-Atlantic and the counterparties, and do not require either party to post cash collateral for initial margin or for securing exposure as a result of changes in power or natural gas prices. Deterioration in the financial condition of our counterparties and any resulting failure to pay amounts owed to us or to perform obligations or services owed to us beyond collateral posted could have a negative effect on our business and financial condition.

Changes in commodity prices may negatively affect our financial results by increasing the cost of producing power or lowering the price at which we are able to sell our power.

Our generating business is subject to changes in power prices and fuel costs, and these commodity prices are influenced by many factors outside our control, including weather, market liquidity, transmission and transportation inefficiencies, availability of competitively priced alternative energy sources, demand for energy commodities, production of natural gas, coal and crude oil, natural disasters, wars, embargoes and other catastrophic events, and federal, state and environmental regulation and legislation. In addition, significant

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fluctuations in the price of natural gas may cause significant fluctuations in the price of electricity. Significant fluctuations in commodity prices may affect our financial results and financial position by increasing the cost of producing power and decreasing the amounts we receive from the sale of power.

Our use of derivative financial instruments in our asset management activities will not fully protect us from fluctuations in commodity prices and our risk management policy cannot eliminate the risks associated with these activities.

We engage in asset management activities related to sales of electricity and purchases of fuel. The income and losses from these activities are recorded as operating revenues and fuel costs. We may use forward contracts and other derivative financial instruments to manage market risk and exposure to volatility in prices of electricity, coal, natural gas, emissions and oil. We cannot provide assurance that these strategies will be successful in managing our price risks, or that they will not result in net losses to us as a result of future volatility in electricity, fuel and emissions markets. Actual power prices and fuel costs may differ from our expectations.

Our asset management activities include natural gas derivative financial instruments that we use to hedge power prices for our baseload generation. The effectiveness of these hedges is dependent upon the correlation between power and natural gas prices in the markets where we operate. If those prices are not sufficiently correlated, our financial results and financial position could be adversely affected.

Additionally, we expect to have an open position in the market, within our established guidelines, resulting from the management of our portfolio. To the extent open positions exist, fluctuating commodity prices can affect our financial results and financial position, either favorably or unfavorably. Furthermore, the risk management procedures we have in place may not always be followed or may not always work as planned. However, we have designed a system of internal controls to prevent and/or detect unauthorized hedging and related activities, including our risk management policy. If any of our employees were able to engage in unauthorized hedging and related activities, it could result in significant penalties and financial losses. As a result of these and other factors, we cannot predict the outcome that risk management decisions may have on our business, operating results or financial position. Although management devotes considerable attention to these issues, their outcome is uncertain.

Our asset management, proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities may increase the volatility of our quarterly and annual financial results.

We engage in asset management activities to hedge economically our exposure to market risk with respect to: (1) electricity sales from our generating facilities; (2) fuel used by those facilities; and (3) emissions allowances. We generally attempt to balance our fixed-price purchases and sales commitments in terms of contract volumes and the timing of performance and delivery obligations through the use of financial and physical derivative financial instruments. We also use derivative financial instruments with respect to our limited proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities, through which we attempt to achieve incremental returns by transacting where we have specific market expertise. Derivatives from our asset management, proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities are recorded on our balance sheet at fair value pursuant to the accounting guidance for derivative financial instruments. None of our derivatives recorded at fair value is designated as a hedge under this guidance and changes in their fair values currently are recognized in earnings as unrealized gains or losses. As a result, our financial results including gross margin, operating income and balance sheet ratios will, at times, be volatile and subject to fluctuations in value primarily because of changes in forward electricity and fuel prices. For a more detailed discussion of the accounting treatment of our asset management, proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities, see Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report.

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Risks Related to Governmental Regulation and Laws

Our business and activities are subject to extensive environmental requirements and could be adversely affected by such requirements, including future changes to them.

Our business is subject to extensive environmental regulations promulgated by federal, state and local authorities, which, among other things, restrict the discharge of pollutants into the air, water and soil, and also govern the use of water from adjacent waterways. Such laws and regulations frequently require us to obtain permits and remain in continuous compliance with the conditions established by those permits. To comply with these legal requirements and the terms of our permits, we must spend significant sums on environmental monitoring, pollution control equipment and emissions allowances. If we were to fail to comply with these requirements, we could be subject to civil or criminal liability, injunctive relief and the imposition of liens or fines. We may be required to shut down facilities (including ash sites) if we are unable to comply with the requirements, or if we determine the expenditures required to comply are uneconomic.

From time to time, we may not be able to obtain necessary environmental regulatory approvals. Such approvals could be delayed or subject to onerous conditions. If there is a delay in obtaining environmental regulatory approval or if onerous conditions are imposed, the operation of our generating facilities or ash sites or the sale of electricity to third parties could be prevented or become subject to additional costs. Such delays or onerous conditions could have a material adverse effect on our financial performance and condition. In addition, environmental laws, particularly with respect to air emissions, disposal of ash, wastewater discharge and cooling water systems, are generally becoming more stringent, which may require us to make additional facility upgrades or restrict our operations.

Increased public concern and growing political pressure related to global warming have resulted in significant increases in the regulation of greenhouse gases, including CO₂, at the state level. Future local, state and federal regulation of greenhouse gases is likely to create substantial environmental costs for us in the form of taxes or purchases of emissions allowances and/or new equipment. Many of the states where we own generating facilities, including California, Maryland, Massachusetts and New York, have recently committed, or expressed an intent to commit, to mandatory reductions in statewide CO₂ emissions through a regional cap-and-trade program. Maryland, Massachusetts and New York have already joined the RGGI, which required all allowances to be purchased initially through an auction process, the first of which took place in September 2008. Auctions, such as those mandated by the RGGI, may decrease the amount of available allowances and substantially increase emissions allowance prices. With respect to federal CO₂ legislation, the United States House of Representatives passed a bill that would establish a cap-and-trade program for CO₂ across multiple sectors, including the electric generating sector. In the House bill, the electric industry is granted a portion of allowances needed to comply with the program. The remaining allowances needed would have to be purchased through an auction process. The EPA has also begun the process of regulating greenhouse gases by finding that greenhouse gases emitted from vehicles endanger public health and welfare. Because our generating facilities emit CO₂, regulations seeking to reduce emissions of CO₂ and similar future laws may significantly increase our operating costs.

Certain environmental laws, including CERCLA and comparable state laws, impose strict and, in many circumstances, joint and several liability for costs of remediating contamination. Some of our facilities have areas with known soil and/or groundwater contamination. Releases of hazardous substances at our generating facilities, or at locations where we dispose of (or in the past disposed of) hazardous substances and other waste, could require us to spend significant sums to remediate contamination, regardless of whether we caused such contamination. The discovery of significant contamination at our generating facilities, at disposal sites we currently use or have used, or at other locations for which we may be liable, or the failure or inability of parties contractually responsible to us for contamination to respond when claims or obligations regarding such contamination arise, could have a material adverse effect on our financial performance and condition.

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Our coal-fired generating units produce certain byproducts that involve extensive handling and disposal costs and are subject to government regulation. Changes in these regulations, or their administration, by legislatures, state and federal regulatory agencies, or other bodies may affect the costs of handling and disposing of these byproducts. Such costs, in turn, may negatively affect our results of operations and financial condition.

As a result of the coal combustion process, we produce significant quantities of ash at our coal-fired generating units that must be disposed of at sites permitted to handle ash. For most of our ash, we use our own ash management facilities, which are all dry landfills, in the Mid-Atlantic region to dispose of the ash; however, we expect that certain of these sites may reach full capacity in the next few years. As a result, we have developed a plan related to the disposition of ash, including developing new ash management facilities and preparing our ash for beneficial uses, but the costs associated with the plan could be material. The costs associated with purchasing new land and permitting the land to allow for ash disposal could be material, and the amount of time needed to permit the land could extend beyond the expected timeline. Additionally, costs associated with third-party ash handling and disposal are material and could have an adverse effect on our financial performance and condition.

We also produce gypsum as a byproduct of the SO₂ scrubbing process at our coal-fired generating facilities, which is sold to third parties for use in drywall production. Should our ability to sell such gypsum to third parties be restricted as a result of the lack of demand or otherwise, our gypsum disposal costs could rise materially.

The EPA is reviewing whether byproducts such as ash and gypsum should be classified as a hazardous waste. If these byproducts were to be classified as a hazardous waste, the cost of disposing of these byproducts would increase materially and limit our ability to recycle them for beneficial use.

Our business is subject to complex government regulations. Changes in these regulations, or their administration, by legislatures, state and federal regulatory agencies, or other bodies may affect the costs of operating our generating facilities or our ability to operate our facilities. Such costs, in turn, may negatively affect our results of operations and financial condition.

We are subject to regulation by the FERC regarding the rates, terms and conditions of wholesale sales of electric capacity, energy and ancillary services and other matters, including mergers and acquisitions, the disposition of facilities under the FERC's jurisdiction and the issuance of securities, as well as by state agencies regarding physical aspects of our generating facilities. The majority of our generation is sold at market prices under market-based rate authority granted by the FERC. If certain conditions are not met, the FERC has the authority to withhold or rescind market-based rate authority and require sales to be made based on cost-of-service rates. A loss of our market-based rate authority could have a materially negative impact on our generating business.

Even when market-based rate authority has been granted, the FERC may impose various forms of market mitigation measures, including price caps and operating restrictions, when it determines that potential market power might exist and that the public interest requires such potential market power to be mitigated. In addition to direct regulation by the FERC, most of our facilities are subject to rules and terms of participation imposed and administered by various ISOs and RTOs. Although these entities are themselves ultimately regulated by the FERC, they can impose rules, restrictions and terms of service that are quasi-regulatory in nature and can have a material adverse impact on our business. For example, ISOs and RTOs may impose bidding and scheduling rules, both to curb the potential exercise of market power and to ensure market functions. Such actions may materially affect our ability to sell and the price we receive for our energy, capacity and ancillary services.

To conduct our business, we must obtain and periodically renew licenses, permits and approvals for our facilities. These licenses, permits and approvals can be in addition to any required environmental permits. No assurance can be provided that we will be able to obtain and comply with all necessary licenses, permits and

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approvals for these facilities. If we cannot comply with all applicable regulations, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

We cannot predict whether the federal or state legislatures will adopt legislation relating to the restructuring of the energy industry. There are proposals in many jurisdictions that would either roll back or advance the movement toward competitive markets for the supply of electricity, at both the wholesale and retail levels. In addition, any future legislation favoring large, vertically integrated utilities and a concentration of ownership of such utilities could affect our ability to compete successfully, and our business and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Risks Related to Level of Indebtedness

Our consolidated indebtedness could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry and prevent us from meeting or refinancing our obligations.

As of December 31, 2009, our consolidated indebtedness was \$2.631 billion. In addition, the present value of lease payments under the Mirant Mid-Atlantic leveraged leases was approximately \$1.0 billion (assuming a 10% discount rate) and the termination value of the Mirant Mid-Atlantic leveraged leases was \$1.4 billion. Our leverage and obligations under the leveraged leases could have important consequences, including the following: (1) it may limit our ability to obtain additional debt or equity financing for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements, acquisitions and general corporate or other purposes; (2) a substantial portion of our cash flows from operations must be dedicated to the payment of rent and principal and interest on our indebtedness and will not be available for other purposes, including our operations, capital expenditures and future business opportunities; (3) the debt service requirements of our indebtedness could make it difficult for us to satisfy or refinance our financial obligations; (4) certain of our borrowings, including borrowings under our senior secured credit facilities, are at variable rates of interest, exposing us to the risk of increased interest rates; (5) it may limit our ability to adjust to changing market conditions and place us at a competitive disadvantage compared with our competitors that have less debt and are not burdened by such obligations and restrictions; and (6) we may be more vulnerable in a downturn in general economic conditions or in our business and we may be unable to carry out capital expenditures that are important to our long-term growth or necessary to comply with environmental regulations.

Mirant Corporation and its subsidiaries that are holding companies, including Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America, may not have access to sufficient cash to meet their obligations if their subsidiaries, in particular, Mirant Mid-Atlantic, are unable to make distributions.

We and certain of our subsidiaries, including Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America, are holding companies and, as a result, we are dependent upon dividends, distributions and other payments from our operating subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet our obligations. The ability of certain of our subsidiaries to pay dividends and distributions is restricted under the terms of their debt or other agreements. In particular, a significant portion of cash from our operations is generated by the power generating facilities of Mirant Mid-Atlantic. Under the Mirant Mid-Atlantic leveraged leases, Mirant Mid-Atlantic is subject to a covenant that restricts its right to make distributions to its immediate parent, Mirant North America. In turn, Mirant North America is subject to covenants that restrict its ability to make distributions to its parent, Mirant Americas Generation. The ability of Mirant North America and Mirant Mid-Atlantic to satisfy the criteria set forth in their respective debt covenants in the future could be impaired by factors which negatively affect their financial performance, including interruptions in operations or curtailments of operations to comply with environmental restrictions, significant capital and other expenditures, and adverse conditions in the power and fuel markets. Further, the Mirant North America senior notes and senior secured credit facilities include financial covenants that exclude from the calculation the financial results of any subsidiary that is unable to make

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distributions or dividends at the time of such calculation. Thus, the inability of Mirant Mid-Atlantic to make distributions to Mirant North America under the leveraged lease transaction would have a material adverse effect on the calculation of the financial covenants under the senior notes and senior secured credit facilities of Mirant North America, including the leverage and interest coverage maintenance covenants under its senior credit facility.

Further, we anticipate that the Mirant Marsh Landing generating facility will be financed pursuant to a project/construction financing and, accordingly, will be restricted in its ability to make distributions to Mirant Corporation.

The obligations of Mirant Corporation and its holding company subsidiaries, including the indebtedness of Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America, are effectively subordinated to the obligations or indebtedness of their respective subsidiaries, including the Mirant Mid-Atlantic leveraged leases. See Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis Liquidity and Capital Resources for a discussion of restrictions on the ability of Mirant North America to make distributions to its parent, Mirant Americas Generation.

We may be unable to generate sufficient liquidity to service our debt and to post required amounts of cash collateral necessary to hedge market risk effectively.

Our ability to pay principal and interest on our debt depends on our future operating performance. If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to allow us to make scheduled payments on our debt, we may have to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital, restructure or refinance. There can be no assurance that the terms of our debt will allow these alternative measures, that the financial markets will be available to us on acceptable terms or that such measures would satisfy our scheduled debt service obligations.

We seek to manage the risks associated with the volatility in the price at which we sell power produced by our generating facilities and in the prices of fuel, emissions allowances and other inputs required to produce such power by entering into hedging transactions. These asset management activities may require us to post collateral either in the form of cash or letters of credit. As of December 31, 2009, we had approximately \$84 million of posted cash collateral and \$211 million of letters of credit outstanding primarily to support our asset management activities, debt service and rent reserve requirements and other commercial arrangements. See Note 7 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further information on our posted cash collateral and letters of credit. Although we seek to structure transactions in a way that reduces our potential liquidity needs for collateral, we may be unable to execute our hedging strategy successfully if we are unable to post the amount of collateral required to enter into and support hedging contracts.

We are an active participant in energy exchange and clearing markets. These markets require a per contract initial margin to be posted, regardless of the credit quality of the participant. The initial margins are determined by the exchanges through the use of proprietary models that rely on a variety of inputs and factors, including market conditions. We have limited notice of any changes to the margin rates. Consequently, we are exposed to changes in the per unit margin rates required by the exchanges and could be required to post additional collateral on short notice.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

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The properties below were owned or leased as of December 31, 2009. Our leasehold or ownership interest is 100% for each property.

Generating Facilities	Location	Holding	Dispatch Type	Primary Fuel	Total MW ⁽¹⁾	2009 Net Capacity Factor
Mid-Atlantic Region:						
Chalk Point	Maryland	Own	Intermediate/ Baseload/Peaking	Natural Gas/Coal/Oil	2,401	20%
Dickerson ⁽²⁾	Maryland	Own/Lease	Baseload/Peaking	Natural Gas/Coal/Oil	844	31%
Morgantown ⁽²⁾	Maryland	Own/Lease	Baseload/Peaking	Coal/Oil	1,467	51%
Potomac River	Virginia	Own	Intermediate/Baseload	Coal	482	15%
Total Mid-Atlantic					5,194	30%
Northeast Region:						
Bowline	New York	Own	Intermediate/Peaking	Natural Gas/Oil	1,139	1%
Canal	Massachusetts	Own	Intermediate	Natural Gas/Oil	1,126	6%
Kendall	Massachusetts	Own	Baseload/Peaking	Natural Gas/Oil	256	65%
Martha s Vineyard	Massachusetts	Own	Peaking	Diesel	14	1%
Total Northeast					2,535	10%
California:						
Contra Costa	California	Own	Intermediate	Natural Gas	674	3%
Pittsburg	California	Own	Intermediate	Natural Gas	1,311	2%
Potrero	California	Own	Intermediate/Peaking	Natural Gas/Diesel	362	20%
Total California					2,347	5%
Total Operations					10,076	19%

⁽¹⁾ Total MW amounts reflect nominal net summer capacity. The decrease in net generating capacity in the Mid-Atlantic region from its previous total of 5,230 MW is primarily related to an increase in station service power necessary to operate the scrubbers that were installed in the fourth quarter of 2009.

⁽²⁾ We own 307 MW and 248 MW, respectively, at the Dickerson and Morgantown generating facilities. We also own or lease oil and gas pipelines that serve our generating facilities. Mirant leases its corporate offices, including its trading floor, at 1155 Perimeter Center West, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30338 and various other office space.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

See Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for discussion of the material legal proceedings to which we are a party.

Item 4. *Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders*
None.

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Common Stock**

All shares of Old Mirant's common stock were cancelled on January 3, 2006, and 276.5 million shares of New Mirant common stock were distributed to holders of unsecured claims and equity securities. In addition, we reserved 23.5 million shares for unresolved claims, of which approximately 837,000 shares had not yet been distributed as of December 31, 2009. New Mirant is authorized to issue 1.5 billion shares of common stock having a par value of \$.01 per share and 100 million shares of preferred stock having a par value of \$.01 per share. On January 3, 2006, New Mirant also issued Series A Warrants and Series B Warrants, expiring January 3, 2011, which entitle their holders to purchase, as of that date, an aggregate of 35.3 million and 17.6 million shares of common stock, respectively. The exercise price of the Series A Warrants and Series B Warrants is \$21.87 and \$20.54 per share, respectively. There were approximately 26.9 million Series A Warrants and 7.1 million Series B Warrants outstanding at December 31, 2009.

All of the New Mirant common stock was issued in accordance with Section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, and we received no proceeds from such issuance. The issuance of shares of New Mirant common stock was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, as amended, and equivalent provisions of state securities laws, in reliance upon Section 1145(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Our common stock is currently traded on the NYSE under the ticker symbol MIR. The closing price of our stock on December 31, 2009, was \$15.27. The following table sets forth the high and low prices for our common stock as reported by the NYSE for the periods indicated.

Price Range of Common Stock

Quarter	High	Low
2008		
First	\$ 39.53	\$ 33.75
Second	\$ 42.21	\$ 36.08
Third	\$ 39.20	\$ 17.32
Fourth	\$ 20.28	\$ 11.99
2009		
First	\$ 20.20	\$ 9.11
Second	\$ 17.43	\$ 11.01
Third	\$ 19.12	\$ 14.11
Fourth	\$ 16.76	\$ 13.65

 Holders

As of February 19, 2010, there were approximately 57,797 record holders of our common stock, par value \$.01 per share.

 Dividends

We have not paid or declared any cash dividends on our common stock in the last three fiscal years, and we do not anticipate paying any quarterly cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

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Between November 2007 and December 2008, we returned approximately \$4.056 billion of cash to our stockholders through purchases of 122 million shares of our common stock.

Share Repurchases

For the three months ended December 31, 2009, we repurchased 188,289 shares for \$2.713 million for the settlement of minimum statutory payroll withholding taxes associated with the vesting of restricted shares and restricted stock units. These restricted shares and restricted stock units relate to grants that were made to executives and certain employees and are not related to a publicly announced share repurchase plan. The share repurchases for December primarily relate to the lapse of restrictions on vested restricted stock units as a result of the departure of certain executives in the second quarter of 2009. See Note 6 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to stock-based compensation.

The following table sets forth information regarding repurchases by us of our common shares on the NYSE during the three-month period ended December 31, 2009:

Period	Shares repurchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans	Approximate dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans
Oct 1, 2009 Oct 31, 2009	313	\$ 16.46		\$
Nov 1, 2009 Nov 30, 2009	392	\$ 14.16		\$
Dec 1, 2009 Dec 31, 2009	187,584	\$ 14.41		\$
Total	188,289			

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

See Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters for information related to securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans.

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The performance graph below is being provided as furnished and not filed, as permitted by 17 Code of Federal Regulations 229.201(e), in this Form 10-K and compares the cumulative total stockholder return on our common stock since the re-issuance of our common stock in connection with our emergence from bankruptcy on January 3, 2006 with the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, the Standard & Poor's Multi-Utility Index and a group of our peer companies in our industry comprised of The AES Corporation, Calpine Corporation, Constellation Energy Group, Inc., Dynegy Inc., NRG Energy, Inc., and RRI Energy, Inc. Our stock was re-listed on the NYSE on January 11, 2006. Because all of Old Mirant's outstanding common stock was cancelled upon emergence from bankruptcy, stock performance prior to 2006 does not provide a meaningful comparison for current stockholders and thus has not been provided. The graph assumes that \$100 was invested on January 11, 2006, in our common stock and each of the above indices (except that Calpine Corporation is only included in the peer group since its emergence from bankruptcy in January 2008) and that all dividends were reinvested. The stockholder return shown below may not be indicative of future performance. We have ceased including the Standard & Poor's Independent Power Producers and Energy Traders Index, a supplemental index that we voluntarily included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Indexed Returns**Year Ended**

Company Name / Index	Base	12/31/2006	12/31/2007	12/31/2008	12/31/2009
	Period				
	1/11/2006				
Mirant	100	\$ 126.38	\$ 156.04	\$ 75.54	\$ 61.13
S&P 500 Index	100	\$ 111.69	\$ 117.82	\$ 74.23	\$ 93.88
S&P 500 Multi-Utilities Index	100	\$ 115.41	\$ 127.95	\$ 96.80	\$ 117.06
Peer Group	100	\$ 128.21	\$ 169.96	\$ 59.36	\$ 78.64

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Total Return to Stockholders

(Includes reinvestment of dividends)

Annual Return Percentage

Year Ended

Company Name / Index	12/31/2006	12/31/2007	12/31/2008	12/31/2009
Mirant	26.38%	23.47%	(51.59)%	(19.08)%
S&P 500 Index	11.69%	5.49%	(37.00)%	26.46%
S&P 500 Multi-Utilities Index	15.41%	10.86%	(24.34)%	20.93%
Peer Group	28.21%	32.57%	(65.07)%	32.47%

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The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, which are included elsewhere in this Form 10-K. The following tables present our selected consolidated financial information, which is derived from our consolidated financial statements.

	2009	Years Ended December 31,			2005
		2008	2007	2006	
(in millions except per share data)					
Statements of Operations Data:					
Operating revenues	\$ 2,309	\$ 3,188	\$ 2,019	\$ 3,087	\$ 2,620
Income (loss) from continuing operations	494	1,215	433	1,752	(1,385)
Income from discontinued operations		50	1,562	112	93
Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles					(15)
Net income (loss)	494	1,265	1,995	1,864	(1,307)
Basic EPS per common share from continuing operations	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.53	\$ 1.72	\$ 6.15	N/A
Diluted EPS per common share from continuing operations	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.11	\$ 1.56	\$ 5.90	N/A
Cash dividend per common share from continuing operations	\$	\$	\$	\$	N/A

We have not paid or declared any cash dividends on our common stock in the last three fiscal years and we do not anticipate paying any quarterly cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

Our Statement of Operations Data for each year reflects the volatility caused by unrealized gains and losses related to derivative financial instruments used to hedge economically electricity and fuel. Changes in the fair value and settlements of derivative financial instruments used to hedge economically electricity are reflected in operating revenue and changes in the fair value and settlements of derivative financial instruments used to hedge economically fuel are reflected in cost of fuel, electricity and other products in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Changes in the fair value and settlements of derivative financial instruments for proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities are recorded on a net basis as operating revenue in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information.

	2009	Years Ended December 31,			2005
		2008	2007	2006	
(in millions)					
Unrealized gains (losses) included in operating revenues	\$ (2)	\$ 840	\$ (564)	\$ 757	\$ (92)
Unrealized losses (gains) included in cost of fuel, electricity and other products	(49)	54	(28)	102	(76)
Total	\$ 47	\$ 786	\$ (536)	\$ 655	\$ (16)

For the year ended December 31, 2009, income from continuing operations reflects impairment losses of \$221 million related to our Potomac River generating facility and intangible assets related to our Potrero and Contra Costa generating facilities. For the year ended December 31, 2007, income from continuing operations reflects an impairment loss of \$175 million related to our Lovett generating facility. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further information on these impairments. For the year ended December 31, 2006, income from continuing operations reflects an impairment loss of \$120 million related to suspended construction at our Bowline generating facility.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, income from continuing operations also reflects a \$379 million gain related to the settlement of litigation with Pepco, as discussed further in Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report. For the year ended December 31, 2006, income for continuing operations reflects a \$244 million gain from a New York property tax settlement.

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Our Statement of Operations Data for the year ended December 31, 2007, reflects gains on sales of discontinued operations as discussed in Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report. EPS information for years prior to 2006 has not been presented because the information is not relevant in any material respect for users of our financial statements. See Note 10 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information.

Our Statement of Operations Data for the year ended December 31, 2005, reflects the effects of accounting for the Plan confirmed on December 9, 2005. During our bankruptcy proceedings, our consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with the accounting guidance for financial reporting by entities in reorganization under the bankruptcy code.

The consolidated Balance Sheet Data as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 segregates pre-petition liabilities subject to compromise from those liabilities that were not subject to compromise.

	2009	2008	At December 31, 2007		2006	2005
			(in millions)			
Balance Sheet Data:						
Total assets	\$ 9,567	\$ 10,688	\$ 10,538	\$ 12,845	\$ 14,364	
Total long-term debt	2,631	2,676	3,095	3,275	2,582	
Liabilities subject to compromise				18	18	
Stockholders' equity	\$ 4,315	\$ 3,762	\$ 5,310	\$ 4,443	\$ 3,856	

In 2005, we recorded the effects of the Plan. As a result, liabilities subject to compromise at December 31, 2005 and 2006, only reflect the liabilities of our New York entities that remained in bankruptcy at that time. Total assets for all periods reflect our election in 2008 to discontinue the net presentation of assets subject to master netting agreements upon adoption of the accounting guidance for offsetting amounts related to certain contracts.

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Item 7. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition*

This section is intended to provide the reader with information that will assist in understanding our financial statements, the changes in those financial statements from year to year and the primary factors contributing to those changes. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes accompanying those financial statements.

Overview

We are a competitive energy company that produces and sells electricity in the United States. We own or lease 10,076 MW of net electric generating capacity in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions and in California. We also operate an integrated asset management and energy marketing organization based in Atlanta, Georgia.

Hedging Activities

We hedge economically a substantial portion of our Mid-Atlantic coal-fired baseload generation and certain of our Mid-Atlantic and Northeast gas and oil-fired generation through OTC transactions. However, we generally do not hedge our intermediate and peaking units for tenors greater than 12 months. A significant portion of our hedges are financial swap transactions between Mirant Mid-Atlantic and financial counterparties that are senior unsecured obligations of such parties and do not require either party to post cash collateral either for initial margin or for securing exposure as a result of changes in power or natural gas prices. At February 9, 2010, our aggregate hedge levels based on expected generation for each period were as follows:

	Aggregate Hedge Levels Based on Expected Generation				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Power	92%	58%	57%	34%	29%
Fuel	72%	65%	34%	9%	%

Legislation has been proposed in Congress to increase the regulation of transactions involving OTC derivatives. The proposed legislation provides that standardized swap transactions between dealers and large market participants would have to be cleared and must be traded on an exchange or electronic platform. Although the proposed legislation provides exclusions from the clearing and certain other requirements for market participants, such as Mirant, which utilize OTC derivatives to hedge commercial risks, such exclusions are the focus of debate and may not ultimately be part of any final legislation. Greater regulation of OTC derivatives could materially affect our ability to hedge economically our generation by reducing liquidity in the energy and commodity markets and, if we are required to clear such transactions on exchanges, by significantly increasing the collateral costs associated with such activities.

Capital Expenditures and Capital Resources

For the year ended December 31, 2009, we invested \$608 million for capital expenditures, excluding capitalized interest, of which \$408 million related to compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act. As of December 31, 2009, we have invested approximately \$1.405 billion for capital expenditures related to compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act. We completed the installation of the remaining pollution control equipment related to compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act in the fourth quarter of 2009. However, provisions in our construction contracts provide that certain payments be made after final completion of the project. Including amounts already invested to date, we expect to invest total capital expenditures of \$1.674 billion to comply with the Maryland Healthy Air Act.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, our capitalized interest was approximately \$72 million. We expect to recognize higher interest expense in the future because our capitalized interest will be reduced significantly as a result of our completion of the installation of the pollution equipment to comply with the Maryland Healthy Air Act.

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The following table details the expected timing of payments for our estimated capital expenditures, excluding capitalized interest, for 2010 and 2011 (in millions):

	2010	2011
Maryland Healthy Air Act	\$ 269	\$
Other environmental	22	28
Maintenance	104	49
Marsh Landing generating station	53	242
Other construction	21	42
Other	19	11
Total	\$ 488	\$ 372

We expect that available cash and future cash flows from operations will be sufficient to fund these capital expenditures.

Scrubber Operating Expenses

Our capital expenditures related to compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act include the installation of scrubbers in the fourth quarter of 2009 at our Chalk Point, Dickerson and Morgantown coal-fired units. We expect to recognize additional variable costs associated with operating the scrubbers. Examples of these costs include limestone, water and chemicals used during the removal of SO₂ emissions, and also include handling and marketing related to the recyclable gypsum byproduct created during the scrubbing process. The gypsum is sold to third parties for use in drywall production. In addition, we will recognize approximately \$60 million of higher annual depreciation expense because the scrubbers were placed in service in December 2009, and we began depreciating the capitalized costs associated with them over the shorter of their expected life or the remaining lease term for the leased Dickerson and Morgantown generating units.

Commodity Prices

The prices for power, coal and natural gas declined significantly during 2009 to average levels lower than during 2008. The energy gross margin from our baseload coal units was negatively affected by these price declines. The decrease in the price of natural gas contributed to a decrease in power prices, because natural gas-fired generation often sets prices in the markets in which we operate, and at times made it uneconomic for certain of our baseload coal-fired units to generate. However, we are generally economically neutral for that portion of the generation volumes that we have hedged because our realized gross margin will reflect the contractual prices of our power and fuel contracts. We continue to add hedges opportunistically, including to maintain a projected level of cash flows from operations for future periods that supports continued compliance with the covenants in our debt and lease agreements.

Granted Emissions Allowances

As a result of the capital expenditures we are incurring to comply with the requirements of the Maryland Healthy Air Act, we expect to have excess SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances in future periods. We plan to continue to maintain some SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances above those needed for our current expected generation in case our actual generation exceeds our current forecasts for future periods and for possible future additions of generating capacity. At December 31, 2009, the estimated fair value of our anticipated excess SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances was approximately \$29 million.

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California Development Activities

Mirant Marsh Landing

On September 2, 2009, Mirant Marsh Landing entered into a ten-year PPA with PG&E for 760 MW of natural gas-fired peaking generation to be constructed adjacent to our Contra Costa generating facility near Antioch, California. Construction of the Marsh Landing generating facility is scheduled to begin in late 2010 and is expected to be completed by May 2013.

During the ten-year term of the PPA, Mirant Marsh Landing will receive fixed monthly capacity payments and variable operating payments. The contract provides PG&E with the entire output of the 760 MW generating facility, which will be capable of producing 719 MW during peak July conditions. The Mirant Marsh Landing PPA is subject to approval by the CPUC.

Contra Costa Toll Extension

On September 2, 2009, Mirant Delta entered into a new agreement with PG&E for the 674 MW at Contra Costa units 6 and 7 for the period from November 2011 through April 2013. At the end of the agreement, and subject to any necessary regulatory approval, Mirant Delta has agreed to retire Contra Costa units 6 and 7, which began operations in 1964, in furtherance of state and federal policies to retire aging power plants that utilize once-through cooling technology. The new Mirant Delta agreement is subject to approval by the CPUC.

Results of Operations

The following discussion of our performance is organized by reportable segment, which is consistent with the way we manage our business.

In the tables below, the Mid-Atlantic region includes our Chalk Point, Dickerson, Morgantown and Potomac River generating facilities. The Northeast region includes our Bowline, Canal, Kendall and Martha's Vineyard generating facilities. For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Northeast region also included the Lovett generating facility, which was shut down on April 19, 2008. The California region includes our Contra Costa, Pittsburg and Potrero generating facilities. The California region also includes business development efforts for new generation in California, including Mirant Marsh Landing. Other Operations includes proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities. Other Operations also includes unallocated corporate overhead, interest expense on debt at Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America and interest income on our invested cash balances. For the year ended December 31, 2007, Other Operations also included gains and losses related to the Back-to-Back Agreement with Pepco, which was terminated pursuant to a settlement agreement that became effective in the third quarter of 2007. See Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further discussion of the Pepco Settlement Agreement.

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We reported net income of \$494 million and \$1.265 billion for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The change in net income is detailed as follows (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2009	2008	
Realized gross margin	\$ 1,552	\$ 1,343	\$ 209
Unrealized gross margin	47	786	(739)
Total gross margin	1,599	2,129	(530)
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	610	683	(73)
Depreciation and amortization	149	144	5
Impairment losses	221		221
Gain on sales of assets, net	(22)	(39)	17
Total operating expenses, net	958	788	170
Operating income	641	1,341	(700)
Total other expense, net	135	124	11
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	506	1,217	(711)
Provision for income taxes	12	2	10
Income from continuing operations	494	1,215	(721)
Income from discontinued operations		50	(50)
Net income	\$ 494	\$ 1,265	\$ (771)

The following discussion includes non-GAAP financial measures because we present our consolidated financial performance in terms of gross margin. Gross margin is our operating revenue less cost of fuel, electricity and other products, and excludes depreciation and amortization. We present gross margin, excluding depreciation and amortization, and realized gross margin separately from unrealized gross margin in order to be consistent with how we manage our business. Realized gross margin and unrealized gross margin are both non-GAAP financial measures. Realized gross margin represents our gross margin less unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments for the periods presented. Conversely, unrealized gross margin is our unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments for the periods presented. Management generally evaluates our operating results excluding the impact of unrealized gains and losses. None of our derivative financial instruments recorded at fair value is designated as a hedge and changes in their fair values are recognized currently in income as unrealized gains or losses. As a result, our financial results are, at times, volatile and subject to fluctuations in value primarily because of changes in forward electricity and fuel prices. Adjusting our gross margin to exclude unrealized gains and losses provides a measure of performance that eliminates the volatility created by significant shifts in market values between periods. However, our realized and unrealized gross margin may not be comparable to similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. We encourage our investors to review our consolidated financial statements and other publicly filed reports in their entirety and not to rely on a single financial measure.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, our realized gross margin increase of \$209 million was principally a result of the following:

an increase of \$422 million in realized value of hedges. In 2009, realized value of hedges was \$629 million, which reflects the amount by which the settlement value of power contracts exceeded market

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prices for power, partially offset by the amount by which contract prices for fuel exceeded market prices for fuel. In 2008, realized value of hedges was \$207 million, which reflects the amount by which market prices for fuel exceeded contract prices for fuel, partially offset by the amount by which market prices for power exceeded the settlement value of power contracts; and

an increase of \$13 million in contracted and capacity primarily related to higher capacity prices in 2009; partially offset by

a decrease of \$226 million in energy, primarily as a result of a decrease in power prices, an increase in the cost of emissions allowances, including \$45 million to comply with the RGGI in 2009, and lower generation volumes. The lower generation volumes were a result of lower demand and decreases in natural gas prices, which at times made it uneconomic for certain of our coal-fired units to generate. The decreases in energy gross margin were partially offset by a decrease in the price of fuel.

Our unrealized gross margin for both periods reflects the following:

unrealized gains of \$47 million in 2009, which included a \$686 million net increase in the value of hedge and trading contracts for future periods primarily related to decreases in forward power and natural gas prices, partially offset by unrealized losses of \$639 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized gains had been recorded in prior periods; and

unrealized gains of \$786 million in 2008, which included a \$460 million net increase in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to decreases in forward power and natural gas prices and unrealized gains of \$326 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized losses had been recorded in prior periods.

Operating Expense

Our operating expense increase of \$170 million was primarily a result of the following:

an increase of \$221 million of impairment losses related to our Potomac River generating facility and intangible assets related to our Potrero and Contra Costa generating facilities during 2009. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to our impairments; and

a decrease of \$17 million in gain on sales of assets, net in 2009; partially offset by

a decrease of \$73 million in operations and maintenance expense. The MC Asset Recovery settlement with Southern Company resulted in a \$62 million reduction in operations and maintenance expense for 2009. See Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to the settlement between MC Asset Recovery and Southern Company. Excluding the settlement, operations and maintenance expense decreased \$11 million, primarily as a result of the shutdown of the Lovett generating facility in April 2008 and a decrease in maintenance costs associated with planned outages at our Mid-Atlantic generating facilities during 2009 compared to 2008.

Other Expense, Net

Other expense, net increased \$11 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, and reflects lower interest income as a result of lower interest rates on invested cash and lower average cash balances in 2009 compared to the same period in 2008, partially offset by lower interest expense as a result of lower outstanding debt and higher interest capitalized on projects under construction.

Table of Contents**Gross Margin Overview**

The following tables detail realized and unrealized gross margin for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, by operating segments (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31, 2009					
	Mid-Atlantic	Northeast	California	Other Operations	Eliminations	Total
Energy	\$ 170	\$ 23	\$	\$ 167	\$ (3)	\$ 357
Contracted and capacity	351	93	122			566
Realized value of hedges	586	43				629
Total realized gross margin	1,107	159	122	167	(3)	1,552
Unrealized gross margin	144	16		(113)		47
Total gross margin	\$ 1,251	\$ 175	\$ 122	\$ 54	\$ (3)	\$ 1,599

	Year Ended December 31, 2008					
	Mid-Atlantic	Northeast	California	Other Operations	Eliminations	Total
Energy	\$ 517	\$ 73	\$ 4	\$ (17)	\$ 6	\$ 583
Contracted and capacity	340	90	123			553
Realized value of hedges	181	26				207
Total realized gross margin	1,038	189	127	(17)	6	1,343
Unrealized gross margin	676	(10)		120		786
Total gross margin	\$ 1,714	\$ 179	\$ 127	\$ 103	\$ 6	\$ 2,129

Energy represents gross margin from the generation of electricity, fuel sales and purchases at market prices, fuel handling, steam sales and our proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities.

Contracted and capacity represents gross margin received from capacity sold in ISO and RTO administered capacity markets, through RMR contracts, through tolling agreements and from ancillary services.

Realized value of hedges represents the actual margin upon the settlement of our power and fuel hedging contracts and the difference between market prices and contract costs for coal that we purchased under long-term agreements. Power hedging contracts include sales of both power and natural gas used to hedge power prices as well as hedges to capture the incremental value related to the geographic location of our physical assets.

Unrealized gross margin represents the net unrealized gain or loss on our derivative contracts, including the reversal of unrealized gains and losses recognized in prior periods and changes in value for future periods.

Operating Statistics

The following table summarizes Net Capacity Factor by region for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2009	2008	
Mid-Atlantic	30%	33%	(3)%

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Northeast	10%	13%	(3)%
California	5%	4%	1%
Total	19%	21%	(2)%

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The following table summarizes power generation volumes by region for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in gigawatt hours):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)	Increase/ (Decrease)
	2009	2008		
Mid-Atlantic:				
Baseload	13,500	14,350	(850)	(6)%
Intermediate	363	489	(126)	(26)%
Peaking	92	160	(68)	(43)%
Total Mid-Atlantic	13,955	14,999	(1,044)	(7)%
Northeast:				
Baseload	1,425	1,131	294	26%
Intermediate	673	1,919	(1,246)	(65)%
Peaking	3	5	(2)	(40)%
Total Northeast	2,101	3,055	(954)	(31)%
California:				
Intermediate	1,050	868	182	21%
Peaking	4	21	(17)	(81)%
Total California	1,054	889	165	19%
Total	17,110	18,943	(1,833)	(10)%

The total decrease in power generation volumes for the year ended December 31, 2009, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2008, is primarily the result of the following:

Mid-Atlantic. A decrease in our Mid-Atlantic baseload generation as a result of a decrease in demand in 2009 compared to 2008 and a decrease in natural gas prices, which at times made it uneconomic for certain of our coal-fired units to generate.

Northeast. A decrease in our Northeast intermediate generation as a result of transmission upgrades in 2009, which reduced the demand for certain of our intermediate units, partially offset by an increase in our Northeast baseload generation as a result of an increase in market spark spreads.

California. All of our California generating facilities operate under tolling agreements or are subject to RMR arrangements. Our natural gas-fired units in service at Contra Costa and Pittsburg operate under tolling agreements with PG&E for 100% of the capacity from these units and our Potrero units are subject to RMR arrangements. Therefore, changes in power generation volumes from those generating facilities, which can be caused by weather, planned outages or other factors, generally do not affect our gross margin.

Mid-Atlantic

Our Mid-Atlantic segment includes four generating facilities with total net generating capacity of 5,194 MW.

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The following table summarizes the results of operations of our Mid-Atlantic segment (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2009	2008	
Gross Margin:			
Energy	\$ 170	\$ 517	\$ (347)
Contracted and capacity	351	340	11
Realized value of hedges	586	181	405
Total realized gross margin	1,107	1,038	69
Unrealized gross margin	144	676	(532)
Total gross margin	1,251	1,714	(463)
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	434	412	22
Depreciation and amortization	98	92	6
Impairment losses	385		385
Gain on sales of assets, net	(14)	(8)	(6)
Total operating expenses, net	903	496	407
Operating income	348	1,218	(870)
Total other expense, net	4	1	3
Income from continuing operations	\$ 344	\$ 1,217	\$ (873)

Gross Margin

The increase of \$69 million in realized gross margin was principally a result of the following:

an increase of \$405 million in realized value of hedges. In 2009, realized value of hedges was \$586 million, which reflects the amount by which the settlement value of power contracts exceeded market prices for power, partially offset by the amount by which contract prices for coal that we purchased under long-term agreements exceeded market prices for coal. In 2008, realized value of hedges was \$181 million, which reflects the amount by which market prices for coal exceeded contract prices for coal that we purchased under long-term agreements, partially offset by the amount by which market prices for power exceeded the settlement value of power contracts; and

an increase of \$11 million in contracted and capacity primarily related to higher capacity prices in 2009; partially offset by

a decrease of \$347 million in energy, primarily as a result of a decrease in power prices, an increase in the cost of emissions allowances, including \$41 million to comply with the RGGI in 2009, and lower generation volumes. The lower generation volumes were a result of lower demand and decreases in natural gas prices, which at times made it uneconomic for certain of our coal-fired units to generate. These decreases were partially offset by a decrease in the price of coal.

Our unrealized gross margin for both periods reflects the following:

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unrealized gains of \$144 million in 2009, which included a \$633 million net increase in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to decreases in forward power and natural gas prices, partially offset by unrealized losses of \$489 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized gains had been recorded in prior periods; and

unrealized gains of \$676 million in 2008, which included a \$399 million net increase in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to decreases in forward power and natural gas prices and unrealized gains of \$277 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized losses had been recorded in prior periods.

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The increase of \$407 million in operating expenses was primarily a result of the following:

an increase of \$385 million in impairment losses recognized in the fourth quarter of 2009, including \$202 million related to our Potomac River generating facility and \$183 million related to goodwill recorded at our Mirant Mid-Atlantic registrant on its standalone balance sheet. The goodwill does not exist at Mirant Corporation's consolidated balance sheet. As such, the goodwill impairment loss and related goodwill balance are eliminated upon consolidation at Mirant North America. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to our impairment of the Potomac River generating facility;

an increase of \$22 million in operations and maintenance expense primarily as a result of higher labor costs related to increased staffing levels in preparation for the operation of our scrubbers and an increase in Maryland property taxes, offset in part by a decrease in maintenance costs associated with a decrease in planned outages; and

an increase of \$6 million in depreciation and amortization expense primarily related to pollution control equipment for NOx emissions that was placed in service in 2008 as part of our compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act; partially offset by

an increase of \$6 million in gain on sales of assets primarily related to emissions allowances sold to third parties.

Northeast

Our Northeast segment is comprised of our three generating facilities located in Massachusetts and one generating facility located in New York with total net generating capacity of 2,535 MW.

The following table summarizes the results of operations of our Northeast segment (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2009	2008	
Gross Margin:			
Energy	\$ 23	\$ 73	\$ (50)
Contracted and capacity	93	90	3
Realized value of hedges	43	26	17
Total realized gross margin	159	189	(30)
Unrealized gross margin	16	(10)	26
Total gross margin	175	179	(4)
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	126	167	(41)
Depreciation and amortization	18	19	(1)
Gain on sales of assets, net	(4)	(30)	26
Total operating expenses, net	140	156	(16)
Operating income	35	23	12
Total other income, net		(1)	1

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Income from continuing operations	\$ 35	\$ 24	\$ 11
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Gross Margin

The decrease of \$30 million in realized gross margin was principally a result of the following:

a decrease of \$50 million in energy, primarily as a result of a 31% decrease in generation volumes because of transmission upgrades which reduced the need for the Canal generating facility to operate, a decrease in power prices, an increase in the cost of emissions allowances, including \$4 million to comply with the RGGI in 2009 and the shutdown of the Lovett generating facility in 2008 offset in part by lower fuel costs; partially offset by

an increase of \$17 million in realized value of hedges. In 2009, realized value of hedges was \$43 million, which reflects the amount by which the settlement value of power contracts exceeded market prices for power, partially offset by the amount by which contract prices for fuel exceeded market prices for fuel. In 2008, realized value of hedges was \$26 million, which reflects the amount by which market prices for fuel exceeded contract prices for fuel and the amount by which the settlement value of power contracts exceeded market prices for power.

Our unrealized gross margin for both periods reflects the following:

unrealized gains of \$16 million in 2009, which included a \$65 million net increase in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to decreases in forward power and fuel prices, partially offset by unrealized losses of \$49 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized gains had been recorded in prior periods; and

unrealized losses of \$10 million in 2008, which included unrealized losses of \$6 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized gains had been recorded in prior periods and a \$4 million net decrease in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to increases in forward power and fuel prices.

Operating Expenses

The decrease of \$16 million in operating expenses included a decrease of \$41 million in operations and maintenance expense primarily related to the shutdown of the Lovett generating facility in April 2008 and lower maintenance expense as a result of planned outages at the Canal generating facility in 2008, partially offset by a decrease of \$26 million in gain on sales of assets primarily related to emissions allowances sold to third parties.

California

Our California segment consists of the Contra Costa, Pittsburg and Potrero generating facilities with total net generating capacity of 2,347 MW and includes business development efforts for new generation in California, including Mirant Marsh Landing.

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The following table summarizes the results of operations of our California segment (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2009	2008	
Gross Margin:			
Energy	\$	\$ 4	\$ (4)
Contracted and capacity	122	123	(1)
Total realized gross margin	122	127	(5)
Unrealized gross margin			
Total gross margin	122	127	(5)
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	78	76	2
Depreciation and amortization	22	23	(1)
Impairment losses	14		14
Gain on sales of assets, net		(7)	7
Total operating expenses, net	114	92	22
Operating income	8	35	(27)
Total other expense, net	2	1	1
Income from continuing operations	\$ 6	\$ 34	\$ (28)

Operating Expenses

The increase of \$22 million in operating expenses was principally a result of the following:

an impairment loss of \$14 million on intangible assets related to our Potrero and Contra Costa generating facilities during 2009. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to our impairment reviews; and

a decrease of \$7 million in gain on sales of assets primarily related to emissions allowances sold to third parties.

Other Operations

Other Operations includes proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities, unallocated corporate overhead, interest expense on debt at Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America and interest income on our invested cash balances.

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The following table summarizes the results of operations of our Other Operations segment (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2009	2008	
Gross Margin:			
Energy	\$ 167	\$ (17)	\$ 184
Total realized gross margin	167	(17)	184
Unrealized gross margin	(113)	120	(233)
Total gross margin	54	103	(49)
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	(28)	28	(56)
Depreciation and amortization	11	10	1
Impairment losses	5		5
Gain on sales of assets, net		(2)	2
Total operating expenses (income), net	(12)	36	(48)
Operating income	66	67	(1)
Total other expense, net	129	123	6
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ (63)	\$ (56)	\$ (7)

Gross Margin

The increase of \$184 million in realized gross margin was a result of a \$112 million increase in gross margin from our fuel oil management activities and a \$72 million increase in gross margin from proprietary trading activities. The increase in gross margin from our fuel oil management activities includes a \$25 million gain from the sale of excess fuel oil in 2009 and a \$37 million lower of cost or market fuel oil inventory adjustment recognized in the fourth quarter of 2008. The increase in gross margin from proprietary trading activities was a result of higher realized value associated with power positions in 2009 as compared to 2008.

Our unrealized gross margin for both periods reflects the following:

unrealized losses of \$113 million in 2009, which included unrealized losses of \$101 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized gains had been recorded in prior periods and a \$12 million net decrease in the value of contracts for future periods; and

unrealized gains of \$120 million in 2008, which included a \$65 million net increase in the value of contracts for future periods and unrealized gains of \$55 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized losses had been recorded in prior periods.

Operating Expenses

The decrease of \$48 million in operating expenses (income), net was principally the result of the following:

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a decrease of \$62 million related to the MC Asset Recovery settlement with Southern Company in 2009, including a \$52 million reduction in operations and maintenance expense for the reimbursement of funds provided to MC Asset Recovery and costs incurred related to MC Asset Recovery not previously reimbursed and a \$10 million reversal of accruals for future funding to MC Asset Recovery. See Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to the settlement between MC Asset Recovery and Southern Company; and

a decrease of \$10 million related to the bonus plan for dispositions that ended in June 2008; partially offset by

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an increase of \$9 million related to severance and stock-based compensation costs primarily as a result of the departure of certain executives in 2009. See Note 6 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to the departure of these executives;

an increase of \$5 million in impairment losses recognized in the fourth quarter of 2009 for capitalized interest recorded at Mirant North America related to the Potomac River generating facility; and

an increase related to a curtailment gain on pension and postretirement benefits of \$5 million related to the shutdown of the Lovett generating facility in April 2008.

Other Expense, Net

The increase of \$6 million in other expense, net was principally the result of the following:

a decrease of \$63 million in interest income primarily related to lower interest rates on invested cash and lower average cash balances; partially offset by

a decrease of \$52 million in interest expense primarily as a result of lower outstanding debt and higher interest capitalized on projects under construction; and

a loss of \$3 million in 2008 related to the purchase of approximately \$276 million of Mirant Americas Generation senior notes due in 2011.

Other Significant Consolidated Statements of Operations Comparison

Provision for Income Taxes

Provision for income taxes increased \$10 million, which includes an increase in our federal alternative minimum tax of \$7 million and an increase in our state income taxes of \$3 million primarily as a result of a change in 2008 in the State of California's tax law that suspended the utilization of net operating loss carry forwards for the 2008 and 2009 tax years.

Discontinued Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2008, income from discontinued operations was \$50 million and included insurance recoveries related to the Sual generating facility outages that occurred prior to the 2007 sale of the Philippine business and final working capital adjustments related to the 2007 sale of the Caribbean business.

Table of Contents**Year Ended December 31, 2008 versus Year Ended December 31, 2007****Consolidated Financial Performance**

We reported net income of \$1.265 billion and \$1.995 billion for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The change in net income is detailed as follows (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2008	2007	
Realized gross margin	\$ 1,343	\$ 1,643	\$ (300)
Unrealized gross margin	786	(536)	1,322
Total gross margin	2,129	1,107	1,022
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	683	707	(24)
Depreciation and amortization	144	129	15
Impairment losses		175	(175)
Gain on sales of assets, net	(39)	(45)	6
Total operating expenses, net	788	966	(178)
Operating income	1,341	141	1,200
Total other expense (income), net	124	(299)	423
Income from continuing operations before reorganization items, net and income taxes	1,217	440	777
Reorganization items, net		(2)	2
Provision for income taxes	2	9	(7)
Income from continuing operations	1,215	433	782
Income from discontinued operations	50	1,562	(1,512)
Net income	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,995	\$ (730)

The following discussion includes non-GAAP financial measures because we present our consolidated financial performance in terms of gross margin. Gross margin is our operating revenue less cost of fuel, electricity and other products, and excludes depreciation and amortization. We present gross margin, excluding depreciation and amortization, and realized gross margin separately from unrealized gross margin in order to be consistent with how we manage our business. Realized gross margin and unrealized gross margin are both non-GAAP financial measures. Realized gross margin represents our gross margin less unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments for the periods presented. Conversely, unrealized gross margin is our unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments for the periods presented. Management generally evaluates our operating results excluding the impact of unrealized gains and losses. None of our derivative financial instruments recorded at fair value is designated as a hedge and changes in their fair values are recognized currently in income as unrealized gains or losses. As a result, our financial results are, at times, volatile and subject to fluctuations in value primarily because of changes in forward electricity and fuel prices. Adjusting our gross margin to exclude unrealized gains and losses provides a measure of performance that eliminates the volatility created by significant shifts in market values between periods. However, our realized and unrealized gross margin may not be comparable to similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. We encourage our investors to review our consolidated financial statements and other publicly filed reports in their entirety and not to rely on a single financial measure.

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For the year ended December 31, 2008, our realized gross margin decrease of \$300 million was principally a result of the following:

a decrease in energy of \$361 million as a result of an increase in fuel prices, lower generation volumes and a decrease in the contribution of proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities, partially offset by an increase in power prices and a decrease in the cost of emissions allowances; and

a decrease of \$60 million in realized value of hedges. In 2008, realized value of hedges was \$207 million, which reflects the amount by which market prices for fuel exceeded contract prices for fuel, partially offset by the amount by which market prices for power exceeded the settlement value of power contracts. In 2007, realized value of hedges was \$267 million, which reflects the amount by which the settlement value of power contracts exceeded the market prices for power and the amount by which market prices for fuel exceeded contract prices for fuel; partially offset by

an increase of \$121 million in contracted and capacity primarily related to a full year of PJM RPM capacity payments in 2008 in the Mid-Atlantic. The contracted and capacity gross margin for 2007 included a refund to us of \$36 million for payments made under the Back-to-Back Agreement for periods after May 31, 2006, as a result of the Pepco Settlement Agreement becoming fully effective in August 2007.

Our unrealized gross margin for both periods reflects the following:

unrealized gains of \$786 million in 2008, which included a \$460 million net increase in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to decreases in forward power and natural gas prices and unrealized gains of \$326 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized losses had been recorded in prior periods; and

unrealized losses of \$536 million in 2007, which included unrealized losses of \$438 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized gains had been recorded in prior periods and a \$98 million net decrease in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to increases in forward power and natural gas prices.

Our operating expense decrease of \$178 million was primarily a result of a decrease of \$175 million as a result of the impairment loss on our Lovett generating facility recognized in the second quarter of 2007. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to this impairment.

Other expense (income), net decreased \$423 million primarily as a result of the following:

a decrease in other, net of \$348 million, which included a gain of \$341 million in 2007 resulting from the termination of the Back-to-Back Agreement and a gain of \$2 million for the refund of excess proceeds from the sales of shares distributed to Pepco, both as a result of the Pepco Settlement Agreement becoming fully effective. See Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to the Pepco Settlement Agreement; and

a decrease of \$130 million in interest income primarily related to lower average cash balances and lower interest rates on invested cash; partially offset by

a decrease of \$73 million in interest expense related to lower debt outstanding and higher interest capitalized on construction projects in 2008.

Table of Contents**Gross Margin Overview**

The following tables detail realized and unrealized gross margin for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, by operating segments (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31, 2008					
	Mid-Atlantic	Northeast	California	Other Operations	Eliminations	Total
Energy	\$ 517	\$ 73	\$ 4	\$ (17)	\$ 6	\$ 583
Contracted and capacity	340	90	123			553
Realized value of hedges	181	26				207
Total realized gross margin	1,038	189	127	(17)	6	1,343
Unrealized gross margin	676	(10)		120		786
Total gross margin	\$ 1,714	\$ 179	\$ 127	\$ 103	\$ 6	\$ 2,129

	Year Ended December 31, 2007					
	Mid-Atlantic	Northeast	California	Other Operations	Eliminations	Total
Energy	\$ 686	\$ 128	\$ 3	\$ 109	\$ 18	\$ 944
Contracted and capacity	196	87	132	17		432
Realized value of hedges	202	65				267
Total realized gross margin	1,084	280	135	126	18	1,643
Unrealized gross margin	(479)	(43)		(14)		(536)
Total gross margin	\$ 605	\$ 237	\$ 135	\$ 112	\$ 18	\$ 1,107

Energy represents gross margin from the generation of electricity, fuel sales and purchases at market prices, fuel handling, steam sales and our proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities.

Contracted and capacity represents gross margin received from capacity sold in ISO and RTO administered capacity markets, through RMR contracts, through tolling agreements and from ancillary services. For the year ended December 31, 2007, contracted and capacity also included the Back-to-Back Agreement, which was terminated on August 10, 2007. See Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further discussion of the Pepco Settlement Agreement.

Realized value of hedges represents the actual margin upon the settlement of our power and fuel hedging contracts and the difference between market prices and contract costs for coal that we purchased under long-term agreements. Power hedging contracts include sales of both power and natural gas used to hedge power prices as well as hedges to capture the incremental value related to the geographic location of our physical assets.

Unrealized gross margin represents the net unrealized gain or loss on our derivative contracts, including the reversal of unrealized gains and losses recognized in prior periods and changes in value for future periods.

Table of Contents**Operating Statistics**

The following table summarizes Net Capacity Factor by region for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007:

	Years Ended December 31,		Decrease
	2008	2007	
Mid-Atlantic	33%	37%	(4)%
Northeast	13%	22%	(9)%
California	4%	4%	%
Total	21%	25%	(4)%

The following table summarizes power generation volumes by region for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 (in gigawatt hours):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)	Increase/ (Decrease)
	2008	2007		
Mid-Atlantic:				
Baseload	14,350	15,390	(1,040)	(7)%
Intermediate	489	1,105	(616)	(56)%
Peaking	160	337	(177)	(53)%
Total Mid-Atlantic	14,999	16,832	(1,833)	(11)%
Northeast:				
Baseload	1,131	2,691	(1,560)	(58)%
Intermediate	1,919	2,814	(895)	(32)%
Peaking	5	5		%
Total Northeast	3,055	5,510	(2,455)	(45)%
California:				
Intermediate	868	804	64	8%
Peaking	21	18	3	17%
Total California	889	822	67	8%
Total	18,943	23,164	(4,221)	(18)%

The total decrease in power generation volumes for the year ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2007, is primarily the result of the following:

Mid-Atlantic. A decrease in Mid-Atlantic as a result of contracting dark spreads, lower demand and second quarter 2008 planned outages to allow for the installation of emissions control equipment as part of our compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act.

Northeast. A decrease in Northeast as a result of higher fuel prices at times making it uneconomic for certain units to generate, the shutdown of units 3 and 4 of the Lovett generating facility in April 2007 and the shutdown of unit 5 of the Lovett generating facility in April 2008.

California. All of our California generating facilities operate under tolling agreements or are subject to RMR arrangements. Our natural gas-fired units in service at Contra Costa and Pittsburg operate under tolling agreements with PG&E for 100% of the capacity from these units and our Potrero units are subject to RMR arrangements. Therefore, changes in power generation volumes from those generating facilities, which can be caused by weather, planned outages or other factors, generally do not affect our gross margin.

Table of Contents*Mid-Atlantic*

Our Mid-Atlantic segment includes four generating facilities with total net generating capacity of 5,194 MW.

The following table summarizes the results of operations of our Mid-Atlantic segment (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2008	2007	
Gross Margin:			
Energy	\$ 517	\$ 686	\$ (169)
Contracted and capacity	340	196	144
Realized value of hedges	181	202	(21)
Total realized gross margin	1,038	1,084	(46)
Unrealized gross margin	676	(479)	1,155
Total gross margin	1,714	605	1,109
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	412	360	52
Depreciation and amortization	92	81	11
Gain on sales of assets, net	(8)		(8)
Total operating expenses, net	496	441	55
Operating income	1,218	164	1,054
Total other expense (income), net	1	(5)	6
Income from continuing operations	\$ 1,217	\$ 169	\$ 1,048

Gross Margin

The decrease of \$46 million in realized gross margin was principally a result of the following:

a decrease of \$169 million in energy, primarily as a result of a substantial increase in the price of coal, partially offset by an increase in power prices and a decrease in the cost of emissions allowances. The decrease in energy also included a \$13 million lower of cost or market fuel oil inventory adjustment recognized in the fourth quarter of 2008. In addition, generation volumes decreased 11% as a result of contracting dark spreads, lower demand that resulted in less generation from our intermediate and peaking generating facilities and second quarter 2008 planned outages to allow for the installation of emissions control equipment as part of our compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act;

a decrease of \$21 million in realized value of hedges. In 2008, realized value of hedges was \$181 million, which reflects the amount by which market prices for coal exceeded contract prices for coal that we purchased under long-term agreements, partially offset by the amount by which market prices for power exceeded the settlement value of power contracts. In 2007, realized value of hedges was \$202 million, which reflects the amount by which the settlement value of power contracts exceeded market prices for power and the amount by which market prices for coal exceeded the contract prices for coal that we purchased under long-term agreements; partially offset by

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an increase of \$144 million in contracted and capacity primarily related to higher capacity revenues for 2008 as a result of the commencement of the PJM RPM capacity market in June 2007.

Our unrealized gross margin for both periods reflects the following:

unrealized gains of \$676 million in 2008, which included a \$399 million net increase in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to decreases in forward power and natural gas prices and unrealized gains of \$277 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized losses had been recorded in prior periods; and

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unrealized losses of \$479 million in 2007, which included unrealized losses of \$270 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized gains had been recorded in prior periods and a \$209 million net decrease in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to increases in forward power prices.

Operating Expenses

The increase of \$55 million in operating expenses is primarily a result of the following:

an increase of \$52 million in operations and maintenance expense, which included:

an increase of \$29 million related to the timing of our planned outages and an increase in labor and chemical costs related to our pollution control equipment for NOx emissions that was placed in service in 2008 as part of our compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act; and

\$23 million in increased allocated corporate overhead costs. With the completion of several dispositions by Mirant in the second and third quarters of 2007 and the shutdown of units 3 and 4 of the Lovett generating facility in the second quarter of 2007, Mirant Mid-Atlantic received a greater allocation of Mirant's corporate overhead costs in the year ended December 31, 2008, than in the same period in 2007.

an increase of \$11 million in depreciation and amortization expense related to pollution control equipment for NOx emissions placed in service as part of our compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act; partially offset by

an increase of \$8 million in gain on sales of assets, net primarily as a result of the sales of emissions allowances in 2008.

Northeast

Our Northeast segment is comprised of our three generating facilities located in Massachusetts and one generating facility located in New York with total net generating capacity of 2,535 MW.

The following table summarizes the results of operations of our Northeast segment (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2008	2007	
Gross Margin:			
Energy	\$ 73	\$ 128	\$ (55)
Contracted and capacity	90	87	3
Realized value of hedges	26	65	(39)
Total realized gross margin	189	280	(91)
Unrealized gross margin	(10)	(43)	33
Total gross margin	179	237	(58)
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	167	179	(12)
Depreciation and amortization	19	25	(6)
Impairment losses		175	(175)
Gain on sales of assets, net	(30)	(49)	19

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Total operating expenses, net	156	330	(174)
Operating income (loss)	23	(93)	116
Total other income, net	(1)	(7)	6
Income (loss) from continuing operations before reorganization items, net	\$ 24	\$ (86)	\$ 110

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Gross Margin

The decrease of \$91 million in realized gross margin was principally a result of the following:

a decrease of \$55 million in energy, primarily as a result of the shutdown of the Lovett generating facility, lower generation volumes and increased fuel costs, partially offset by higher power prices; and

a decrease of \$39 million in realized value of hedges. In 2008, realized value of hedges was \$26 million, which reflects the amount by which market prices for fuel exceeded contract prices for fuel and the amount by which the settlement value of power contracts exceeded market prices for power. In 2007, realized value of hedges was \$65 million, which reflects the amount by which the settlement value of power contracts exceeded market prices for power, partially offset by the amount by which contract prices for fuel exceeded market prices for fuel.

Our unrealized gross margin for both periods reflects the following:

unrealized losses of \$10 million in 2008, which included unrealized losses of \$6 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized gains had been recorded in prior periods and a \$4 million net decrease in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to increases in forward power and fuel prices; and

unrealized losses of \$43 million in 2007, which included unrealized losses of \$57 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized gains had been recorded in prior periods, partially offset by a \$14 million net increase in the value of hedge contracts for future periods primarily related to decreases in forward power and fuel prices.

Operating Expenses

The decrease of \$174 million in operating expenses was principally the result of the following:

a decrease of \$175 million as a result of the impairment loss on our Lovett generating facility recognized in the second quarter of 2007. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to this impairment;

a decrease of \$12 million in operations and maintenance expense primarily related to the Lovett generating facility, which included a decrease of \$33 million in operating costs, partially offset by \$17 million of shutdown costs at the Lovett generating facility incurred in 2008. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to the shutdown of the Lovett generating facility; and

a decrease of \$19 million in gain on sales of assets. In 2008, subsidiaries in our Northeast segment recognized a gain of \$30 million, of which \$24 million related to emissions allowances sold to third parties. In 2007, subsidiaries in our Northeast segment recognized a gain of \$49 million which included a \$14 million gain on the sale of certain ancillary equipment included in the sale of the six United States natural gas-fired generating facilities and a \$33 million gain on the sales of emissions allowances, of which \$11 million related to emissions allowances sold to Mirant Mid-Atlantic that are eliminated in our consolidated statement of operations.

California

Our California segment consists of the Contra Costa, Pittsburg and Potrero generating facilities with total net generating capacity of 2,347 MW and includes business development efforts for new generation in California, including Mirant Marsh Landing.

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The following table summarizes the results of operations of our California segment (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2008	2007	
Gross Margin:			
Energy	\$ 4	\$ 3	\$ 1
Contracted and capacity	123	132	(9)
Total realized gross margin	127	135	(8)
Unrealized gross margin			
Total gross margin	127	135	(8)
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	76	74	2
Depreciation and amortization	23	13	10
Gain on sales of assets, net	(7)	(2)	(5)
Total operating expenses, net	92	85	7
Operating income	35	50	(15)
Total other expense (income), net	1	(5)	6
Income from continuing operations	\$ 34	\$ 55	\$ (21)

Gross Margin

The decrease of \$9 million in contracted and capacity included a \$3 million lower of cost or market fuel oil inventory adjustment recognized in the fourth quarter of 2008 and extended outages at unit 3 of the Potrero generating facility in the first quarter of 2008.

Operating Expenses

The increase of \$7 million in operating expenses was principally the result of higher development costs and higher depreciation expense in 2008, partially offset by lower maintenance expenses and an increase in gains on sales of assets, net primarily as a result of the sales of emissions allowances in 2008.

Other Operations

Other Operations includes proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities, unallocated corporate overhead, interest expense on debt at Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America and interest income on our invested cash balances. For the year ended December 31, 2007, Other Operations also included gains and losses related to the Back-to-Back Agreement, which was terminated pursuant to a settlement that became effective in the third quarter of 2007. See *Pepco Litigation* in Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further discussion of the Back-to-Back Agreement.

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The following table summarizes the results of operations of our Other Operations segment (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2008	2007	
Gross Margin:			
Energy	\$ (17)	\$ 109	\$ (126)
Contracted and capacity		17	(17)
Total realized gross margin	(17)	126	(143)
Unrealized gross margin	120	(14)	134
Total gross margin	103	112	(9)
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	28	94	(66)
Depreciation and amortization	10	10	
Gain on sales of assets, net	(2)	(5)	3
Total operating expenses, net	36	99	(63)
Operating income	67	13	54
Total other expense (income), net	123	(282)	405
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ (56)	\$ 295	\$ (351)

Gross Margin

The decrease of \$143 million in realized gross margin was principally a result of the following:

a decrease of \$126 million in energy, comprised of a \$83 million decrease from fuel oil management activities, a \$37 million lower of cost or market fuel oil inventory adjustment recognized in the fourth quarter of 2008 and a \$6 million decrease from proprietary trading activities. The significant decrease in the contribution from fuel oil management activities primarily relates to the timing of the settlement of contracts used to hedge the fair value of fuel oil inventory compared to the timing of the use or sale of the fuel oil; and

a decrease of \$17 million in contracted and capacity resulting from the termination of the Back-to-Back Agreement in the third quarter of 2007. See Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to the Pepco Settlement Agreement.

Our unrealized gross margin for both periods reflects the following:

unrealized gains of \$120 million in 2008, which included a \$65 million net increase in the value of contracts for future periods and unrealized gains of \$55 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which net unrealized losses had been recorded in prior periods; and

unrealized losses of \$14 million in 2007, including:

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unrealized losses of \$102 million in 2007, which included unrealized losses of \$115 million from power and fuel contracts that settled during the period for which unrealized gains had been recorded in prior periods, partially offset by a \$13 million net increase in the value of contracts for future periods; partially offset by

\$88 million of unrealized gains on the Back-to-Back Agreement and related hedges. The Back-to-Back Agreement was terminated in the third quarter of 2007.

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Operating Expenses

The decrease of \$63 million in operating expenses was primarily a result of a decrease of \$66 million in operations and maintenance expense, which include:

a decrease of \$32 million resulting from the 2007 increase in our estimated obligation to MC Asset Recovery under the Plan. See Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to MC Asset Recovery;

a decrease of \$26 million related to corporate overhead costs included in Other Operations in 2007 but allocated across Mirant's operating segments in 2008;

a decrease of \$16 million related to the 2007 bonus plan for dispositions;

a decrease of \$9 million related to litigation contingencies; partially offset by

an increase of \$27 million related to a decrease in curtailment gains on pension and postretirement benefits reflected as a reduction of operations and maintenance expense.

Other Expense (Income), Net

Other expense (income), net decreased \$405 million primarily as a result of the following:

a decrease in other, net of \$348 million, which included a gain of \$341 million in 2007 resulting from the termination of the Back-to-Back Agreement and a gain of \$2 million for the refund of excess proceeds from the sales of shares distributed to Pepco, both as a result of the Pepco Settlement Agreement becoming fully effective. See Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to the Pepco Settlement Agreement;

a decrease of \$130 million in interest income primarily related to lower average cash balances and lower interest rates on invested cash; partially offset by

a decrease of \$73 million in interest expense related to lower debt outstanding and higher interest capitalized on construction projects in 2008.

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Discontinued Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2008, income from discontinued operations was \$50 million and included insurance recoveries related to the Sual generating facility outages that occurred prior to the sale.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, income from discontinued operations was \$1.562 billion and included:

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a pre-tax gain of \$2.003 billion on the sale of the Philippine business, a pre-tax gain of \$63 million on the sale of the Caribbean business, a reduction of \$30 million to the previous impairment of six U.S. natural gas-fired generating facilities and a gain of \$8 million on the sale of Mirant NY-Gen; partially offset by

an income tax provision of \$704 million related to the sale of the Philippine business; and

operating results for the discontinued operations.

See Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to the dispositions and discontinued operations.

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We expect that we will have sufficient liquidity for our future operations and capital expenditures, and to service our debt obligations. We regularly monitor our ability to finance the needs of our operating, investing and financing activities. See Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional discussion of our debt.

Sources of Funds and Capital Structure

The principal sources of our liquidity are expected to be: (1) existing cash on hand (including \$1.5 billion at Mirant Corporation) and expected cash flows from the operations of our subsidiaries; (2) letters of credit issued or borrowings made under Mirant North America's senior secured revolving credit facility; (3) letters of credit issued under Mirant North America's senior secured term loan; and (4) planned project financing for the Mirant Marsh Landing generating facility.

The table below sets forth total cash, cash equivalents and availability under credit facilities of Mirant and its subsidiaries (in millions):

	At December 31,	
	2009	2008
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Mirant Corporation	\$ 1,524	\$ 1,469
Mirant Americas Generation	1	
Mirant North America	278	229
Mirant Mid-Atlantic	125	125
Other	25	8
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,953	1,831
Less: cash restricted and reserved for other purposes	(11)	(2)
Total available cash and cash equivalents	1,942	1,829
Available under credit facilities	680	583
Total cash, cash equivalents and credit facilities availability	\$ 2,622	\$ 2,412

We consider all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, except for amounts held in bank accounts to cover upcoming payables, all of our cash and cash equivalents were invested in AAA-rated United States Treasury money market funds.

Available under credit facilities at December 31, 2009 and 2008, reflects a \$45 million effective reduction as a result of the bankruptcy filing of Lehman Commercial Paper, Inc., a lender under the Mirant North America senior secured revolving credit facility, but includes the \$50 million commitment under such facility by CIT Capital USA Inc., whose corporate parent, CIT Group Inc., filed for and emerged from bankruptcy reorganization on November 1, 2009 and December 10, 2009, respectively. See Item 1A. Risk Factors for a description of risks related to the lenders under our credit facility.

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We and certain of our subsidiaries, including Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America, are holding companies. The chart below is a summary representation of our capital structure and is not a complete corporate organizational chart.

Except for existing cash on hand and, in the case of Mirant North America, borrowings and letters of credit under its credit facilities, the Mirant Corporation, Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America holding companies are dependent for liquidity on the distributions and dividends of their subsidiaries.

A significant portion of cash from our operations is generated by the power generating facilities of Mirant Mid-Atlantic. Under the Mirant Mid-Atlantic leveraged leases, Mirant Mid-Atlantic is subject to a covenant that restricts its right to make distributions to Mirant North America. Mirant Mid-Atlantic's ability to satisfy the criteria set by that covenant in the future could be impaired by factors which negatively affect its financial performance, including interruptions in operations or curtailments of operations to comply with environmental restrictions, significant capital and other expenditures and adverse conditions in the power and fuel markets.

Mirant North America is an intermediate holding company that is a subsidiary of Mirant Americas Generation and the parent of its indirect subsidiaries, including Mirant Mid-Atlantic. Mirant North America incurred certain indebtedness pursuant to its senior notes and senior secured credit facilities secured by the assets of Mirant North America and its subsidiaries (other than Mirant Mid-Atlantic and Mirant Energy Trading). The indebtedness of Mirant North America includes certain covenants typical in such notes and credit facilities,

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including restrictions on dividends, distributions and other restricted payments. Further, the notes and senior secured credit facilities include financial covenants that exclude from the calculation the financial results of any subsidiary that is unable to make distributions or dividends at the time of such calculation. Thus, the inability of Mirant Mid-Atlantic to make distributions to Mirant North America under the leveraged lease transaction would have a material adverse effect on the calculation of the financial covenants under the senior notes and senior secured credit facilities of Mirant North America, including the leverage and interest coverage maintenance covenants under its senior credit facility.

The ability of Mirant Americas Generation to pay its obligations is dependent on the receipt of dividends from Mirant North America, capital contributions from Mirant Corporation and its ability to refinance all or a portion of those obligations as they become due. Although we continue to evaluate our refinancing options, we expect to maintain adequate liquidity to retire the Mirant Americas Generation senior notes that come due in May 2011.

Maintaining sufficient liquidity in our business is crucial in order to mitigate the risk of future financial distress to us. Accordingly, we plan on a prospective basis for the expected liquidity requirements of our business considering the factors listed below:

expected expenditures with respect to maintenance activities and capital improvements, and related outages;

expected collateral postings in support of our business;

effects of market price volatility on the amount of collateral postings for economic hedge transactions and risk management transactions;

effects of market price volatility on fuel pre-payment requirements;

seasonal and intra-month working capital requirements;

the development of new generating facilities, including Mirant Marsh Landing; and

debt service obligations.

Our operating cash flows may be affected by, among other things: (1) demand for electricity; (2) the difference between the cost of fuel used to generate electricity and the market value of the electricity generated; (3) commodity prices (including prices for electricity, emissions allowances, natural gas, coal and oil); (4) the cost of operations and maintenance expenses in the ordinary course; (5) planned and unplanned outages; (6) terms with trade creditors; and (7) cash requirements for capital expenditures relating to certain facilities (including those necessary to comply with environmental regulations).

As noted above, the ability of Mirant North America and its subsidiary Mirant Mid-Atlantic to make distributions and pay dividends is restricted under the terms of Mirant North America's debt agreements and Mirant Mid-Atlantic's leveraged lease documentation, respectively. At December 31, 2009, Mirant North America had distributed to its parent, Mirant Americas Generation, all available cash that was permitted to be distributed under the terms of its debt agreements, leaving \$403 million at Mirant North America and its subsidiaries. Of this amount, \$125 million was held by Mirant Mid-Atlantic which, as of December 31, 2009, met the tests under the leveraged lease documentation permitting it to make distributions to Mirant North America. Although Mirant North America is in compliance with its financial covenants at December 31, 2009, it is restricted from making distributions by the free cash flow requirements under the restricted payment test of its senior credit facility. The primary factor lowering the free cash flow calculation for Mirant North America is the significant capital expenditure program of Mirant Mid-Atlantic to install emissions controls at its Chalk Point, Dickerson and Morgantown coal-fired units to comply with the Maryland Healthy Air Act. When the capital expenditures no longer affect the calculation of its free cash flow, Mirant North America is expected to be able again to make distributions. We do not expect the liquidity effect of the restriction on distributions under the Mirant North America senior credit facility to be material given that the majority of our liquidity needs arise from the activities of Mirant North America and its subsidiaries, the

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America from making distributions to Mirant Americas Generation to fund interest payments on its senior notes and the majority of our total available cash and cash equivalents is held unrestricted at Mirant Corporation.

Except for permitted distributions to cover interest payable on Mirant Americas Generation's senior notes, as of December 31, 2009, the \$4.329 billion of net assets of Mirant North America and its subsidiaries were restricted as defined under Rule 4-08(e)(3)(ii) of Regulation S-X.

Uses of Funds

Our requirements for liquidity and capital resources, other than for the day-to-day operation of our generating facilities, are significantly influenced by the following activities: (1) capital expenditures; (2) debt service and payments under the Mirant Mid-Atlantic leveraged leases; (3) collateral required for our asset management and proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities; and (4) the development of new generating facilities, in particular, the Mirant Marsh Landing generating facility.

Capital Expenditures. Our capital expenditures, excluding capitalized interest, for the year ended December 31, 2009, were \$608 million. Our estimated capital expenditures, excluding capitalized interest, for 2010 and 2011 are \$488 million and \$372 million, respectively. See Item 1. Business for further discussion of our capital expenditures.

Debt Service. At December 31, 2009, we had \$2.631 billion of long-term debt with expected interest payments of approximately \$195 million for 2010. See Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information.

Under the terms of its senior secured term facility, Mirant North America is required to use 50% of its free cash flow for each fiscal year (less amounts paid to Mirant Americas Generation for the purpose of paying interest on the Mirant Americas Generation senior notes) to pay down its senior secured term loan, in addition to its scheduled amortization of \$5 million per year. The percentage of free cash flow that Mirant North America is required to use to pay down its senior secured term loan may be reduced to 25% upon the achievement of a net debt to EBITDA ratio of less than 2:1. At December 31, 2009, Mirant North America's net debt to EBITDA ratio was less than 2:1. As such, it was required to use 25% of its free cash flow to pay down its senior secured term loan. We estimate this prepayment, which will be made during the first quarter of 2010, to be \$66 million.

Mirant Mid-Atlantic Operating Leases. Mirant Mid-Atlantic leases the Dickerson and Morgantown baseload units and associated property through 2029 and 2034, respectively. Mirant Mid-Atlantic has an option to extend the leases. Any extensions of the respective leases would be for less than 75% of the economic useful life of the facility, as measured from the beginning of the original lease term through the end of the proposed remaining lease term. We are accounting for these leases as operating leases. Although there is variability in the scheduled payment amounts over the lease term, we recognize rent expense for these leases on a straight-line basis in accordance with the applicable accounting literature. Rent expense under the Mirant Mid-Atlantic leases was \$96 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007. The scheduled payment amounts for the Mirant Mid-Atlantic leases are \$140 million and \$134 million for 2010 and 2011, respectively. As of December 31, 2009, the total notional minimum lease payments for the remaining term of the leases aggregated approximately \$1.9 billion and the aggregate termination value for the leases was approximately \$1.4 billion and generally decreases over time. In addition, Mirant Mid-Atlantic is required to post rent reserves in an aggregate amount equal to the greater of the next six months rent, 50% of the next 12 months rent or \$75 million.

Cash Collateral and Letters of Credit. In order to sell power and purchase fuel in the forward markets and perform other energy trading and marketing activities, we often are required to provide credit support to our counterparties or make deposits with brokers. In addition, we often are required to provide cash collateral or letters of credit to access the transmission grid, to participate in power pools, to fund debt service and rent reserves and for other operating activities. Credit support includes cash collateral, letters of credit, surety bonds

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and financial guarantees. In the event that we default, the counterparty can draw on a letter of credit or apply cash collateral held to satisfy the existing amounts outstanding under an open contract. As of December 31, 2009, we had approximately \$84 million of posted cash collateral and \$211 million of letters of credit outstanding primarily to support our asset management activities, trading activities, debt service and rent reserve requirements and other commercial arrangements. Included in the letter of credit amount outstanding is a \$12 million cash-collateralized letter of credit in support of the Mirant Marsh Landing PPA with PG&E, which amount will increase to approximately \$80 million upon CPUC approval of the PPA. Our liquidity requirements are highly dependent on the level of our hedging activities, forward prices for energy, emissions allowances and fuel, commodity market volatility and credit terms with third parties. See Note 7 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information.

The following table summarizes cash collateral posted with counterparties and brokers, letters of credit issued and surety bonds provided (in millions):

	At December 31,	
	2009	2008
Cash collateral posted energy trading and marketing	\$ 41	\$ 67
Cash collateral posted other operating activities	43	44
Letters of credit energy trading and marketing	51	76
Letters of credit debt service and rent reserves	101	101
Letters of credit other operating activities	59	124
Surety bonds	5	25
Total	\$ 300	\$ 437

Debt Obligations, Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations

Our debt obligations, off-balance sheet arrangements and contractual obligations as of December 31, 2009, are as follows (in millions):

	Debt Obligations, Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations by Year						
	Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	>5 Years
Long-term debt	\$ 4,217	\$ 270	\$ 712	\$ 162	\$ 1,286	\$ 80	\$ 1,707
Mirant Mid-Atlantic operating leases	1,870	140	134	132	138	131	1,195
Other operating leases	124	16	14	14	14	11	55
Fuel commitments	939	348	336	206	49		
Maryland Healthy Air Act	269	269					
Mirant Marsh Landing development project	208	40	87	75	6		
Other	270	124	35	25	18	12	56
Total payments	\$ 7,897	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,318	\$ 614	\$ 1,511	\$ 234	\$ 3,013

Our contractual obligations table does not include our derivative obligations reported at fair value, which are discussed in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report and our asset retirement obligations which are discussed in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report.

Long-term debt includes the current portion of long-term debt and long-term debt on our consolidated balance sheets, which are discussed in Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report. Long-term debt also includes estimated interest on debt. Interest on our variable interest debt is based on the United States Dollar LIBOR curve as of December 31, 2009.

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Mirant Mid-Atlantic operating leases relate to our minimum lease payments associated with our off-balance sheet leases of the Dickerson and Morgantown baseload units. In addition, we have commitments under other operating leases with various terms and expiration dates.

Fuel commitments primarily relate to long-term coal agreements and related transportation agreements.

Maryland Healthy Air Act commitments reflect the remaining expected payments for capital expenditures to comply with the limitations for SO₂, NO_x and mercury emissions under the Maryland Healthy Air Act. We completed the installation of the remaining pollution control equipment related to compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act in the fourth quarter of 2009. However, provisions in our construction contracts provide that certain payments be made after final completion of the project.

Mirant Marsh Landing development project reflects the current projected commitments related to contracts that were executed as of December 31, 2009, including equipment and services, for the Marsh Landing generating facility. The Mirant Marsh Landing commitments are contingent upon the issuance of a notice to proceed by Mirant.

Other primarily represents the open purchase orders less invoices received related to general procurement of products and services purchased in the ordinary course of business. These include construction, maintenance and labor activities at our generating facilities. Other also includes our LTSA associated with the maintenance of a turbine at our Kendall generating facility, limestone supply and transportation agreements, our estimated pension and other postretirement benefit funding obligations, deferred compensation plans, liabilities related to the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes and miscellaneous noncurrent liabilities.

Cash Flows**Year Ended December 31, 2009 versus Year Ended December 31, 2008**

The changes in our cash flows are detailed as follows (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	Increase/ (Decrease)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	\$ 1,831	\$ 4,961	\$ (3,130)
Net cash provided by operating activities:			
Continuing operations	808	677	131
Discontinued operations	9	50	(41)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities:			
Continuing operations	(646)	(719)	73
Discontinued operations		25	(25)
Net cash used in financing activities	(49)	(3,163)	3,114
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,953	\$ 1,831	\$ 122

Continuing Operations

Operating Activities. Our cash provided by operating activities is affected by seasonality, changes in energy prices and fluctuations in our working capital requirements. Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations increased \$131 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to the same period in 2008, primarily as a result of the following:

Realized gross margin. An increase in cash provided of \$176 million in 2009, compared to the same period in 2008, excluding a decrease in non-cash lower of cost or market fuel inventory adjustments of \$33 million. See *Results of Operations* for additional discussion of our performance in 2009 compared to the same period in 2008;

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Operating expense. A decrease in cash used of \$85 million related to lower operations and maintenance expense including \$52 million of cash that we were reimbursed in 2009 as a result of the MC Asset Recovery settlement with Southern Company for funds that we provided to MC Asset Recovery and costs that we incurred related to MC Asset Recovery that had not been previously reimbursed. See Results of Operations for additional discussion of our performance in 2009 compared to the same period in 2008;

Net accounts receivable and payable. A decrease in cash used of \$78 million primarily related to a decrease in our net accounts receivable and payable as a result of a decrease in power prices in 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. In addition, the implementation in June 2009 of weekly settlements with PJM (in lieu of monthly settlements) has reduced the amount of outstanding receivables for the PJM market. The decrease in net accounts receivable and payable also includes an increase of approximately \$39 million in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, which is offset by an increase in funds on deposit on our consolidated balance sheet as a result of funds retained by MC Asset Recovery from the settlement with Southern Company in 2009 to fund future expenses and apply against unpaid expenditures. The \$39 million of funds retained by MC Asset Recovery had no effect on cash flows from operating activities; and

Other liabilities. A decrease in cash used of \$73 million primarily related to additional contributions to our pension plans of \$64 million in 2008 as compared to no contributions in 2009.

The decreases in cash used in and increases in cash provided by operating activities were partially offset by the following:

Funds on deposit. An increase in cash used of \$122 million. In 2009, we used net cash of \$18 million, of which approximately \$39 million is related to an increase in funds on deposit as a result of funds retained by MC Asset Recovery from the settlement with Southern Company to fund future expenses and apply against unpaid expenditures. This increase in funds on deposit is offset by an increase of approximately \$39 million in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, as described above. Funds on deposit also increased by \$12 million because of funds posted in connection with the Mirant Marsh Landing PPA with PG&E. The increases in cash used were partially offset by \$33 million of net cash collateral returned to us during 2009. In 2008, we had net cash collateral returned to us of \$104 million primarily related to the cash collateral account to support issuance of letters of credit under the Mirant North America senior secured term loan;

Inventories. An increase in cash used of \$82 million as a result of higher inventory levels of coal and fuel oil, partially offset by lower market prices in 2009 as compared to 2008;

Accounts payable, collateral. An increase in cash used of \$24 million as a result of \$8 million returned to counterparties in 2009 as compared to \$16 million received from counterparties in 2008;

Prepaid rent. An increase in cash used of \$22 million because the scheduled rent payments for our Mirant Mid-Atlantic leveraged leases were higher for 2009 than 2008;

Interest expense, net. An increase in cash used of \$16 million reflecting lower interest income as a result of lower interest rates on invested cash, as well as lower average cash balances, partially offset by lower interest expense from lower outstanding debt and higher capitalized interest; and

Other operating assets and liabilities. An increase in cash used of \$15 million related to changes in other operating assets and liabilities.

Investing Activities. Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations decreased by \$73 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to the same period in 2008. This difference was primarily a result of the following:

Capital expenditures. A decrease in cash used of \$75 million, partially offset by an increase of \$20 million for capitalized interest, primarily related to our environmental capital expenditures for our Maryland generating facilities related to our compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act; and

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Restricted deposit payments and other. A decrease in cash used of \$34 million primarily as a result of \$34 million placed in an escrow account in September 2008, to satisfy the conditions of Mirant Potomac River's agreement with the City of Alexandria, Virginia. See Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information on Mirant Potomac River's agreement with the City of Alexandria, Virginia; partially offset by

Proceeds from the sales of assets. A decrease in cash provided of \$16 million primarily related to sales of emissions allowances to third parties.

Financing Activities. Net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations decreased by \$3.114 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to the same period in 2008. This difference was primarily a result of the following:

Share repurchases. A decrease in cash used of \$2.757 billion primarily as a result of \$2.761 billion of share repurchases in 2008;

Repayments and purchases of long-term debt. A decrease in cash used of \$375 million for repayment and purchases of long-term debt, including \$276 million for the 2008 purchase and retirement of Mirant Americas Generation senior notes due in 2011; partially offset by

Proceeds from exercises of stock options and warrants. A decrease in cash provided of \$18 million as a result of the exercise of stock options and warrants in 2008.

Discontinued Operations

Operating Activities. In 2009, net cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operations was from the sale of transmission credits from our previously owned Wrightsville generating facility. In 2008, net cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operations was primarily a result of \$41 million of business interruption insurance recoveries related to the outages of the Sual generating facility and the sale of transmission credits for \$7 million from our previously owned Wrightsville generating facility.

Investing Activities. In 2008, net cash provided by investing activities from discontinued operations of \$25 million related to insurance recoveries for repairs to the Sual generating facility and the Swinging Bridge facility of Mirant NY-Gen.

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	Years Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	Increase/ (Decrease)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	\$ 4,961	\$ 1,385	\$ 3,576
Net cash provided by operating activities:			
Continuing operations	677	786	(109)
Discontinued operations	50	178	(128)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities:			
Continuing operations	(719)	(524)	(195)
Discontinued operations	25	5,281	(5,256)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities:			
Continuing operations	(3,163)	(1,477)	(1,686)
Discontinued operations		(669)	669
Effect of exchange rate changes		1	(1)
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,831	\$ 4,961	\$ (3,130)

Continuing Operations

Operating Activities. Our cash provided by operating activities is affected by seasonality, changes in energy prices and fluctuations in our working capital requirements. Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations decreased \$109 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to the same period in 2007, primarily as a result of the following:

Realized gross margin. A decrease in realized gross margin of \$242 million in 2008, compared to the same period in 2007, excluding the non-cash change in lower of cost or market inventory adjustments of \$58 million, of which \$54 million was recognized in the fourth quarter of 2008. See *Results of Operations* for additional discussion of our performance in 2008 compared to the same period in 2007;

Net accounts receivable and payable. An increase in cash used of \$80 million related to changes in net accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other changes in working capital in 2008 compared to 2007, primarily as a result of increases in power prices in 2008 and the net refund of \$48 million related to a New York property tax settlement in 2007. The increase in cash used is net of \$47 million of cash provided by a net increase in collateral that we received from counterparties in 2008;

Settlement of the Back-to-Back-Agreement with Pepco. A decrease in cash provided of \$70 million related to the Pepco Settlement Agreement becoming fully effective in 2007, which is included in other assets in our consolidated statements of cash flows. Pepco repaid \$70 million in 2007 for an advance payment made in 2006 under the Pepco Settlement Agreement;

Interest expense (income), net. A decrease in cash provided of \$74 million for interest, net, reflecting lower interest income as a result of lower interest rates on invested cash as well as lower cash balances as a result of share repurchases, partially offset by lower interest expense from lower outstanding debt and higher capitalized interest; and

Pension contributions. An increase in cash used of \$23 million for additional contributions to our pension plans in 2008 as compared to 2007.

The increases in cash used by and decreases in cash provided by operating activities are partially offset by the following:

Funds on deposit. A decrease in cash used of \$173 million because of changes in funds on deposit. In 2008, we had net cash collateral returned to us of \$104 million, primarily related to the cash collateral account to support issuance of letters of credit under the Mirant North America senior secured term loan. In 2007, we posted an additional \$70 million of cash collateral;

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Inventories. A decrease in cash used of \$124 million for inventories primarily as a result of the reduction of fuel inventory levels;

Postretirement benefits curtailment gain and other non-cash items. A decrease in operations and maintenance expense of \$46 million excluding a non-cash decrease in curtailment gains on pension and postretirement benefits of \$27 million and other non-cash items; and

Settlement of claims payable. A decrease in cash used of \$37 million for settlement of bankruptcy related claims and expenses.

Investing Activities. Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations increased by \$195 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to the same period in 2007. This difference was primarily a result of the following:

Capital expenditures. An increase in cash used of \$143 million for capital expenditures (including capitalized interest of \$20 million) for projects under construction primarily related to our environmental capital expenditures for our Maryland generating facilities;

Restricted deposit payments and other. An increase in cash used of \$37 million primarily related to \$34 million placed in an escrow account in September 2008 to satisfy the conditions of Mirant Potomac River's agreement with the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

Proceeds from the sales of assets and other investments. A decrease of \$15 million in proceeds from the sales of assets in 2008 as compared to 2007. In 2008, we received \$42 million of proceeds from the sale of assets, primarily from the sale of emissions allowances. In 2007, we received \$57 million of proceeds from the sale of assets, which included approximately \$30 million from the sale of ancillary equipment included in the sale of the six U.S. natural gas-fired generating facilities.

Financing Activities. Net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations increased by \$1.686 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to the same period in 2007. This difference was primarily a result of the following:

Share repurchases. An increase in cash used of \$1.453 billion for share repurchases. See Note 11 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information on share repurchases;

Repayments and purchases of long-term debt. An increase in cash used of \$240 million for repayments and purchases of long-term debt primarily as a result of the retirement of Mirant Americas Generation senior notes due in 2011 of \$276 million in 2008 and \$39 million in 2007; partially offset by

Proceeds from exercises of stock options and warrants. An increase of \$7 million in proceeds from the exercise of stock options in 2008 as compared to 2007.

Discontinued Operations

Operating Activities. In 2008, net cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operations was \$50 million and was primarily a result of \$41 million of business interruption insurance recoveries related to the outages of the Sual generating facility and \$7 million from the sale of transmission credits from our previously owned Wrightsville generating facility. In 2007, net cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operations included cash flows from the Philippine and Caribbean businesses, six U.S. natural gas-fired generating facilities and Mirant NY-Gen.

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Investing Activities. Net cash provided by investing activities from discontinued operations was \$25 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$5.281 billion for the same period in 2007. This difference was primarily a result of the following:

Proceeds from the sale of our businesses. 2007 results included the \$5.410 billion in proceeds from the sale of our Caribbean business in the third quarter of 2007 and our Philippine business and six U.S. natural gas-fired generating facilities in the second quarter of 2007, partially offset by

Cash and cash equivalents. A decrease in cash used of \$65 million that related to the cash and cash equivalents balance that was included in the assets sold as part of the Philippine business in 2007 and a decrease in cash used of \$47 million that related to the cash and cash equivalents balance that was included in the assets sold as part of the Caribbean business in 2007;

Capital expenditures. A decrease in cash used of \$20 million primarily related to capital expenditures incurred in 2007 at our Caribbean business prior to its sale; and

Insurance recoveries. 2008 results included \$25 million in insurance recoveries related to repairs to the Sual generating facility and the Swinging Bridge facility of Mirant NY-Gen.

Financing Activities. In 2007, net cash used in financing activities was \$669 million and primarily related to the repayment of \$700 million of long-term debt of our Philippine business, \$83 million related to West Georgia and \$14 million related to our Caribbean business. These payments were partially offset by a decrease in debt service reserves of \$125 million.

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Critical Accounting Estimates

The accounting policies described below are considered critical to obtaining an understanding of our consolidated financial statements because their application requires significant estimates and judgments by management in preparing our consolidated financial statements. Management's estimates and judgments are inherently uncertain and may differ significantly from actual results achieved. Management considers an accounting estimate to be critical if the following conditions apply:

the estimate requires significant assumptions; and

changes in the estimate could have a material effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial condition; or

if different estimates that could have been selected had been used, there could be a material effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

We have discussed the selection and application of these accounting estimates with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and our independent auditors. It is management's view that the current assumptions and other considerations used to estimate amounts reflected in our consolidated financial statements are appropriate. However, actual results can differ significantly from those estimates under different assumptions and conditions. The sections below contain information about our most critical accounting estimates, as well as the effects of hypothetical changes in the material assumptions used to develop the estimates.

Revenue Recognition and Accounting for Energy Trading and Marketing Activities

Nature of Estimates Required. We utilize two comprehensive accounting models, an accrual model and a fair value model, in reporting our results of operations and financial position. We determine the appropriate model for our operations based on applicable accounting standards.

The accrual model is used to account for our revenues from the sale of energy, capacity and ancillary services. We recognize revenue when it has been earned and collection is probable as a result of electricity delivered or capacity available to customers pursuant to contractual commitments that specify volume, price and delivery requirements. Sales of energy are based on economic dispatch, or they may be as-ordered by an ISO or RTO, based on member participation agreements, but without an underlying contractual commitment. ISO and RTO revenues and revenues for sales of energy based on economic dispatch are recorded on the basis of MWh delivered, at the relevant day-ahead or real-time prices.

The fair value model is used to measure fair value on a recurring basis for derivative energy contracts that are used to manage our exposure to commodity price risk or that are used in our proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities. We use a variety of derivative financial instruments, such as futures, forwards, swaps and option contracts, in the management of our business. Such derivative financial instruments have varying terms and durations, or tenors, which range from a few days to a number of years, depending on the instrument.

Derivative financial instruments are reflected in our consolidated financial statements at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized currently in income unless they qualify for a scope exception pursuant to the accounting guidance. Management considers fair value techniques and valuation adjustments related to credit and liquidity to be critical accounting estimates. These estimates are considered significant because they are highly susceptible to change from period to period and are dependent on many subjective factors. The fair value of derivative financial instruments is included in derivative contract assets and liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets. Transactions that are not accounted for using the fair value model under the accounting guidance for derivative financial instruments are either not derivatives or qualify for a scope exception and are accounted for under accrual accounting. We recognize immediately in income inception gains and losses for transactions at other than the bid price or ask price.

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Key Assumptions and Approach Used. Determining the fair value of our derivatives is based largely on observable quoted prices from exchanges and independent brokers in active markets. We think that these prices represent the best available information for valuation purposes. For most delivery locations and tenors where we have positions, we receive multiple independent broker price quotes. In accordance with the exit price objective under the fair value measurements accounting guidance, the fair value of our derivative contract assets and liabilities is determined based on the net underlying position of the recorded derivative contract assets and liabilities using bid prices for our assets and ask prices for liabilities. If no active market exists, we estimate the fair value of certain derivative financial instruments using price extrapolation, interpolation and other quantitative methods. We have not identified any distressed market conditions that would alter our valuation techniques at December 31, 2009. Fair value estimates involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment. Our techniques for fair value estimation include assumptions for market prices, correlation and volatility. The degree of estimation increases for longer duration contracts, contracts with multiple pricing features, option contracts and off-hub delivery points. Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report explains the fair value hierarchy. Our assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy represent approximately 2% of our total assets and less than 1% of our total liabilities measured at fair value at December 31, 2009.

The fair value of derivative contract assets and liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets is also affected by our assumptions as to time value, credit risk and non-performance risk. The nominal value of the contracts is discounted using a forward interest rate curve based on LIBOR. In addition, the fair value of our derivative contract assets is reduced to reflect the estimated default risk of counterparties on their contractual obligations to us. The default risk of our counterparties for a significant portion of our overall net position is measured based on published spreads on credit default swaps. The fair value of our derivative contract liabilities is reduced to reflect our estimated risk of default on our contractual obligations to counterparties and is measured based on published default rates of our debt. The credit risk reflected in the fair value of our derivative contract assets and the non-performance risk reflected in the fair value of our derivative contract liabilities are calculated with consideration of our master netting agreements with counterparties and our exposure is reduced by cash collateral posted to us against these obligations.

Effect if Different Assumptions Used. The amounts recorded as revenue or cost of fuel, electricity and other products change as estimates are revised to reflect actual results and changes in market conditions or other factors, many of which are beyond our control. Because we use derivative financial instruments and have not elected cash flow or fair value hedge accounting, certain components of our financial statements, including gross margin, operating income and balance sheet ratios, are at times volatile and subject to fluctuations in value primarily as a result of changes in forward energy and fuel prices. Significant negative changes in fair value could require us to post additional collateral either in the form of cash or letters of credit. Because the fair value measurements of our material assets and liabilities are based on observable market information, there is not a significant range of values around the fair value estimate. For our derivative financial instruments that are measured at fair value using quantitative pricing models, a significant change in estimate could affect our results of operations and cash flows at the time contracts are ultimately settled. The estimated fair value of our derivative contract assets and liabilities was a net asset of \$702 million at December 31, 2009. A 10% change in electricity and fuel prices would result in approximately a \$270 million change in the fair value of our net asset at December 31, 2009. See Item 7A. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk* for further sensitivities in our assumptions used to calculate fair value. See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further information on derivative financial instruments related to energy trading and marketing activities.

Income Taxes and Deferred Tax Asset Valuation Allowance

Nature of Estimates Required. We currently record a tax provision for state and federal income taxes including any alternative minimum tax as applicable. We also recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities based on the difference between the balance sheet carrying amounts and the tax basis of the assets and liabilities. We

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must assess the likelihood that our deferred tax assets will be recoverable based on expected future taxable income. To the extent that we determine it is more-likely-than-not (greater than 50%) that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized, we must establish a valuation allowance. See Note 5 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information regarding our deferred tax assets and the application of our NOLs.

Key Assumptions and Approach Used. Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

Objective positive evidence is necessary to support a conclusion that a valuation allowance is not needed for all or a portion of deferred tax assets when significant negative evidence exists. We think that the realization of future taxable income sufficient to utilize existing deferred tax assets is not more-likely-than not at this time. The primary factors related to this conclusion are as follows:

Significant declines in demand and in average prices for power and natural gas during 2009 and the effect of such declines on our projected gross margin.

The estimated cash flows from contracts already entered into to hedge economically a portion of our portfolio for future periods is less than the contribution to our gross margin from realized value of hedges in recent years.

As of December 31, 2009, our deferred tax assets reduced by the valuation allowance are completely offset by our deferred tax liabilities. A portion of our NOLs (approximately \$361 million) is attributable to excess tax deductions primarily related to transactions arising during the period that we were in bankruptcy and resulting in a tax deduction in excess of the amount recorded for financial statement reporting purposes. The tax benefit of these excess tax deductions will be realized as the last NOLs are utilized for financial reporting. The realization of these excess tax deductions will be recorded as an increase to additional paid-in-capital in stockholders' equity. Additionally, our valuation allowance includes \$21 million relating to the tax effects of other comprehensive income items primarily related to employee benefits. These other comprehensive income items will be reduced in the event that the valuation allowance is no longer required.

Under the accounting guidance for the uncertainty of income taxes, we must reflect in our income tax provision the full benefit of all positions that will be taken in our income tax returns, except to the extent that such positions are uncertain and fall below the recognition requirements of the guidance. In the event that we determine that a tax position meets the uncertainty criteria, an additional liability or an adjustment to our NOLs, determined under the measurement criteria of the guidance will result. This liability or adjustment is referred to as an unrecognized tax benefit. We periodically reassess the tax positions reflected in our tax returns for open years based on the latest information available and determine whether any portion of the tax benefits reflected therein should be treated as unrecognized. The amount of the unrecognized tax benefit requires management to make significant assumptions about the expected outcomes of certain tax positions included in our filed or yet to be filed tax returns.

Effect if Different Assumptions Used. We are subject to an annual limitation on the use of pre bankruptcy emergence NOLs against current and future taxable income in accordance with Internal Revenue Code §382(l)(6). This limitation includes the effect of net unrealized built-in gains. If a post bankruptcy ownership change within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code §382, as amended, occurs, we will be required to determine a new annual limitation that will apply to the use of all pre ownership change NOLs against taxable

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income arising in periods subsequent to the ownership change. As a result of changes in our stock ownership, including our repurchases of shares of our common stock since July 11, 2006, and the exercise of a significant number of warrants for our common stock during 2008, we experienced an ownership change within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code §382, as amended, in the third quarter of 2008. Our annual limitation on the amount of taxable income that can be offset by our then existing NOLs has been redetermined as of the date of that ownership change. We do not expect that the ability to offset future taxable income with existing NOLs under the redetermined annual limitation will be significantly different from our ability to do so under the annual limitation prior to the ownership change that occurred in the third quarter of 2008. However, if we experience another ownership change after December 31, 2009, at or near our recent stock price levels, the redetermined annual limitation for Mirant could be lower and could result in the recognition of additional current tax expense in future periods.

We continue to be under audit for multiple years by taxing authorities in various jurisdictions. Considerable judgment is required to determine the tax treatment of particular items that involve interpretations of complex tax laws. A tax liability is recorded for filing positions with respect to which the outcome is uncertain and the recognition criteria under the accounting guidance for uncertainty in income taxes has been met. Such liabilities are based on judgment and it can take many years between the time the liability is recorded and the related filing position is no longer subject to question. We have not recorded a liability for those proposed tax adjustments related to the current tax audit where we continue to think that our filing position meets the more-likely-than-not threshold prescribed in the accounting guidance related to accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. Any adverse outcomes arising from these matters could result in a material change in the amount of our deferred taxes.

Long-Lived Assets**Estimated Useful Lives**

Nature of Estimates Required. The estimated useful lives of our long-lived assets are used to compute depreciation expense, determine the carrying value of asset retirement obligations and estimate expected future cash flows attributable to an asset for the purposes of impairment testing. Estimated useful lives are based, in part, on the assumption that we provide an appropriate level of capital expenditures while the assets are still in operation. Without these continued capital expenditures, the useful lives of these assets could decrease significantly.

Key Assumptions and Approach Used. Estimated useful lives are the mechanism by which we allocate the cost of long-lived assets over the asset's service period. We perform depreciation studies periodically to update changes in estimated useful lives. The actual useful life of an asset could be affected by changes in estimated or actual commodity prices, environmental regulations, various legal factors, competitive forces and our liquidity and ability to sustain required maintenance expenditures and satisfy asset retirement obligations. We use composite depreciation for groups of similar assets and establish an average useful life for each group of related assets. In accordance with the accounting guidance related to evaluating long-lived assets for impairment, we cease depreciation on long-lived assets classified as held for sale. Also, we may revise the remaining useful life of an asset held and used subject to impairment testing. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information related to our property, plant and equipment.

Effect if Different Assumptions Used. The determination of estimated useful lives is dependent on subjective factors such as expected market conditions, commodity prices and anticipated capital expenditures. Since composite depreciation rates are used, the actual useful life of a particular asset may differ materially from the useful life estimated for the related group of assets. A 10% increase in the weighted average useful lives of our facilities would result in a \$21 million decrease in annual depreciation expense. A 10% decrease in the weighted average useful lives of our facilities would result in a \$17 million increase in annual depreciation expense. In the event the useful lives of significant assets were found to be shorter than originally estimated, depreciation expense may increase, liabilities recognized for future asset retirement obligations may be insufficient and impairments in the carrying value of tangible and intangible assets may result.

Table of Contents**Asset Retirement Obligations**

Nature of Estimates Required. We account for asset retirement obligations under the accounting guidance for asset retirement obligations and conditional asset retirements. This guidance requires an entity to recognize the fair value of a liability for conditional and unconditional asset retirement obligations in the period in which they are incurred. Retirement obligations associated with long-lived assets included within the scope of the accounting guidance are those obligations for which a requirement exists under enacted laws, statutes and written or oral contracts, including obligations arising under the doctrine of promissory estoppel. Asset retirement obligations are estimated using the estimated current cost to satisfy the retirement obligation, increased for inflation through the expected period of retirement and discounted back to present value at our credit-adjusted risk free rate. We have identified certain asset retirement obligations within our power generating operations and have a noncurrent liability of \$43 million recorded as of December 31, 2009. These asset retirement obligations are primarily related to asbestos abatement at some of our generating facilities, the removal of oil storage tanks, equipment on leased property and environmental obligations related to the closing of ash disposal sites.

Key Assumptions and Approach Used. The fair value of liabilities associated with the initial recognition of asset retirement obligations is estimated by applying a present value calculation to current engineering cost estimates of satisfying the obligations. Significant inputs to the present value calculation include current cost estimates, estimated asset retirement dates and appropriate discount rates. Where appropriate, multiple cost and/or retirement scenarios have been probability weighted.

Effect if Different Assumptions Used. We update liabilities associated with asset retirement obligations as significant assumptions change or as relevant new information becomes available. A 1% increase in our rate of inflation would result in an approximate \$5 million increase to the asset retirement obligation recorded on our consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2009, and a 1% increase or decrease in our discount rate would result in an approximate \$4 million change.

Asset Impairments

Nature of Estimates Required. We evaluate our long-lived assets, including intangible assets, for impairment in accordance with applicable accounting guidance. The amount of an impairment charge is calculated as the excess of the asset's carrying value over its fair value, which generally represents the discounted expected future cash flows attributable to the asset, or in the case of an asset we expect to sell, as its fair value less costs to sell.

The accounting guidance related to impairments of long-lived assets requires management to recognize an impairment charge if the sum of the undiscounted expected future cash flows from a long-lived asset or definite-lived intangible asset is less than the carrying value of that asset. We evaluate our long-lived assets (property, plant and equipment) and definite-lived intangible assets for impairment whenever indicators of impairment exist or when we commit to sell the asset. These evaluations of long-lived assets and definite-lived intangible assets may result from significant decreases in the market price of an asset, a significant adverse change in the extent or manner in which an asset is being used or in its physical condition, a significant adverse change in legal factors or in the business climate that could affect the value of an asset, as well as other economic or operational analyses. If the carrying amount is not recoverable, an impairment charge is recorded.

The continued decline in natural gas prices has caused power prices to continue to decline over the past year, thereby reducing the energy gross margin earned by our generating facilities. Additionally, the current economic recession and various demand-response programs have resulted in a decrease in the forecasted gross margin of our generating facilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our long-lived assets for indications of impairment; however, given the remaining useful lives for many of our generating facilities, the total undiscounted cash flows for these generating facilities are more significantly affected by the long-term view of supply and demand than by the short term fluctuations in energy prices and demand. As such, we typically do not consider short term decreases in either energy prices or demand to cause an impairment evaluation.

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Key Assumptions and Approach Used. The impairment evaluation is a two-step process, the first of which involves comparing the undiscounted cash flows to the carrying value of the asset. If the carrying value exceeds the undiscounted cash flows, the fair value of the asset must be calculated on a discounted basis. The fair value of an asset is the price that would be received from a sale of the asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Quoted market prices in active markets are the best evidence of fair value and are used as the basis for the measurement, when available. In the absence of quoted prices for identical or similar assets, fair value is estimated using various internal and external valuation methods. These methods include discounted cash flow analyses and reviewing available information on comparable transactions. The determination of fair value requires management to apply judgment in estimating future capacity and energy prices, environmental and maintenance expenditures and other cash flows. Our estimates of the fair value of the assets include significant assumptions about the timing of future cash flows, remaining useful lives and the selection of a discount rate that represents the estimated weighted average cost of capital consistent with the risk inherent in future cash flows.

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Mirant Bowline In the second quarter of 2009, we evaluated our 1,139 MW Bowline generating facility for impairment based on the five-year forecast at the time, which indicated that Mirant Bowline would operate at a net loss for the next several years. Our estimates of the asset's undiscounted future cash flows for purposes of our impairment analysis required significant judgments related to future property tax assessments of the asset. Our estimates also included assumptions related to the future capacity and energy revenues our Bowline generating facility is projected to earn. Additionally, we assumed we would monetize excess emissions allowances by selling them. The sum of the probability weighted undiscounted cash flows through the facility's estimated remaining useful life exceeded the carrying value as of June 30, 2009. There were no additional events in the third or fourth quarter of 2009 that required us to update our previous impairment analysis. As a result, we did not record an impairment charge for the year ended December 31, 2009. We continue to monitor developments related to market prices for capacity and energy, supply and demand forecasts from the NYISO and the status of legal proceedings related to property taxes to determine if further impairment analyses in future periods are required. The carrying value of the Bowline generating facility represented approximately 4% of our total property, plant and equipment, net at December 31, 2009. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further information related to our impairment analysis of the Bowline generating facility.

Mirant Potrero In the third quarter of 2009, Mirant Potrero executed a settlement agreement with the City of San Francisco in which it agreed to shut down the Potrero generating facility when it is no longer needed for reliability, as determined by the CAISO. That settlement agreement became effective in November 2009, following its approval by the City's Board of Supervisors and Mayor. Mirant Potrero agreed in the settlement agreement to submit to the CAISO a notice of intent to shut down the facility as of December 31, 2010. The CAISO will make the final determination on when each of the units at the Potrero generating facility is no longer needed for reliability and may be shut down. As a result of the settlement agreement, we evaluated our 362 MW Potrero generating facility for impairment during the third quarter. We developed multiple scenarios for the future expected operations of the Potrero generating facility based on the settlement agreement and the expected timing of certain projects to ensure reliability of electricity supply for the City of San Francisco. One such project is the TransBay Cable, an underwater electric transmission cable in the San Francisco Bay that is expected to decrease the need for generating resources in the City of San Francisco, and that we expect to become operational by mid-2010 and thereby reduce the need for our Potrero unit 3 for reliability. Our cash flows included assumptions about the future operating costs of the Potrero generating facility as well as the corresponding revenues to be received under its RMR agreement. We also obtained multiple appraisals to value the land. The sum of the probability weighted undiscounted cash flows for the Potrero generating facility exceeded the carrying value as of September 30, 2009. As a result, we did not record an impairment charge for the tangible assets at the Potrero generating facility.

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In January 2010, the CAISO advised the City of San Francisco that the expected replacement in 2010 of two underground transmission cables, if completed successfully, would allow the CAISO not to require the continued operation of the remaining units of the Potrero generating facility, units 4, 5 and 6, for reliability purposes after 2010. The CAISO will not determine which units of the Potrero generating facility are required to operate in 2011 for reliability purposes until the fall of 2010, but Mirant Potrero expects that none of the units of the Potrero generating facility will be required to operate for reliability purposes after 2010 and that all of the units will close by the end of 2010. As a result, we reviewed our previous impairment for the tangible assets at the Potrero generating facility. The development related to the expected shutdown of units 4, 5 and 6 by the end of 2010 does not result in an impairment charge. The carrying value of the Potrero generating facility represented less than 1% of our total property, plant and equipment, net at December 31, 2009.

The asset group for Mirant Potrero included intangible assets recorded at Mirant California related to trading rights and development rights. As a result of certain terms included in the settlement agreement, we separately evaluated the trading and development rights associated with the Potrero generating facility for impairment and determined that both of these intangible assets were fully impaired as of September 30, 2009. Accordingly, we recognized an impairment loss of \$9 million on our consolidated statement of operations to write off the carrying value of the intangible assets related to the Potrero generating facility. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further information related to our impairment analysis of the Potrero generating facility and related intangible assets.

Mirant Delta On September 2, 2009, Mirant Delta entered into a new agreement with PG&E for the 674 MW at Contra Costa units 6 and 7 for the period from November 2011 through April 2013. At the end of the agreement, and subject to any necessary regulatory approval, Mirant Delta has agreed to retire Contra Costa units 6 and 7, which began operations in 1964, in furtherance of state and federal policies to retire aging power plants that utilize once-through cooling technology. The new Mirant Delta agreement is subject to approval by the CPUC. We evaluated the trading rights related to Mirant Delta's Contra Costa generating facility for impairment during the third quarter of 2009 as a result of the retirement provisions in the new tolling agreement. Because the Contra Costa generating facility is under contract with PG&E through the expected shutdown date, we determined the intangible asset was fully impaired as of September 30, 2009. We recorded an impairment loss of \$5 million on our consolidated statement of operations to write off the carrying value of the trading rights related to the Contra Costa generating facility.

Mirant Canal Our 1,126 MW Canal generating facility is located in the lower SEMA load zone in the ISO-NE control area. ISO-NE previously has determined that, at times, it is necessary for the Canal generating facility to operate to meet local reliability criteria for SEMA when it is not economic for the Canal generating facility to operate based upon prevailing market prices. When the Canal generating facility operates to meet local reliability criteria, we are compensated at the price we bid into the ISO-NE, pursuant to ISO-NE market rules, rather than at the lower market price.

During 2009, NSTAR Electric Company completed planned upgrades to the SEMA transmission system. These upgrades are expected to reduce the need for the Canal generating facility to operate and caused a reduction in energy gross margin compared to historical levels. The final phase of these transmission upgrades was completed in the third quarter of 2009. With the completion of the transmission upgrades, we expect that the future revenues of the Canal generating facility will be principally capacity revenue from ISO-NE forward capacity market. Our current projections indicate that the undiscounted cash flows exceed the carrying value of the facility at December 31, 2009. As a result, we did not record an impairment charge because of the transmission upgrades. We continue to monitor developments related to our Canal generating facility, including the NPDES and SWD Permit. See Item 1. Business Environmental Regulation for further information related to the NPDES and SWD Permit for the Canal generating facility. The carrying value of the Canal generating facility represented approximately 5% of our total property, plant and equipment, net at December 31, 2009.

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Mirant Mid-Atlantic We have goodwill recorded at our Mirant Mid-Atlantic registrant on its standalone balance sheet, which is eliminated upon consolidation at Mirant North America. In accordance with accounting guidance for goodwill and other intangible assets, we are required to test the goodwill balance at Mirant Mid-Atlantic at least annually. We performed the goodwill assessment at October 31, 2009, which, by policy, is our annual testing date. In conducting step one of the goodwill impairment analysis for Mirant Mid-Atlantic, we noted that the carrying value of its assets exceeded the calculated fair value of Mirant Mid-Atlantic, indicating that step two of the goodwill impairment analysis was required. Based on the results of the step one goodwill impairment analysis, we tested Mirant Mid-Atlantic's long-lived assets for impairment under the accounting guidance related to impairment of long-lived assets before completion of the step two test for goodwill. During 2009, the continued decline in average natural gas prices caused power prices to decline in the Mid-Atlantic region. Additionally, the current economic recession and various demand-response programs have resulted in a decrease in the forecasted gross margin of the Mid-Atlantic generating facilities.

Upon completion of our assessment, which was based on the accounting guidance related to the impairment of long-lived assets, we determined that the Potomac River generating facility was impaired, as the carrying value exceeded the undiscounted cash flows. We recorded an impairment loss of \$207 million on our consolidated statement of operations to reduce the carrying value of the Potomac River generating facility to its estimated fair value. In performing our impairment assessment, we noted that the undiscounted cash flows for other Mid-Atlantic generating facilities also decreased significantly from the prior year. We determined that none of Mirant Mid-Atlantic's long-lived assets other than the Potomac River generating facility was impaired at October 31, 2009. There were no significant changes in market prices between October 31, 2009 and December 31, 2009 that required us to update our impairment analysis. However, if changes in market prices cause a further decline in the projected gross margin of our generating facilities, we could recognize additional impairment losses in future periods.

Mirant Potomac River Based on the accounting guidance related to the impairment of long-lived assets, our assessment of the Potomac River generating facility at October 31, 2009 included assumptions about the following:

electricity, fuel and emissions prices;

capacity payments under the RPM provisions of PJM's tariff;

costs of CO2 allowances under a potential federal cap-and-trade program;

timing of announced transmission projects;

timing and extent of generating capacity additions and retirements; and

future capital expenditure requirements for the generating facility.

Our assumptions related to future electricity and fuel prices were based on observable market prices to the extent available and long-term prices derived from proprietary fundamental market modeling. Our long-term capacity prices are based on the assumption that the PJM RPM capacity market would continue consistent with the current structure, with expected increases in revenue as a result of declines in reserve margins for periods beyond those for which auctions have already been completed. We also assumed that a federal CO2 cap-and-trade program would be instituted later this decade. There are several transmission projects currently planned in the Mid-Atlantic region, including the Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL), Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway transmission line (MAPP) and the Potomac-Appalachian transmission line (PATH). Our assumptions regarding the timing of these projects were based on the current status of permitting and construction of each project. Our assumptions regarding electricity demand are based on forecasts from PJM and assumptions for generating capacity additions and retirements consider publicly-announced projects, including renewable sources of electricity and additions of nuclear capacity. Capital expenditures include the remaining \$33 million that Mirant Potomac River committed to spend to reduce particulate emissions as part of the agreement with the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

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Our estimates and assumptions used in the impairment analysis of Mirant Potomac River are subject to a high degree of uncertainty, and changes in these assumptions could affect the amount of the impairment loss or result in additional future impairment losses. A decrease in projected electricity prices or an increase in coal prices would decrease the future cash flows of the Potomac River generating facility, thus increasing the amount of the impairment loss recognized. Additionally, changes to the structure of the PJM RPM capacity market could negatively affect the future capacity prices we expect the facility to earn. Our assumptions include the development of a potential federal cap-and-trade program for CO₂ emissions. If we are not compensated for the costs of complying with a federal CO₂ program through allocated CO₂ allowances, increased electricity and capacity prices or decreased coal prices, our cash flows would be negatively affected. If the planned transmission projects are completed earlier than we assumed, this could negatively affect the cash flows of the facility as there would be a decrease in the demand for electricity generated by Mirant Potomac River. In addition, changes to our assumptions regarding generating capacity additions and retirements in the PJM region could affect the cash flows, depending on the timing and extent of additions and retirements. Our assumptions include only those capital expenditures needed to keep the plant operational through its estimated remaining useful life. However, changes in laws or regulations could require us to invest additional capital beyond amounts budgeted to keep the plant operational.

Our estimates of future cash flows did not include contracts entered into to hedge economically the expected generation of our Mid-Atlantic generating facilities. The cash flows related to these contracts were excluded because they were not directly attributable to the Potomac River generating facility.

Year Ended December 31, 2008

Mirant Mid-Atlantic We performed the goodwill assessment for Mirant Mid-Atlantic at October 31, 2008, which, by policy, is our annual testing date. In conducting step one of the goodwill impairment analysis for Mirant Mid-Atlantic, we noted that the carrying value of its assets exceeded the calculated fair value of Mirant Mid-Atlantic, indicating that step two of the goodwill impairment analysis was required. Based on the results of the step one goodwill impairment analysis, we tested Mirant Mid-Atlantic's long-lived assets for impairment under the accounting guidance related to impairment of long-lived assets before completion of the step two test for goodwill. Upon completion of our assessment, which was based on the accounting guidance related to the impairment of long-lived assets, we determined that no further analysis of the long-lived assets was needed as of December 31, 2008.

Year Ended December 31, 2007

Mirant Lovett As a result of entering into an amendment to the 2003 Consent Decree that switched the deadlines for shutting down units 4 and 5 and an agreement with the Town of Stony Point that set the 2007 and 2008 assessed value for property tax purposes for the Lovett generating facility, we tested in the second quarter of 2007, the recoverability of the Lovett generating facility under the accounting guidance related to the impairment of long-lived assets. See Item 1. *Business* for additional information on the 2003 Consent Decree. Our estimate of cash flows related to our impairment analysis of our Lovett generating facility involved considering scenarios for the future expected operation of the Lovett generating facility. The most likely scenario considered was the shutdown of unit 5 by April 30, 2008, according to the amended 2003 Consent Decree. We also considered a scenario that assumed operations, utilizing coal as the primary fuel source, through 2012 to allow the Lovett generating facility to continue to contribute to the reliability of the electric system of the State of New York. As a result of the analysis, we recorded an impairment of long-lived assets of \$175 million in the second quarter of 2007 to reduce the carrying value of the Lovett generating facility to its estimated fair value.

Effect if Different Assumptions Used. The estimates and assumptions used to determine whether an impairment exists are subject to a high degree of uncertainty. The estimated fair value of an asset would change if different estimates and assumptions were used in our applied valuation techniques, including estimated undiscounted cash flows, discount rates and remaining useful lives for assets held and used. If actual results are

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not consistent with the assumptions used in estimating future cash flows and asset fair values, we may be exposed to additional losses that could be material to our results of operations.

See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information on impairments.

Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans

Nature of Estimates Required. We provide pension and other postretirement benefits to certain union and non-union employees. The benefit costs associated with the pension and other postretirement benefit plans are developed from actuarial valuations. The key assumptions inherent in the actuarial valuations include the discount rate, the expected long-term rate of return on pension plan assets and the medical care cost trend rate used for other postretirement healthcare benefits. The assumptions used are subject to significant judgment and changes in the assumptions used may have a material effect on our future benefit costs.

Key Assumptions and Approach Used. The discount rates used as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, were determined based on individual bond matching models comprised of portfolios of high quality corporate bonds with projected cash flows and maturity dates reflecting the time horizon during which the benefits are expected to be paid. The changes in the discount rate from period to period were the result of changes in the long-term interest rates.

The weighted average discount rates used for measuring year-end pension benefit obligations and other postretirement benefit obligations were as follows:

	Pension Plans		Other Postretirement Benefit Plans	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Benefit obligation	5.62%	5.40%	5.62%	5.37%

The weighted average discount rates used for our pension benefit cost and other postretirement benefit costs during each year are shown below:

	Pension Plans Years Ended December 31,			Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007	2009	2008	2007
Benefit costs	5.40%	6.12%	5.66%	5.37%	6.06%	5.66%

In determining the long-term rate of return on our pension plan assets, we evaluate current and historic market factors including inflation and interest rates. We also evaluate the portfolio by estimating the expected return on the asset mix. Our target investment allocation of our pension plan assets is 70% equity securities and 30% fixed income securities. Based on these factors, our long-term expected return on plan assets was 8.50% as of December 31, 2009 and 2008.

The medical care cost trend rate used for other postretirement healthcare benefits is the assumed long-term growth rate of medical costs. This rate is based on costs observed in prior years and expectations of future cost increases.

Effect if Different Assumptions Used. The assumptions used in determining our benefit cost are subject to significant judgment and could result in material changes to our consolidated financial statements if different assumptions were used.

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The following table summarizes the sensitivity of our projected benefit obligation and pension benefit cost to changes in the discount rate and expected long-term rate of return on pension assets:

	Effect on projected benefit obligation at December 31, 2009	Effect on 2010 benefit cost
	(in millions)	
Increase in discount rate 1%	\$ (36)	\$ (1)
Decrease in discount rate 1%	\$ 44	\$ 5
Increase in expected long-term rate of return 1%	N/A	\$ (3)
Decrease in expected long-term rate of return 1%	N/A	\$ 3

Other Postretirement Benefits

The following table summarizes the sensitivity of our benefit obligation and other postretirement benefit cost to changes in the discount rate for our other postretirement benefits:

	Effect on benefit obligation at December 31, 2009	Effect on 2010 benefit cost
	(in millions)	
Increase in discount rate 1%	\$ (7)	\$ (1)
Decrease in discount rate 1%	\$ 8	\$ 1

An annual increase or decrease of 1% in the assumed medical care cost trend rate would correspondingly increase or decrease the aggregate of the service and interest cost components of the annual postretirement benefit cost in 2009 by an inconsequential amount.

Stock-Based Compensation

Nature of Estimates Required. We account for stock-based compensation through the recognition in the statement of operations of the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees and directors. We consider the assumptions inherent in our valuation and calculation of compensation expense critical to our consolidated financial statements because the underlying assumptions are subject to significant judgment and the resulting compensation expense may be material to our results of operations.

Key Assumptions and Approach Used. The Black-Scholes option-pricing model was used to measure the grant-date fair value of the stock options. The Black-Scholes model requires certain assumptions concerning implied volatility, dividend yield, expected term and grant price. These assumptions have a significant effect on the options' fair value. The expected term and expected volatility often have the most effect on the fair value of the option. The inputs to the Black-Scholes model that we used for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 are detailed below:

	2009		2008	
	Range	Weighted Average	Range	Weighted Average
Expected volatility	48-59%	58.9%	31-43%	31.2%
Expected dividends	%	%	%	%
Expected term				
Service condition awards	6 years	6 years	3.5 years	3.5 years
Performance condition awards				
Risk-free rate	2.6-2.9%	2.6%	2.1-2.9 %	2.1%

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We use our own implied volatility from our traded options in accordance with accounting guidance for share-based payments. Additionally, we assume there will be no dividends paid over the expected term of the awards. As a result of our lack of exercise history, the simplified method for estimating expected term has been used in accordance with this guidance, to the extent applicable. In accordance with amended accounting guidance for share-based payments, the simplified method can continue to be applied to stock option grants after December 31, 2007. We plan to continue applying the simplified method in estimating the expected term of future stock option grants until we have sufficient exercise history. The grant price used in the Black-Scholes option pricing model is the NYSE closing price of our common stock on the day of grant. The risk-free rate for periods within the contractual term of the stock option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant.

We have determined that all of the awards granted in 2009 and 2008 qualify for equity accounting treatment. Equity accounting treatment requires awards to be measured at the grant-date fair value with compensation expense recognized over the award's requisite service period, with no subsequent re-measurement. Compensation cost has been adjusted based on estimated forfeitures. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we recognized approximately \$24 million of compensation expense related to stock options, restricted shares and restricted stock units.

Effect if Different Assumptions Used. As a result of the uncertainty, complexity and judgment involved in the valuation of stock options, the assumptions related to accounting for share-based payments could result in material changes to our consolidated financial statements if different assumptions were used. A 10% increase in the volatility assumption for our valuation of stock options would have resulted in an increase of approximately \$1 million in recognized compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2009. A 1% decrease in the forfeiture rate would have resulted in a change of less than \$1 million in the recognized compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2009. Generally, as the expected term, expected volatility and risk-free rate increase, the option's fair value increases as a result of greater upside potential of the stock. However, as the expected dividend yield increases, the option's fair value may decrease as option holders typically do not receive dividends.

See Note 6 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information on our stock-based compensation.

Loss Contingencies

Nature of Estimates Required. We record loss contingencies when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. We consider loss contingency estimates to be critical accounting estimates because they entail significant judgment regarding probabilities and ranges of exposure, and the ultimate outcome of the proceedings is unknown and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. We currently have loss contingencies related to litigation, environmental matters, tax matters and others.

Key Assumptions and Approach Used. The determination of a loss contingency requires significant judgment as to the expected outcome of each contingency in future periods. In making the determination as to potential losses and probability of loss, we consider all available positive and negative evidence including the expected outcome of potential litigation. We record our best estimate of a loss, or the low end of our range if no estimate is better than another estimate within a range of estimates, when the loss is considered probable. As additional information becomes available, we reassess the potential liability related to the contingency and revise our estimates. In our evaluation of legal matters, management holds discussions with applicable legal counsel and relies on analysis of case law and legal precedents.

Effect if Different Assumptions Used. Revisions in our estimates of potential liabilities could materially affect our results of operations and the ultimate resolution may be materially different from the estimates that we make.

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See Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for additional information on our loss contingencies.

Litigation

We are currently involved in certain legal proceedings. We estimate the range of liability through discussions with applicable legal counsel and analysis of case law and legal precedents. We record our best estimate of a loss, or the low end of our range if no estimate is better than another estimate within a range of estimates, when the loss is considered probable and can be reasonably estimated. As additional information becomes available, we reassess the potential liability related to our pending litigation and revise our estimates. Revisions in our estimates of the potential liability could materially affect our results of operations and the ultimate resolution may be materially different from the estimates that we make.

See Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further information related to our legal proceedings.

Recently Adopted Accounting Guidance

See Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further information related to our recently adopted accounting guidance.

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Fair Value Measurements

We are exposed to market risk, primarily associated with commodity prices. We also consider risks associated with interest rates and credit when valuing our derivative financial instruments.

The estimated net fair value of our derivative contract assets and liabilities was a net asset of \$702 million and \$655 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The following tables provide a summary of the factors affecting the change in fair value of the derivative contract asset and liability accounts for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively (in millions):

	Commodity Contracts		
	Asset Management	Trading Activities	Total
Fair value of portfolio of assets and liabilities at January 1, 2009	\$ 549	\$ 106	\$ 655
Gains (losses) recognized in the period, net:			
New contracts and other changes in fair value ⁽¹⁾	20	(150)	(130)
Roll off of previous values ⁽²⁾	(539)	(100)	(639)
Purchases, issuances and settlements ⁽³⁾	671	145	816
Fair value of portfolio of assets and liabilities at December 31, 2009	\$ 701	\$ 1	\$ 702

	Commodity Contracts		
	Asset Management	Trading Activities	Total
Fair value of portfolio of assets and liabilities at January 1, 2008 ⁽⁴⁾	\$ (133)	\$ 4	\$ (129)
Gains (losses) recognized in the period, net:			
New contracts and other changes in fair value ⁽¹⁾	497	86	583
Roll off of previous values ⁽²⁾	271	55	326
Purchases, issuances and settlements ⁽³⁾	(86)	(39)	(125)
Fair value of portfolio of assets and liabilities at December 31, 2008	\$ 549	\$ 106	\$ 655

⁽¹⁾ The fair value, as of the end of each quarterly reporting period, of contracts entered into during each quarterly reporting period and the gains or losses attributable to contracts that existed as of the beginning of each quarterly reporting period and were still held at the end of each quarterly reporting period.

⁽²⁾ The fair value, as of the beginning of each quarterly reporting period, of contracts that settled during each quarterly reporting period.

⁽³⁾ Denotes cash settlements during each quarterly reporting period of contracts that existed at the beginning of each quarterly reporting period.

⁽⁴⁾ Reflects our portfolio of derivative contract assets and liabilities at December 31, 2007, adjusted for a day one net gain of \$1 million recognized upon adoption of the fair value measurements accounting guidance on January 1, 2008.

The tables above do not include long-term coal agreements that are not required to be recorded at fair value under the accounting guidance for derivative financial instruments. See *Long-Term Coal Agreement Risk* for further discussion later in this section.

We did not elect the fair value option for any financial instruments under the accounting guidance. However, we do transact using derivative financial instruments which are required to be recorded at fair value in our consolidated balance sheets under the accounting guidance related to

derivative financial instruments.

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Commodity Price Risk

In connection with our business of generating electricity, we are exposed to energy commodity price risk associated with the acquisition of fuel and emissions allowances needed to generate electricity, the price of electricity produced and sold and the fair value of our fuel inventories. A portion of our fuel requirements is purchased in the spot market and a portion of the electricity we produce is sold in the spot market. In addition, the open positions in our proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities expose us to risks associated with changes in energy commodity prices.

As a result, our financial performance varies depending on changes in the prices of energy and energy-related commodities. See Item 7. **Critical Accounting Estimates** for a discussion of the accounting treatment for asset management, proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities.

The financial performance of our business of generating electricity is influenced by the difference between the variable cost of converting a fuel, such as natural gas, coal or oil, into electricity, and the variable revenue we receive from the sale of that electricity. The difference between the cost of a specific fuel used to generate one MWh of electricity and the market value of the electricity generated is commonly referred to as the conversion spread. Absent the effects of our derivative contract activities, the operating margins that we realize are equal to the difference between the aggregate conversion spread and the cost of operating the facilities that produce the electricity sold.

Conversion spreads are dependent on a variety of factors that influence the cost of fuel and the sales price of the electricity generated over the longer term, including conversion spreads of other generating facilities in the regions in which we operate, facility outages, weather and general economic conditions. As a result of these influences, the cost of fuel and electricity prices do not always change in the same magnitude or direction, which results in conversion spreads for a particular generating facility widening or narrowing (or becoming negative) over any given period.

Through our asset management activities, we enter into a variety of exchange-traded and OTC energy and energy-related derivative financial instruments, such as forward contracts, futures contracts, option contracts and financial swap agreements, to manage our exposure to commodity price risks and changes in conversion spreads. These contracts have varying terms and durations which range from a few days to years, depending on the instrument. Our proprietary trading activities also utilize similar contracts in markets where we have a physical presence to attempt to generate incremental gross margin. Our fuel oil management activities use derivative financial instruments to hedge economically the fair value of our physical fuel oil inventories and to optimize the approximately three million barrels of storage capacity that we own or lease.

Derivative energy contracts that are required to be reflected at fair value are presented as derivative contract assets and liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The net changes in their fair market values are recognized in income in the period of change. The determination of fair value considers various factors, including closing exchange or OTC market price quotations, time value, credit quality, liquidity and volatility factors underlying options. See Item 7. **Critical Accounting Estimates** for the accounting treatment of asset management, proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities.

Counterparty Credit Risk

The valuation of our derivative contract assets is affected by the default risk of the counterparties with which we transact. We recognized a reserve, which is reflected as a reduction of our derivative contract assets, related to counterparty credit risk of \$13 million and \$52 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

In accordance with the fair value measurements accounting guidance, we calculate the credit reserve through consideration of observable market inputs, when available. Our non-collateralized power hedges entered

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into by Mirant Mid-Atlantic with our major trading partners, which represent 65% of our net notional position at December 31, 2009, are senior unsecured obligations of Mirant Mid-Atlantic and the counterparties, and do not require either party to post cash collateral for initial margin or for securing exposure as a result of changes in power or natural gas prices. We calculate the credit reserve for our non-collateralized power hedges entered into by Mirant Mid-Atlantic using published spreads on credit default swaps for our counterparties applied to our current exposure and potential loss exposure from the financial commitments in our risk management portfolio. Potential loss exposure is calculated as our current exposure plus a calculated VaR over the remaining life of the contracts. We applied a similar approach to calculate the fair value of our coal contracts that are not included in derivative contract assets and liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets and which also do not require either party to post cash collateral for initial margin or for securing exposure as a result of changes in coal prices. We do not, however, transact in credit default swaps or any other credit derivative. An increase of 10% in the spread of credit default swaps of our major trading partners for our non-collateralized power hedges entered into by Mirant Mid-Atlantic would result in an increase of \$1 million in our credit reserve as of December 31, 2009. An increase of 10% in the spread of credit default swaps of our coal suppliers would result in an increase of less than \$1 million in our credit reserve for our long-term coal agreements that are not included in derivative contract assets and liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2009.

We have historically calculated the credit reserve for the remainder of our portfolio considering our current exposure, net of the effect of credit enhancements, and potential loss exposure from the financial commitments in our risk management portfolio, and applied historical default probabilities using current credit ratings of our counterparties. In the fourth quarter of 2009, we changed our methodology to calculate the credit reserve for the remainder of our portfolio to also use published spreads, where available, or proxies based upon published spreads, on credit default swaps for our counterparties applied to our current exposure and potential loss exposure from the financial commitments in our risk management portfolio. The change in credit reserve methodology did not have a material effect on the fair value of our derivative contract assets and liabilities for the remainder of the portfolio since the default risk is generally offset by cash collateral or other credit enhancements. An increase in counterparty credit risk could affect the ability of our counterparties to deliver on their obligations to us. As a result, we may require our counterparties to post additional collateral or provide other credit enhancements. An increase of 10% in the spread of credit default swaps of our trading partners for the remainder of our portfolio would result in an immaterial increase in our credit reserve as of December 31, 2009.

Once we have delivered a physical commodity or agreed to financial settlement terms, we are subject to collection risk. Collection risk is similar to credit risk and collection risk is accounted for when we establish our provision for uncollectible accounts. We manage this risk using the same techniques and processes used in credit risk discussed above.

We also monitor counterparty credit concentration risk on both an individual basis and a group counterparty basis. See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further discussion of our counterparty credit concentration risk.

Mirant Credit Risk

In valuing our derivative contract liabilities, we apply a valuation adjustment for our non-performance which is based on the probability of our default. Historically, we determined this non-performance adjustment value by multiplying our liability exposure, including outstanding balances for realized transactions, unrealized transactions and the effect of credit enhancements, by the one year probability of our default based on our current credit rating. The one year probability of default rate considers the tenor of our portfolio and the correlation of default between counterparties within our industry. In the fourth quarter of 2009, we changed our methodology to incorporate published spreads on our credit default swaps, where available, or proxies based upon published spreads. An increase of 10% in the spread of our credit default swap rate would have an immaterial effect on our consolidated statement of operations as of December 31, 2009.

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In determining the fair value of our derivative contract assets and liabilities, we use third-party market pricing where available. We consider active markets to be those in which transactions for the asset or liability occur in sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report explains the fair value hierarchy. Our transactions in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy primarily consist of natural gas and crude oil futures traded on the NYMEX and swaps cleared against NYMEX prices. For these transactions, we use the unadjusted published settled prices on the valuation date. Our transactions in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy primarily include non-exchange-traded derivatives such as OTC forwards, swaps and options. We value these transactions using quotes from independent brokers or other widely-accepted valuation methodologies. Transactions are classified in Level 2 if substantially all (greater than 90%) of the fair value can be corroborated using observable market inputs such as transactable broker quotes. In accordance with the exit price objective under the fair value measurements accounting guidance, the fair value of our derivative contract assets and liabilities is determined based on the net underlying position of the recorded derivative contract assets and liabilities using bid prices for our assets and ask prices for liabilities. The quotes that we obtain from brokers are non-binding in nature, but are from brokers that typically transact in the market being quoted and are based on their knowledge of market transactions on the valuation date. We typically obtain multiple broker quotes on the valuation date for each delivery location that extend for the tenor of our underlying contracts. The number of quotes that we can obtain depends on the relative liquidity of the delivery location on the valuation date. If multiple broker quotes are received for a contract, we use an average of the quoted bid or ask prices. If only one broker quote is received for a delivery location and it cannot be validated through other external sources, we will assign the quote to a lower level within the fair value hierarchy. In some instances, we may combine broker quotes for a liquid delivery hub with broker quotes for the price spread between the liquid delivery hub and the delivery location under the contract. We also may apply interpolation techniques to value monthly strips if broker quotes are only available on a seasonal or annual basis. We perform validation procedures on the broker quotes at least on a monthly basis. The validation procedures include reviewing the quotes for accuracy and comparing them to our internal price curves. In certain instances, we may discard a broker quote if it is a clear outlier and multiple other quotes are obtained. At December 31, 2009, we obtained broker quotes for 100% of our delivery locations classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Inactive markets are considered to be those markets with few transactions, noncurrent pricing or prices that vary over time or among market makers. Our transactions in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy may involve transactions whereby observable market data, such as broker quotes, are not available for substantially all of the tenor of the contract or we are only able to obtain indicative broker quotes that cannot be corroborated by observable market data. In such cases, we may apply valuation techniques such as extrapolation to determine fair value. Proprietary models may also be used to determine the fair value of certain of our derivative contract assets and liabilities that may be structured or otherwise tailored. The degree of estimation increases for longer duration contracts, contracts with multiple pricing features, option contracts and off-hub delivery points. Our techniques for fair value estimation include assumptions for market prices, correlation and volatility. At December 31, 2009, our assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy represented approximately 2% of our total assets and less than 1% of our total liabilities measured at fair value. See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further explanation of the fair value hierarchy.

Value at Risk

Our risk management policy limits our trading to certain products and contains limits and restrictions related to our asset management, proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities.

We manage the price risk associated with asset management activities through a variety of methods. Our risk management policy requires that asset management activities are restricted to only those activities that are risk-reducing. We ensure compliance with this restriction at the transactional level by testing each individual transaction executed relative to the overall asset position.

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We also use VaR to measure the market price risk of our energy asset portfolio as a result of potential changes in market prices. VaR is a statistical model that provides an estimate of potential loss. We calculate VaR based on the parametric variance/covariance approach, utilizing a 95% confidence interval and a one-day holding period on a rolling 24-month forward looking period. Additionally, we estimate correlation based on historical commodity price changes. Volatilities are based on a combination of historical price changes and implied market rates.

VaR is calculated quarterly on an asset management portfolio comprised of mark-to-market and non mark-to-market energy assets and liabilities, including generating facilities and bilateral physical and financial transactions. Asset management VaR levels are substantially reduced as a result of our decision to hedge actively in the forward markets the commodity price risk related to the expected generation and fuel usage of our generating facilities. See Item 1. Commercial Operations for discussion of our hedging strategies.

The following table summarizes year-end, average, high and low VaR for our asset management portfolio (in millions):

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008
Asset Management VaR		
Year-end	\$ 11	\$ 14
Average	\$ 12	\$ 18
High	\$ 13	\$ 21
Low	\$ 11	\$ 14

The asset management VaR declined for the year ended December 31, 2009, as compared to 2008, primarily as a result of lower commodity price volatility estimates caused by lower commodity price levels.

We calculate VaR daily on portfolios consisting of mark-to-market and non mark-to-market bilateral physical and financial transactions related to our proprietary trading activities and fuel oil management operations.

The following table summarizes year-end, average, high and low VaR for our proprietary trading and fuel oil management operations (in millions):

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008
Proprietary Trading and Fuel Oil Management VaR		
Year-end	\$ 2	\$ 1
Average	\$ 2	\$ 2
High	\$ 4	\$ 4
Low	\$ 1	\$ 1

Because of inherent limitations of statistical measures such as VaR and the seasonality of changes in market prices, the VaR calculation may not reflect the full extent of our commodity price risk exposure on our cash flows and liquidity. Additionally, actual changes in the fair value of mark-to-market energy assets and liabilities could differ from the calculated VaR, and such changes could have a material effect on our financial results.

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Interest Rate Risk

Fair Value Measurement

We are also subject to interest rate risk when determining the fair value of our derivative contract assets and liabilities. The nominal value of our derivative contract assets and liabilities is also discounted to account for time value using a LIBOR forward interest rate curve based on the tenor of our transactions. An increase of 100 basis points in the average LIBOR rate would result in a decrease of \$2 million to our derivative contract assets and a decrease of \$1 million to our derivative contract liabilities at December 31, 2009.

Debt

Our debt that is subject to variable interest rates consists of the Mirant North America senior secured term loan and senior secured revolving credit facility. If both were fully drawn, the amount subject to variable interest rates would be approximately \$1.1 billion and a 1% per annum increase in the average market rate would result in an increase in our annual interest expense of approximately \$11 million.

Long-Term Coal Agreement Risk

Our coal supply comes primarily from the Central Appalachian and Northern Appalachian coal regions. We enter into contracts of varying tenors to secure appropriate quantities of fuel that meet the varying specifications of our generating facilities. For our coal-fired generating facilities, we purchase most of our coal from a small number of strategic suppliers under contracts with terms of varying lengths, some of which extend to 2013. Most of our coal contracts are not required to be recorded at fair value under the accounting guidance for derivative financial instruments. As such, these contracts are not included in derivative contract assets and liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2009, the estimated net fair value of these long-term coal agreements was approximately \$(177) million.

In addition, we have non-performance risk associated with our long-term coal agreements. There is risk that our coal suppliers may not provide the contractual quantities on the dates specified within the agreements or the deliveries may be carried over to future periods. If our coal suppliers do not perform in accordance with the agreements, we may have to procure coal in the market to meet our needs, or power in the market to meet our obligations. In addition, a number of the coal suppliers do not currently have an investment grade credit rating and, accordingly, we may have limited recourse to collect damages in the event of default by a supplier. We seek to mitigate this risk through diversification of coal suppliers and through guarantees. Despite this, there can be no assurance that these efforts will be successful in mitigating credit risk from coal suppliers. Non-performance or default risk by our coal suppliers could have a material adverse effect on our future results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this report for further explanation of these agreements and our credit concentration tables.

Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*

The financial statements and schedules are listed in Part IV, Item 15 of this Form 10-K.

Item 9. *Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure*

None.

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Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As required by Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b), our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined by Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act), as of December 31, 2009. Based upon this assessment, our management concluded that, as of December 31, 2009, these disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined by Rules 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act). The Company's internal control framework and processes have been designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles. Internal control over financial reporting includes those processes and procedures that:

pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;

provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded properly to allow for the preparation of financial statements, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company;

provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements; and

provide reasonable assurance as to the detection of fraud.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, we carried out an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009. In conducting our assessment, management utilized the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework*. Based on this assessment, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2009.

Our independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG LLP, has issued reports on its assessment of internal control over financial reporting and our consolidated financial statements. KPMG LLP's reports can be found on pages F-1 and F-2. Our audit committee appoints, retains, oversees, evaluates, compensates and terminates on its sole authority our independent auditors and approves all audit engagements, including the scope, fees and terms of each engagement. The audit committee's oversight process is intended to ensure that we will continue to have high-quality, cost-efficient independent auditing services.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in Mirant's internal control over financial reporting that have occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2009, that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect such internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

Table of Contents**PART III****Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

The information required by this Item will be set forth in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed on or before March 26, 2010, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this Item will be set forth in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed on or before March 26, 2010, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The following table sets forth the compensation plans under which our equity securities were authorized for issuance as of December 31, 2009:

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (in millions)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights) (in millions)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	8.2	\$ 23.32	10.4
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	8.2	\$ 23.32	10.4

Our 2005 Omnibus Incentive Plan for certain employees and directors of Mirant became effective on January 3, 2006, and is deemed to have been approved by our stockholders by virtue of its approval under the Plan.

Other information required by this Item will be set forth in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed on or before March 26, 2010, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence

The information required by this Item will be set forth in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed on or before March 26, 2010, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The information required by this Item will be set forth in our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed on or before March 26, 2010, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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PART IV

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

Mirant Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Mirant Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009. We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting within Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mirant Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by COSO.

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As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted accounting guidance related to the recognition and disclosure provisions for fair value measurements for financial instruments and nonfinancial assets and liabilities recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis, in 2008. In 2009, the Company adopted accounting guidance that extended these aforementioned recognition and disclosure provisions to nonfinancial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
February 26, 2010

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Table of Contents**MIRANT CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
	(in millions, except per share data)		
Operating revenues (including unrealized gains (losses) of \$(2) million, \$840 million and \$(564) million, respectively)	\$ 2,309	\$ 3,188	\$ 2,019
Cost of fuel, electricity and other products (including unrealized (gains) losses of \$(49) million, \$54 million and \$(28) million, respectively)	710	1,059	912
Gross Margin (excluding depreciation and amortization)	1,599	2,129	1,107
Operating Expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	610	683	707
Depreciation and amortization	149	144	129
Impairment losses	221		175
Gain on sales of assets, net	(22)	(39)	(45)
Total operating expenses	958	788	966
Operating Income	641	1,341	141
Other Expense (Income), net:			
Interest expense	138	189	247
Interest income	(3)	(70)	(202)
Other, net		5	(344)
Total other expense (income), net	135	124	(299)
Income From Continuing Operations Before Reorganization Items, Net and Income Taxes	506	1,217	440
Reorganization items, net			(2)
Provision for income taxes	12	2	9
Income From Continuing Operations	494	1,215	433
Income From Discontinued Operations, net		50	1,562
Net Income	\$ 494	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,995
Basic EPS:			
Basic EPS from continuing operations	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.53	\$ 1.72
Basic EPS from discontinued operations		0.27	6.20
Basic EPS	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.80	\$ 7.92
Diluted EPS:			
Diluted EPS from continuing operations	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.11	\$ 1.56
Diluted EPS from discontinued operations		0.25	5.64
Diluted EPS	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.36	\$ 7.20
Weighted average shares outstanding	145	186	252

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Effect of dilutive securities		13	25
Weighted average shares outstanding assuming dilution	145	199	277

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

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Table of Contents**MIRANT CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	At December 31, 2009 2008 (in millions)	
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,953	\$ 1,831
Funds on deposit	220	204
Receivables, net	412	761
Derivative contract assets	1,416	2,582
Inventories	241	238
Prepaid expenses	144	132
Total current assets	4,386	5,748
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	3,633	3,215
Noncurrent Assets:		
Intangible assets, net	171	196
Derivative contract assets	599	585
Deferred income taxes	376	565
Prepaid rent	304	258
Other	98	121
Total noncurrent assets	1,548	1,725
Total Assets	\$ 9,567	\$ 10,688
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 75	\$ 46
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	757	894
Derivative contract liabilities	1,150	2,268
Deferred income taxes	376	565
Other	4	11
Total current liabilities	2,362	3,784
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Long-term debt, net of current portion	2,556	2,630
Derivative contract liabilities	163	244
Pension and postretirement obligations	113	148
Other	58	120
Total noncurrent liabilities	2,890	3,142
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders Equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share, authorized 100,000,000 shares, no shares issued at December 31, 2009 and 2008		

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Common stock, par value \$.01 per share, authorized 1.5 billion shares, issued 311,230,486 shares and 310,666,240 shares at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and outstanding 144,946,815 shares and 144,629,446 shares at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively	3	3
Treasury stock, at cost, 166,283,671 shares and 166,036,794 shares at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively	(5,334)	(5,330)
Additional paid-in capital	11,427	11,401
Accumulated deficit	(1,728)	(2,222)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(53)	(90)
Total stockholders' equity	4,315	3,762
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 9,567	\$ 10,688

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MIRANT CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY
AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit (in millions)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Stockholders Equity
Balance, December 31, 2006	\$ 3	\$ (1,261)	\$ 11,317	\$ (5,598)	\$ (18)	\$ 4,443
Share repurchases		(1,325)				(1,325)
Stock-based compensation			29			29
Exercises of stock options and warrants			11			11
Adoption of accounting guidance related to accounting for uncertainty in income taxes				117		117
Total stockholders' equity before other comprehensive income						3,275
Net income				1,995		1,995
Cumulative translation adjustment					4	4
Pension and other postretirement benefits					36	36
Total other comprehensive income						2,035
Balance, December 31, 2007	3	(2,586)	11,357	(3,486)	22	5,310
Share repurchases		(2,744)				(2,744)
Stock-based compensation			26			26
Exercises of stock options and warrants			18			18
Adoption of accounting guidance related to fair value measurement				1		1
Adoption of accounting guidance related to pension and other postretirement benefits measurement date transition				(2)	(1)	(3)
Total stockholders' equity before other comprehensive income						2,608
Net income				1,265		1,265
Pension and other postretirement benefits					(111)	(111)
Total other comprehensive income						1,154
Balance, December 31, 2008	3	(5,330)	11,401	(2,222)	(90)	3,762
Share repurchases		(4)				(4)
Stock-based compensation			26			26
Total stockholders' equity before other comprehensive income						3,784
Net income				494		494
Pension and other postretirement benefits					37	37
Total other comprehensive income						531

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Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 3	\$ (5,334)	\$ 11,427	\$ (1,728)	\$ (53)	\$ 4,315
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MIRANT CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
	(in millions)		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net income	\$ 494	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,995
Income from discontinued operations, net		50	1,562
Income from continuing operations	494	1,215	433
Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations and changes in other operating assets and liabilities to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	156	148	139
Impairment losses	221		175
Gain on sales of assets, net	(22)	(39)	(45)
Unrealized losses (gains) on derivative contracts, net	(47)	(786)	536
Stock-based compensation expense	24	25	25
Postretirement benefits curtailment gain		(5)	(32)
Settlement of the Back-to-Back Agreement with Pepco			(341)
Lower of cost or market inventory adjustments	32	65	7
Other, net		4	1
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Receivables, net	344	(213)	184
Funds on deposit	(18)	104	(69)
Inventories	(35)	47	(77)
Other assets	(47)	(29)	57
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(283)	220	(128)
Settlement of claims payable	(12)	(16)	(53)
Other liabilities	1	(63)	(26)
Total adjustments	314	(538)	353
Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations	808	677	786
Net cash provided by operating activities of discontinued operations	9	50	178
Net cash provided by operating activities	817	727	964
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Capital expenditures	(676)	(731)	(588)
Proceeds from the sales of assets	26	42	57
Restricted deposit payments and other	4	(30)	7
Net cash used in investing activities of continuing operations	(646)	(719)	(524)
Net cash provided by investing activities of discontinued operations		25	5,281
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(646)	(694)	4,757
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Share repurchases	(4)	(2,761)	(1,308)
Repayments and purchases of long-term debt	(45)	(420)	(180)
Proceeds from exercises of stock options and warrants		18	11
Net cash used in financing activities of continuing operations	(49)	(3,163)	(1,477)
Net cash used in financing activities of discontinued operations			(669)

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Net cash used in financing activities	(49)	(3,163)	(2,146)
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents			1
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	122	(3,130)	3,576
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	1,831	4,961	1,139
Plus: Cash and Cash Equivalents in Assets Held for Sale, beginning of year			246
Less: Cash and Cash Equivalents in Assets Held for Sale, end of year			
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,953	\$ 1,831	\$ 4,961
Supplemental Cash Flow Disclosures:			
Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 124	\$ 175	\$ 346
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds received	\$ 9	\$	\$ 33
Cash paid for claims and professional fees from bankruptcy	\$ 1	\$ 17	\$ 63

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

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MIRANT CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007

1. Description of Business and Accounting and Reporting Policies

Mirant is a competitive energy company that produces and sells electricity in the United States. The Company owns or leases 10,076 MW of net electric generating capacity in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions and in California. Mirant also operates an integrated asset management and energy marketing organization based in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mirant Corporation was incorporated in Delaware on September 23, 2005. Pursuant to the Plan for Mirant and certain of its subsidiaries, on January 3, 2006, New Mirant emerged from bankruptcy and acquired substantially all of the assets of Old Mirant, a corporation that was formed in Delaware on April 3, 1993, and that had been named Mirant Corporation prior to January 3, 2006. The Plan provides that New Mirant has no successor liability for any unassumed obligations of Old Mirant. Old Mirant was then renamed and transferred to a trust, which is not affiliated with New Mirant.

In the third quarter of 2006, the Company commenced separate auction processes to sell its Philippine (2,203 MW) and Caribbean (1,050 MW) businesses and six U.S. natural gas-fired generating facilities totaling 3,619 MW, consisting of the Zeeland, West Georgia, Shady Hills, Sugar Creek, Bosque and Apex facilities. On May 1, 2007, the Company completed the sale of the six U.S. natural gas-fired generating facilities. On June 22, 2007, the Company completed the sale of its Philippine business. On August 8, 2007, the Company completed the sale of its Caribbean business. In addition, on May 7, 2007, the Company completed the sale of Mirant NY-Gen (121 MW). After transaction costs and repayment of debt, the net proceeds to Mirant from dispositions completed in the year ended December 31, 2007, were approximately \$5.071 billion. See Note 8 for additional information regarding the accounting for these businesses and facilities as discontinued operations.

Between November 2007 and December 2008, Mirant returned approximately \$4.056 billion of cash to its stockholders through purchases of 122 million shares of its common stock, including 86 million shares that were purchased through open market purchases in 2008 for approximately \$2.74 billion. See Note 11 for further discussion of the share repurchases.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Mirant and its wholly-owned subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with GAAP.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Mirant and its wholly-owned and controlled majority-owned subsidiaries as well as a VIE in which Mirant has an interest and is the primary beneficiary. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared from records maintained by Mirant and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. As of December 31, 2009, substantially all of Mirant's subsidiaries are wholly-owned and located in the United States. The Company's potential tax obligations related to MC Asset Recovery result in its continued treatment as a VIE in which Mirant is the primary beneficiary as defined in the guidance related to accounting for VIEs. The entity, therefore, is included in the Company's consolidated financial statements. See Note 14 for further discussion of MC Asset Recovery.

All amounts are presented in United States dollars unless otherwise noted. In accordance with the accounting guidance related to discontinued operations, the results of operations of the Company's businesses and facilities that have been disposed of and have met the criteria for such classification, have been reclassified to discontinued operations. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year financial statement presentation.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make various estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Mirant's significant estimates include:

determining the fair value of certain derivative contracts;

estimating future taxable income in evaluating its deferred tax asset valuation allowance;

estimating the useful lives of long-lived assets;

determining the value of asset retirement obligations;

estimating future cash flows in determining impairments of long-lived assets and definite-lived intangible assets;

estimating the fair value and expected return on plan assets, discount rates and other actuarial assumptions used in estimating pension and other postretirement benefit plan liabilities;

estimating certain assumptions used in the grant date fair value of stock options; and

estimating losses to be recorded for contingent liabilities.

The Company evaluates events that occur after its balance sheet date but before its financial statements are issued for potential recognition or disclosure. Based on the evaluation, as of the time of filing this Form 10-K with the SEC on February 26, 2010, the Company determined that there were no material subsequent events for recognition or disclosure other than those disclosed herein.

Revenue Recognition

Mirant recognizes revenue from the sale of energy when earned and collection is probable. Some sales of energy are based on economic dispatch, or "as-ordered" by an ISO or RTO, based on member participation agreements, but without an underlying contractual commitment. ISO and RTO revenues and revenues from sales of energy based on economic-dispatch are recorded on the basis of MWh delivered, at the relevant day-ahead or real-time prices. In accordance with accounting guidance related to derivative contracts held for trading purposes and contracts involved in energy trading and risk management activities, physical transactions, or revenues from the sale of generated electricity to ISOs and RTOs, are recorded on a gross basis in the consolidated statement of operations. Financial transactions, or the buying and selling of energy for trading purposes, are recorded on a net basis in the consolidated statement of operations. When a long-term electric power agreement conveys to the buyer of the electric power the right to use the generating capacity of Mirant's facility, that agreement is evaluated to determine if it is a lease of the generating facility rather than a sale of electric power. Operating lease revenue for the Company's generating facilities is normally recorded as capacity revenue and included in operating revenues in the consolidated statements of operations. Capacity revenue also consists of revenue received from providing ancillary services and revenue received from an ISO or RTO based on auction results or negotiated contract prices for making installed generation capacity available to meet system reliability requirements.

Cost of Fuel, Electricity and Other Products

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Cost of fuel, electricity and other products on the Company's consolidated statements of operations includes the costs of goods produced and sold through the combustion process, including the costs associated with handling and disposal of ash, and services rendered during a reporting period. Cost of fuel, electricity and other products also includes purchased emissions allowances for CO₂, SO₂ and NO_x and the settlements of and changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments used to hedge fuel economically. Additionally, cost of

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fuel, electricity and other products includes lower of cost or market inventory adjustments and gains recognized on the sale of inventory. Cost of fuel, electricity and other products excludes depreciation and amortization. Gross margin is total operating revenues less cost of fuel, electricity and other products.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivative financial instruments are recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at fair value as either derivative contract assets or liabilities, and changes in fair value are recognized currently in earnings, unless the Company elects to apply fair value or cash flow hedge accounting based on meeting specific criteria in the accounting guidance for derivative financial instruments. For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company did not have any derivative financial instruments that it had designated as fair value or cash flow hedges for accounting purposes. Mirant's derivative financial instruments are categorized by the Company based on the business objective the instrument is expected to achieve: asset management or proprietary trading and fuel oil management. All derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value, except for certain transactions that qualify for the normal purchases or normal sales exclusion under the accounting guidance for derivative financial instruments and, therefore, qualify for the use of accrual accounting.

As the Company's derivative financial instruments have not been designated as hedges for accounting purposes, changes in such instruments' fair values are recognized immediately in earnings. For asset management activities, changes in fair value and settlement of derivative financial instruments used to hedge electricity economically are reflected in operating revenue and changes in fair value and settlement of derivative financial instruments used to hedge fuel economically are reflected in cost of fuel, electricity and other products in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Changes in the fair value and settlements of derivative financial instruments for proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities are recorded on a net basis as operating revenue in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Concentration of Revenues

In 2009, 2008 and 2007, Mirant earned a significant portion of its operating revenue and gross margin from the PJM market, where its Mirant Mid-Atlantic generating facilities are located. Mirant Mid-Atlantic's revenues and gross margin as a percentage of Mirant's total revenues and gross margin from continuing operations are as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Operating revenues	77%	72%	56%
Gross margin	78%	81%	55%

Coal Supplier Concentration Risk

The Company procures most of its coal from a small number of strategic suppliers. In order to mitigate the risk of non-performance, the Company manages its concentration levels to individual suppliers and mines. At December 31, 2009, two of the Company's coal suppliers together represented approximately 53% of the Company's expected coal purchases for 2010.

Concentration of Labor Subject to Collective Bargaining Agreements

At December 31, 2009, approximately 48% of Mirant's employees are subject to collective bargaining agreements. Of those employees subject to collective bargaining agreements, 68% are represented by IBEW Local 1900 in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Table of Contents***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Mirant considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2009, except for amounts held in bank accounts to cover current payables, all of the Company's cash and cash equivalents were invested in AAA-rated United States Treasury money market funds.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash is included in current and noncurrent assets as funds on deposit and other noncurrent assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. At December 31, 2009, current and noncurrent funds on deposit were \$220 million and \$39 million, respectively. At December 31, 2008, current and noncurrent funds on deposit were \$204 million and \$48 million, respectively. Restricted cash includes deposits with brokers and cash collateral posted with third parties to support the Company's commodity positions as well as \$124 million and \$122 million deposits as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, by Mirant North America posted under its senior secured term loan to support the issuance of letters of credit.

Accounts Receivable and Notes Receivable

Receivables consisted of the following (in millions):

	At December 31,	
	2009	2008
Customer accounts	\$ 401	\$ 751
Notes receivable	2	5
Other	10	18
Less: allowance for uncollectible accounts	(1)	(3)
Total receivables	412	771
Less: long-term receivables included in other long-term assets		(10)
Total current receivables	\$ 412	\$ 761

Inventories

Inventories consist primarily of fuel oil, coal, materials and supplies, and purchased emissions allowances. Inventory is generally stated at the lower of cost or market value. The inventory is expensed on a weighted average cost basis as it is used. Fuel inventory is removed from the inventory account as it is used in the generation of electricity. Materials and supplies are removed from the inventory account when they are used for repairs, maintenance or capital projects. Purchased emissions allowances are removed from inventory and charged to cost of fuel, electricity and other products in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations as they are utilized for emissions volumes.

Inventories were comprised of the following (in millions):

	At December 31,	
	2009	2008
Fuel inventory:		
Fuel oil	\$ 99	\$ 113
Coal	52	43
Other	1	1
Materials and supplies	66	63
Purchased emissions allowances	23	18
Total inventories	\$ 241	\$ 238

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Included in property, plant and equipment are: (1) emissions allowances granted by the EPA that were projected to be required to offset physical emissions; and (2) emissions allowances granted by the EPA that were projected to be in excess of those required to offset physical emissions related to generating facilities owned by the Company. These emissions allowances were recorded at fair value at the date of the acquisition of the facility and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the respective generating facility and are charged to depreciation and amortization expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Included in other intangible assets are emissions allowances related to the Dickerson and Morgantown baseload units leased by the Company. Emissions allowances related to leased units are recorded at fair value at the commencement of the lease. These emissions allowances are amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease for leased units, and are charged to depreciation and amortization expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

As a result of the capital expenditures Mirant has incurred to comply with the requirements of the Maryland Healthy Air Act, the Company expects to have significant excess SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances in future periods. The Company plans to continue to maintain some SO₂ and NO_x emissions allowances in excess of expected generation in case its actual generation exceeds its current forecasts for future periods and for possible future additions of generating capacity.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, which includes materials, labor, associated payroll-related and overhead costs and the cost of financing construction. The cost of routine maintenance and repairs, such as inspections and corrosion removal, and the replacement of minor items of property are charged to expense as incurred. Certain expenditures incurred during a major maintenance outage of a generating facility are capitalized, including the replacement of major component parts and labor and overhead incurred to install the parts. Depreciation of the recorded cost of depreciable property, plant and equipment is determined using primarily composite rates. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of the expected life of the related equipment or the lease term. Upon the retirement or sale of property, plant and equipment, the cost of such assets and the related accumulated depreciation are removed from the consolidated balance sheets. No gain or loss is recognized for ordinary retirements in the normal course of business since the composite depreciation rates used by Mirant take into account the effect of interim retirements.

Capitalization of Interest Cost

Mirant capitalizes interest on projects during their construction period. The Company determines which debt instruments represent a reasonable measure of the cost of financing construction in terms of interest costs incurred that otherwise could have been avoided. These debt instruments and associated interest costs are included in the calculation of the weighted average interest rate used for determining the capitalization rate. Once a project is placed in service, capitalized interest, as a component of the total cost of the construction, is amortized over the estimated useful life of the asset constructed.

For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company incurred the following interest costs (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Total interest costs	\$ 210	\$ 237	\$ 272
Capitalized and included in property, plant and equipment, net	(72)	(48)	(25)
Interest expense	\$ 138	\$ 189	\$ 247

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The amounts of capitalized interest above include interest accrued. For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, cash paid for interest was \$192 million, \$223 million and \$374 million, respectively, of which \$68 million, \$48 million and \$28 million, respectively, were capitalized.

Development Costs

Mirant capitalizes project development costs for generating facilities once it is probable that the project will be completed. These costs include professional fees, permits and other third party costs directly associated with the development of a new project. The capitalized costs are depreciated over the life of the asset or charged to operating expense if the completion of the project is no longer probable. Project development costs are expensed when incurred until the probable threshold is met.

Operating Leases

Mirant leases various assets under non-cancelable leasing arrangements, including generating facilities, office space and other equipment. The rent expense associated with leases that qualify as operating leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term within operations and maintenance expense in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company's most significant operating leases are Mirant Mid-Atlantic's leases of the Dickerson and Morgantown baseload units, which expire in 2029 and 2034, respectively. Mirant Mid-Atlantic has an option to extend these leases. Any extensions of the respective leases would be for less than 75% of the economic useful life of the facility, as measured from the beginning of the original lease term through the end of the proposed remaining lease term. As of December 31, 2009, the total notional minimum lease payments for the remaining terms of the leases of the Dickerson and Morgantown baseload units aggregated approximately \$1.9 billion. The capital expenditures associated with the leased units of Dickerson and Morgantown are included as leasehold improvements in property, plant and equipment on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Payments made under the terms of the lease agreement in excess of the amount of lease expense recognized are recorded as prepaid rent in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Prepaid rent attributable to periods beyond one year is included in noncurrent assets.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets relate primarily to trading rights, development rights and emissions allowances. Intangible assets with definite useful lives are amortized on a straight-line basis to their estimated residual values over their respective useful lives ranging up to 40 years.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs are capitalized and amortized as interest expense on a basis that approximates the effective interest method over the term of the related debt. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the unamortized balance of debt issuance costs was approximately \$29 million and \$38 million, respectively, and is included in other noncurrent assets on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Income Taxes and Deferred Tax Asset Valuation Allowance

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

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The guidance related to accounting for income taxes requires that a valuation allowance be established when it is more-likely-than-not that all or a portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income of the appropriate character during the periods in which those temporary differences are deductible. In making this determination, management considers all available positive and negative evidence affecting specific deferred tax assets, including the Company's past and anticipated future performance, the reversal of deferred tax liabilities and the implementation of tax planning strategies.

Objective positive evidence is necessary to support a conclusion that a valuation allowance is not needed for all or a portion of deferred tax assets when significant negative evidence exists. The Company thinks that future sources of taxable income, reversing taxable temporary differences and implemented tax planning strategies will be sufficient to realize deferred tax assets for which no valuation allowance has been established. A portion of the Company's NOLs (approximately \$361 million) is attributable to excess tax deductions primarily related to bankruptcy transactions. The tax benefit of these excess tax deductions will be realized as the last NOLs are utilized for financial reporting. The realization of these excess tax deductions will be recorded as an increase to additional paid-in-capital in stockholders' equity. Additionally, the Company's valuation allowance includes \$21 million relating to the tax effects of other comprehensive income items primarily related to employee benefits. These other comprehensive income items will be reduced in the event that the valuation allowance is no longer required.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Mirant evaluates long-lived assets, such as property, plant and equipment and purchased intangible assets subject to amortization, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. Such evaluations are performed in accordance with the accounting guidance related to evaluating long-lived assets for impairment. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated undiscounted future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized as the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its fair value. See Note 3 for further discussion.

Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income applicable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of shares of common stock and dilutive potential common shares, including common shares from warrants, restricted stock shares, restricted stock units and stock options using the treasury stock method.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The accounting guidance related to the disclosure about fair value of financial instruments requires the disclosure of the fair value of all financial instruments that are not otherwise recorded at fair value in the financial statements. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, financial instruments recorded at contractual amounts that approximate fair value include cash and cash equivalents, funds on deposit, customer accounts receivable, notes receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The fair values of such items are not materially sensitive to shifts in market interest rates because of the short term to maturity of these instruments. The fair value of the Company's long-term debt is estimated using quoted market prices when available.

Recently Adopted Accounting Guidance

In December 2007, the FASB issued revised guidance related to accounting for business combinations. This guidance requires an acquirer of a business to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at their acquisition-date fair values. The guidance also requires disclosure

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of information necessary for investors and other users to evaluate and understand the nature and financial effect of the business combination. Additionally, the guidance requires that acquisition-related costs be expensed as incurred. The provisions of this guidance became effective for acquisitions completed on or after January 1, 2009; however, the income tax considerations included in the guidance were effective as of that date for all acquisitions, regardless of the acquisition date. The Company adopted this accounting guidance on January 1, 2009, and the adoption had no effect on the Company's consolidated statements of operations, financial position or cash flows.

On February 12, 2008, the FASB issued guidance related to fair value measurements, which deferred the effective date of fair value measurements for one year for certain nonfinancial assets and liabilities, with the exception of those nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed on a recurring basis (at least annually). The Company's non-recurring nonfinancial assets and liabilities that could be measured at fair value in the Company's consolidated financial statements include long-lived asset impairments and the initial recognition of asset retirement obligations. The Company adopted the guidance related to fair value measurements for non-recurring nonfinancial assets and liabilities on January 1, 2009, and the adoption had no effect on the Company's consolidated statements of operations, financial position or cash flows. The Company incorporated the recognition and disclosure provisions related to fair value measurements for non-recurring nonfinancial assets and liabilities when applicable. See Note 3 for these disclosures.

On March 19, 2008, the FASB issued guidance that enhances the required disclosures for derivative instruments. The Company utilizes derivative financial instruments to manage its exposure to commodity price risks and for its proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities. The Company adopted this guidance on January 1, 2009. See Note 2 for these disclosures.

On December 30, 2008, the FASB issued guidance which requires enhanced disclosures about plan assets of an employer's defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. The enhanced disclosures require additional information on how the fair value of plan assets is measured, including a reconciliation of beginning and ending balances for Level 3 inputs and the valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This guidance is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2009. The Company adopted the accounting guidance for its defined benefit and other postretirement plan disclosures for the year ended December 31, 2009. See Note 6 for these disclosures.

On April 9, 2009, the FASB issued guidance that requires disclosures about the fair value of financial instruments that are not otherwise recorded at fair value in the interim financial statements. These fair value disclosures were effective for interim periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted this accounting guidance for its disclosures of the fair value of financial instruments for the quarter ended June 30, 2009, and the adoption had no effect on the Company's consolidated statements of operations, financial position or cash flows. See "Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments" in Note 2 for these disclosures.

On April 9, 2009, the FASB issued guidance which provides additional direction on determining whether a market for a financial asset is not active and a transaction is not distressed for fair value measurements. Under distressed market conditions, the Company needs to weigh all available evidence in determining whether a transaction occurred in an orderly market. This guidance requires additional judgment by the Company when determining the fair value of derivative contracts in the current economic environment. The Company adopted this accounting guidance for its fair value measurements for the quarter ended June 30, 2009, and the adoption did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated statements of operations, financial position or cash flows.

On May 28, 2009, the FASB issued guidance which requires the Company to disclose the date through which it has evaluated subsequent events and whether that date represents the date the financial statements were issued or were available to be issued. This guidance defines two types of subsequent events; recognized and non-recognized events, with recognized events reflecting conditions that existed as of the balance sheet date.

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Subsequent event disclosure is effective for interim periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted the subsequent event disclosure requirements for the quarter ended June 30, 2009, and the adoption had no effect on the Company's consolidated statements of operations, financial position or cash flows.

On July 1, 2009, the FASB issued guidance which codified all authoritative nongovernmental GAAP into a single source. This guidance is effective for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The codified guidance supersedes all existing accounting standards, but does not change the contents of those standards. The Company adopted this accounting guidance for the quarter ended September 30, 2009, and the Company changed its references to accounting literature to conform to the codified source of authoritative nongovernmental GAAP.

On August 27, 2009, the FASB issued updated guidance for measuring the fair value of liabilities. The guidance clarifies that a quoted price for the identical liability in an active market is the best evidence of fair value for that liability, and in the absence of a quoted market price, the liability may be measured at fair value at the amount that the Company would receive as proceeds if it were to issue that liability at the measurement date. The Company adopted this accounting guidance for its fair value measurements of liabilities for the quarter ended September 30, 2009, and the adoption did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated statements of operations, financial position or cash flows.

On September 30, 2009, the FASB issued guidance for reporting entities that have investments in certain entities that calculate net asset value per share or an equivalent. This guidance provides a practical expedient to measure the fair value using net asset value per share for investments that fall within the scope of the guidance. The Company's pension plans have investments in certain funds that utilize net asset value per share and the Company has elected this practical expedient to measure the fair value of certain of these funds. The Company adopted the accounting guidance for its defined benefit and other postretirement plan disclosures for the year ended December 31, 2009. See Note 6 for these disclosures.

New Accounting Guidance Not Yet Adopted at December 31, 2009

On June 12, 2009, the FASB issued guidance which requires the Company to perform an analysis to determine whether the Company's variable interest gives it a controlling financial interest in a VIE. This analysis should identify the primary beneficiary of a VIE. This guidance also requires ongoing reassessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a VIE and enhances the disclosures to provide more information regarding the Company's involvement in a VIE. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009. The Company adopted this accounting guidance on January 1, 2010.

The Company reassessed its interests in its only VIE, MC Asset Recovery, and determined that based on the qualitative approach established in the new accounting guidance, it is no longer deemed to be the primary beneficiary, as Mirant Corporation has no power to direct the activities or make the decisions that most significantly affect MC Asset Recovery's economic performance. As a result of the initial application of this guidance, the Company will deconsolidate MC Asset Recovery effective January 1, 2010.

The effect on the Company's consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2009, would be a reduction to both current assets and current liabilities of \$39 million. The effect to the Company's consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2008, would be an increase in current assets of \$4 million and a decrease in noncurrent assets of \$4 million. The effect on the Company's income statement for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 would be a decrease in operations and maintenance of \$1 million, \$16 million and \$31 million, respectively, with a corresponding offset in other income, and therefore, no effect to net income.

On January 21, 2010, the FASB issued guidance that enhances the disclosures for fair value measurements. The guidance requires the Company to separately disclose the amount of significant transfers in or out of Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy and the reasons for the significant transfers. The Company will present these disclosures in its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010.

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Additionally, the guidance requires a reconciliation for Level 3 fair value measurements, including presenting separately the amount of purchases, issuances and settlements on a gross basis. The Company currently discloses the amount of purchases, issuances and settlements on a net basis within its roll forward of Level 3 fair value measurements in Note 2. These disclosure requirements are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. The Company will present these disclosures in its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011.

2. Financial Instruments

Derivative Financial Instruments

In connection with the business of generating electricity, the Company is exposed to energy commodity price risk associated with the acquisition of fuel and emissions allowances needed to generate electricity, the price of electricity produced and sold, and the fair value of fuel inventories. In addition, the open positions in the Company's trading activities, comprised of proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities, expose it to risks associated with changes in energy commodity prices. The Company, through its asset management activities, enters into a variety of exchange-traded and OTC energy and energy-related derivative financial instruments, such as forward contracts, futures contracts, option contracts and financial swap agreements to manage exposure to commodity price risks. These contracts have varying terms and durations, which range from a few days to years, depending on the instrument. The Company's proprietary trading activities also utilize similar derivative contracts in markets where the Company has a physical presence to attempt to generate incremental gross margin. The Company's fuel oil management activities use derivative financial instruments to hedge economically the fair value of the Company's physical fuel oil inventories and to optimize the approximately three million barrels of storage capacity that the Company owns or leases.

Changes in the fair value and settlements of derivative financial instruments used to hedge electricity economically are reflected in operating revenue, and changes in the fair value and settlements of derivative financial instruments used to hedge fuel economically are reflected in cost of fuel, electricity and other products in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Most of the Company's long-term coal agreements are not required to be recorded at fair value because of the Company's election of normal purchases treatment under the accounting guidance for derivative financial instruments. As such, these contracts are not included in derivative contract assets and liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and are not included in the tables below. Changes in the fair value and settlements of derivative contracts for trading activities, comprised of proprietary trading and fuel oil management, are recorded on a net basis as operating revenue in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. As of December 31, 2009, the Company does not have any derivative financial instruments for which hedge accounting has been elected.

The Company also considers risks associated with interest rates, counterparty credit and Mirant's own non-performance risk when valuing its derivative financial instruments. The nominal value of the derivative contract assets and liabilities is discounted to account for time value using a LIBOR forward interest rate curve based on the tenor of the Company's transactions being valued.

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The following table presents the fair value of derivative financial instruments related to commodity price risk (in millions):

Commodity Derivative Contracts	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value at December 31,	
		2009	2008
Asset management	Derivative contract assets	\$ 1,204	\$ 1,285
Trading activities	Derivative contract assets	811	1,882
Total derivative contract assets		2,015	3,167
Asset management	Derivative contract liabilities	(503)	(736)
Trading activities	Derivative contract liabilities	(810)	(1,776)
Total derivative contract liabilities		(1,313)	(2,512)
Asset management, net		701	549
Trading activities, net		1	106
Total derivative contracts, net		\$ 702	\$ 655

The following tables present the net gains (losses) for derivative financial instruments recognized in income in the consolidated statements of operations (in millions):

Commodity Derivative Contracts	Location of Net Gains (Losses) Recognized in Income	Amount of Net Gains (Losses) Recognized in Income for the Year Ended December 31, 2009		
		Realized	Unrealized	Total
Asset management	Operating revenues	\$ 745	\$ 111	\$ 856
Trading activities	Operating revenues	145	(113)	32
Asset management	Cost of fuel, electricity and other products	(74)	49	(25)
Total		\$ 816	\$ 47	\$ 863

Commodity Derivative Contracts	Location of Net Gains (Losses) Recognized in Income	Amount of Net Gains (Losses) Recognized in Income for the Year Ended December 31, 2008		
		Realized	Unrealized	Total
Asset management	Operating revenues	\$ (92)	\$ 720	\$ 628
Trading activities	Operating revenues	(39)	120	81
Asset management	Cost of fuel, electricity and other products	6	(54)	(48)
Total		\$ (125)	\$ 786	\$ 661

The following table presents the notional quantity on long (short) positions for derivative financial instruments on a gross and net basis at December 31, 2009 (in equivalent MWh):

Notional Quantity

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Commodity Type:	Derivative Contract Assets	Derivative Contract Liabilities (in millions)	Net Derivative Contracts
Power ⁽¹⁾	(82)	38	(44)
Natural gas	(32)	32	
Fuel oil	3	(4)	(1)
Coal	1	(1)	
Total	(110)	65	(45)

⁽¹⁾ Includes MWh equivalent of natural gas transactions used to hedge power economically.

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Based on the observability of the inputs used in the valuation techniques for fair value measurement, the Company is required to classify recorded fair value measurements according to the fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). The fair value measurement inputs the Company uses vary from readily observable prices for exchange-traded instruments to price curves that cannot be validated through external pricing sources. The Company's financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value in the consolidated financial statements are classified in three categories based on the inputs used.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls must be determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and consideration of factors specific to the asset or liability.

The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the Company's financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009, by category and tenor, respectively. At December 31, 2009, the Company's only financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are derivative financial instruments.

The following table presents financial assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009, on a gross and net basis by category (in millions):

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets:				
Commodity contracts - asset management	\$ 13	\$ 1,170	\$ 21	\$ 1,204
Commodity contracts - trading activities	374	415	22	811
Total derivative contract assets	387	1,585	43	2,015
Liabilities:				
Commodity contracts - asset management	(25)	(476)	(2)	(503)
Commodity contracts - trading activities	(368)	(433)	(9)	(810)
Total derivative contract liabilities	(393)	(909)	(11)	(1,313)
Net:				
Commodity contracts - asset management, net	(12)	694	19	701
Commodity contracts - trading activities, net	6	(18)	13	1
Total derivative contract assets and liabilities, net	\$ (6)	\$ 676	\$ 32	\$ 702

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The following table presents financial assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2008, on a gross and net basis by category (in millions):

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets:				
Commodity contracts asset management	\$ 5	\$ 1,256	\$ 24	\$ 1,285
Commodity contracts trading activities	540	1,319	23	1,882
Total derivative contract assets	545	2,575	47	3,167
Liabilities:				
Commodity contracts asset management	(22)	(714)		(736)
Commodity contracts trading activities	(539)	(1,236)	(1)	(1,776)
Total derivative contract liabilities	(561)	(1,950)	(1)	(2,512)
Net:				
Commodity contracts asset management, net	(17)	542	24	549
Commodity contracts trading activities, net	1	83	22	106
Total derivative contract assets and liabilities, net	\$ (16)	\$ 625	\$ 46	\$ 655

The following table presents financial assets and liabilities, net accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009, by tenor (in millions):

	Asset Management	Commodity Contracts Trading Activities	Total
2010	\$ 266	\$	\$ 266
2011	107	4	111
2012	89	(3)	86
2013	117		117
2014	122		122
Thereafter			
Total	\$ 701	\$ 1	\$ 702

The volumetric weighted average maturity, or weighted average tenor, of the asset management derivative contract portfolio at December 31, 2009 and 2008, was approximately 22 months and 23 months, respectively. The volumetric weighted average maturity, or weighted average tenor, of the trading derivative contract portfolio at December 31, 2009 and 2008, was approximately 9 months and 8 months, respectively.

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The following tables present a roll forward of fair values of assets and liabilities, net categorized in Level 3 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the amount included in income for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in millions):

	Commodity Contracts		
	Asset Management	Trading Activities	Total
Fair value of assets and liabilities categorized in Level 3 at January 1, 2009	\$ 24	\$ 22	\$ 46
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized):			
Included in income of existing contracts (or changes in net assets or liabilities) ⁽¹⁾	(58)	(62)	(120)
Purchases, issuances and settlements ⁽²⁾	54	53	107
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3 ⁽³⁾	(1)		(1)
Fair value of assets and liabilities categorized in Level 3 at December 31, 2009	\$ 19	\$ 13	\$ 32

	Commodity Contracts		
	Asset Management	Trading Activities	Total
Fair value of assets and liabilities categorized in Level 3 at January 1, 2008	\$ 12	\$	\$ 12
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized):			
Included in income of existing contracts (or changes in net assets or liabilities) ⁽¹⁾	(4)		(4)
Purchases, issuances and settlements ⁽²⁾	16	5	21
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3 ⁽³⁾		17	17
Fair value of assets and liabilities categorized in Level 3 at December 31, 2008	\$ 24	\$ 22	\$ 46

⁽¹⁾ Reflects the total gains or losses on contracts included in Level 3 at the beginning of each quarterly reporting period and at the end of each quarterly reporting period, and contracts entered into during each quarterly reporting period that remain at the end of each quarterly reporting period.

⁽²⁾ Represents the total cash settlements of contracts during each quarterly reporting period that existed at the beginning of each quarterly reporting period.

⁽³⁾ Denotes the total contracts that existed at the beginning of each quarterly reporting period and were still held at the end of each quarterly reporting period that were either previously categorized as a higher level for which the inputs to the model became unobservable or assets and liabilities that were previously classified as Level 3 for which the lowest significant input became observable during each quarterly reporting period. Amounts reflect fair value as of the end of each quarterly reporting period.

	Year Ended December 31, 2009		
	Operating Revenues	Cost of Fuel	Total
Gains (losses) included in income	\$ (22)	\$ 8	\$ (14)
Gains included in income (or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at December 31, 2009	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 14

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	Year Ended December 31, 2008		
	Operating Revenues	Cost of Fuel	Total
Gains (losses) included in income	\$ 46	\$ (12)	\$ 34
Gains (losses) included in income (or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at December 31, 2008	\$ 52	\$ (7)	\$ 45

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Table of Contents**Counterparty Credit Concentration Risk**

The Company is exposed to the default risk of the counterparties with which the Company transacts. The Company manages its credit risk by entering into master netting agreements and requiring counterparties to post cash collateral or other credit enhancements based on the net exposure and the credit standing of the counterparty. The Company also has non-collateralized power hedges entered into by Mirant Mid-Atlantic. These transactions are senior unsecured obligations of Mirant Mid-Atlantic and the counterparties and do not require either party to post cash collateral for initial margin or for securing exposure as a result of changes in power or natural gas prices. The Company's credit reserve on its derivative contract assets was \$13 million and \$52 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, approximately \$12 million and \$20 million, respectively, of cash collateral posted to the Company by counterparties under master netting agreements were included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company also monitors counterparty credit concentration risk on both an individual basis and a group counterparty basis. The following tables highlight the credit quality and the balance sheet settlement exposures related to these activities as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 (dollars in millions):

Credit Rating Equivalent	At December 31, 2009				
	Gross Exposure Before Collateral(1)	Net Exposure Before Collateral(2)	Collateral(3)	Exposure Net of Collateral	% of Net Exposure
Clearing and Exchange	\$ 790	\$ 96	\$ 96	\$	
Investment Grade:					
Financial institutions	997	646	12	634	81%
Energy companies	497	125	13	112	14%
Other					
Non-investment Grade:					
Financial institutions					
Energy companies					
Other					
No External Ratings:					
Internally-rated investment grade	34	27		27	4%
Internally-rated non-investment grade	8	8		8	1%
Not internally rated					
Total	\$ 2,326	\$ 902	\$ 121	\$ 781	100%

Credit Rating Equivalent	At December 31, 2008				
	Gross Exposure Before Collateral(1)	Net Exposure Before Collateral(2)	Collateral(3)	Exposure Net of Collateral	% of Net Exposure
Clearing and Exchange	\$ 1,428	\$ 107	\$ 107	\$	
Investment Grade:					
Financial institutions	1,219	553	20	533	72%
Energy companies	1,060	232	73	159	22%
Other					
Non-investment Grade:					
Financial institutions					
Energy companies					
Other					
No External Ratings:					
Internally-rated investment grade	41	41		41	6%
Internally-rated non-investment grade	4	4		4	

Not internally rated

Total	\$ 3,752	\$ 937	\$ 200	\$ 737	100%
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- (1) Gross exposure before collateral represents credit exposure, including realized and unrealized transactions, before applying the terms of master netting agreements with counterparties and netting of transactions with clearing brokers and exchanges. The table excludes amounts related to contracts classified as normal purchases/normal sales and non-derivative contractual commitments that are not recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets, except for any related accounts receivable. Such contractual commitments contain credit and economic risk if a counterparty does not perform. Non-performance could have a material adverse effect on the future results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.
- (2) Net exposure before collateral represents the credit exposure, including both realized and unrealized transactions, after applying the terms of master netting agreements.
- (3) Collateral includes cash and letters of credit received from counterparties.

The Company had aggregate credit exposure to three investment grade counterparties that each represented an exposure of more than 10% of total credit exposure, net of collateral and that totaled \$495 million and \$491 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Mirant Credit Risk

The Company's standard industry contracts contain credit-risk-related contingent features such as ratings-related thresholds whereby the Company would be required to post additional cash collateral or letters of credit as a result of a credit event, including a downgrade. Additionally, some of the Company's contracts contain adequate assurance language, which is generally subjective in nature, but would most likely require the Company to post additional cash collateral or letters of credit as a result of a credit event, including a downgrade. However, as a result of the Company's current credit rating, the Company is typically required to post collateral in the normal course of business to offset completely its net liability positions, after applying the terms of master netting agreements. At December 31, 2009, the fair value of the Company's financial instruments with credit-risk-related contingent features in a net liability position was approximately \$33 million for which the Company posted collateral, including cash and letters of credit, of \$32 million to offset substantially the position.

In addition, at December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company had approximately \$25 million and \$1 million, respectively, of cash collateral posted with counterparties under master netting agreements that was included in funds on deposit on the consolidated balance sheets.

Fair Values of Other Financial Instruments

Other financial instruments recorded at fair value include cash and interest-bearing cash equivalents. The following methods are used by Mirant to estimate the fair value of financial instruments that are not otherwise carried at fair value on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets:

Notes and Other Receivables. The fair value of Mirant's notes receivable are estimated using interest rates it would receive currently for similar types of arrangements.

Long- and Short-Term Debt. The fair value of Mirant's long- and short-term debt is estimated using quoted market prices, when available.

The carrying amounts and fair values of Mirant's financial instruments are as follows (in millions):

	At December 31,			
	2009		2008	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Assets:				
Notes and other receivables	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 13	\$ 12
Liabilities:				
Long- and short-term debt	\$ 2,631	\$ 2,559	\$ 2,676	\$ 2,345

Table of Contents**3. Long-Lived Assets*****Property, Plant and Equipment, net***

Property, plant and equipment, net consisted of the following (dollars in millions):

	At December 31,		Depreciable Lives (years)
	2009	2008	
Production	\$ 2,689	\$ 2,412	13 to 54
Leasehold improvements on leased generating facilities	1,329	405	5 to 34
Construction work in progress	223	997	
Other	249	236	2 to 12
Less: accumulated depreciation, amortization and provision for impairment	(857)	(835)	
Total property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 3,633	\$ 3,215	

Depreciation of the recorded cost of property, plant and equipment is recognized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Acquired emissions allowances related to owned facilities are included in production assets above, and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the average life of the related generating facilities. Depreciation expense was approximately \$141 million, \$135 million and \$121 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Intangible Assets, net

Following is a summary of intangible assets (dollars in millions):

	Weighted Average Amortization Lives	At December 31, 2009		At December 31, 2008	
		Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
Trading rights	26 years	\$ 15	\$ (4)	\$ 27	\$ (6)
Development rights	39 years	54	(12)	62	(12)
Emissions allowances	31 years	149	(39)	150	(34)
Other intangibles	27 years	14	(6)	14	(5)
Total intangible assets		\$ 232	\$ (61)	\$ 253	\$ (57)

Trading rights are intangible assets recognized in connection with asset purchases that represent the Company's ability to generate additional cash flows by incorporating Mirant's trading activities with the acquired generating facilities. See below for information on the impairment of the trading rights related to the Potrero and Contra Costa generating facilities.

Development rights represent the right to expand capacity at certain acquired generating facilities. The existing infrastructure, including storage facilities, transmission interconnections and fuel delivery systems and contractual rights acquired by Mirant, provide the opportunity to expand or repower certain generating facilities. See below for information on the impairment of the development rights related to the Potrero generating facility.

Emissions allowances represent allowances granted for the leasehold baseload units at the Dickerson and Morgantown generating facilities.

Amortization expense was approximately \$8 million, \$9 million and \$8 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Assuming no future acquisitions, dispositions or impairments of intangible assets, amortization expense is estimated to be approximately \$8 million for each of the next five years.

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Impairments on Assets Held and Used

Year Ended December 31, 2009

Bowline Generating Facility

Background

During the second quarter of 2009, the NYISO issued its annual peak load and energy forecast in its Load and Capacity Data report (the Gold Book). The Gold Book reports projected supply and demand for the New York control area for the next ten years. The Gold Book reflected a significant decrease in future demand as a result of current economic conditions and the expected future effects of demand-side management programs in New York. The reduction in future demand as a result of demand-side management programs is being driven primarily by an energy efficiency program being instituted within the State of New York that will seek to achieve a 15% reduction from 2007 energy volumes by 2015. The decrease in the projected future demand resulted in a decrease in the Company's forecast of the capacity revenue that its 1,139 MW Bowline generating facility will earn in future periods.

In addition to the change in the forecasted capacity revenue, Mirant Bowline also received its property tax assessment during the second quarter of 2009. The assessment significantly exceeds the estimated fair value of the generating facility.

In the second quarter of 2009, the Company evaluated the Bowline generating facility for impairment based on the Company's five-year forecast at the time of the impairment review, which indicated that Mirant Bowline was projected to operate at a net loss for the next several years because of the excessive level of taxation combined with the forecasted decrease in capacity revenues.

Asset Grouping

For purposes of impairment testing, a long-lived asset or assets must be grouped at the lowest level of identifiable cash flows. The Company included its Hudson Valley Gas subsidiary in the impairment analysis as the sole function of the pipeline operated by Hudson Valley Gas is to supply gas to the Bowline generating facility.

Assumptions and Results

The Company developed estimates related to the future costs of the facility, including future property tax payments. Additionally, the Company developed capacity and energy revenue forecasts based on supply and demand assumptions from the NYISO's Gold Book and proprietary fundamental modeling. The Company also assumed it would monetize excess emissions allowances by selling them. The cash flows for the Bowline generating facility were projected through its estimated remaining useful life of 2027. The sum of the probability weighted undiscounted cash flows for the Bowline generating facility exceeded the carrying value as of June 30, 2009. There were no additional events in the third or fourth quarter of 2009 that required the Company to update its previous impairment analysis. As a result, the Company did not record an impairment charge for the year ended December 31, 2009. The carrying value of the Bowline generating facility represented approximately 4% of the Company's total property, plant and equipment, net at December 31, 2009.

Potrero Generating Facility

Background

In the third quarter of 2009, Mirant Potrero executed a settlement agreement with the City of San Francisco in which it agreed to shut down the Potrero generating facility when it is no longer needed for reliability, as determined by the CAISO. That settlement agreement became effective in November 2009, following its

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approval by the City's Board of Supervisors and Mayor. There are several projects underway in the San Francisco area to increase reliability for the region that once completed are expected to reduce and possibly eliminate the need for the Potrero generating facility to operate for reliability reasons. Mirant Potrero agreed in the settlement agreement to submit to the CAISO a notice of intent to shut down the facility as of December 31, 2010. The CAISO will make the final determination on when each of the units at the Potrero generating facility is no longer needed for reliability and may be shut down. As a result of the settlement agreement, the Company evaluated the Potrero generating facility for impairment during the third quarter. See Note 15 for further discussion of the settlement agreement with the City of San Francisco.

Asset Grouping

For purposes of impairment testing, a long-lived asset or assets must be grouped at the lowest level of identifiable cash flows. All of the units at Mirant Potrero are viewed as a single asset group. Additionally, the asset group includes intangible assets recorded at Mirant California for trading and development rights related to Mirant Potrero.

Assumptions and Results

The Company evaluated the Potrero generating facility for impairment during the third quarter of 2009. The Company's assessment of Mirant Potrero under the accounting guidance related to the impairment of a long-lived asset involved developing scenarios for the future expected operations of the Potrero generating facility. One such scenario assumed the complete shutdown of the Potrero generating facility in December 2010 in accordance with the timeline proposed in the settlement agreement. The Company also considered additional scenarios that assumed the CAISO would not allow complete shutdown of the facility in December 2010 as expected reliability projects in the City of San Francisco were not completed.

The Company determined that the tangible assets for the Potrero generating facility were not impaired because the weighted average sum of the undiscounted cash flows exceeded the carrying value of the tangible assets in the third quarter of 2009.

In January 2010, the CAISO advised the City of San Francisco that the expected replacement in 2010 of two underground transmission cables, if completed successfully, would allow the CAISO not to require the continued operation of the remaining units of the Potrero generating facility, units 4, 5 and 6, for reliability purposes after 2010. The CAISO will not determine which units of the Potrero generating facility are required to operate in 2011 for reliability purposes until the fall of 2010, but Mirant Potrero expects that none of the units of the Potrero generating facility will be required to operate for reliability purposes after 2010 and that all of the units will close by the end of 2010. As a result, the Company reviewed its previous impairment for the tangible assets at the Potrero generating facility. The development related to the expected shutdown of units 4, 5 and 6 by the end of 2010 does not result in an impairment charge. The carrying value of the Potrero generating facility represented less than 1% of the Company's total property, plant and equipment, net at December 31, 2009.

As a result of certain terms included in the settlement agreement, the Company separately evaluated the trading and development rights associated with the Potrero generating facility for impairment and determined that both of these intangible assets were fully impaired as of September 30, 2009. Accordingly, the Company recognized an impairment loss of \$9 million on the consolidated statement of operations to write off the carrying value of the intangible assets related to the Potrero generating facility. This impairment loss is included in the results of the Company's California segment for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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Contra Costa Generating Facility

Background

On September 2, 2009, Mirant Delta entered into a new agreement with PG&E for the 674 MW at Contra Costa units 6 and 7 for the period from November 2011 through April 2013. At the end of the agreement, and subject to any necessary regulatory approval, Mirant Delta has agreed to retire Contra Costa units 6 and 7, which began operations in 1964, in furtherance of state and federal policies to retire aging power plants that utilize once-through cooling technology. The agreement to retire these units did not significantly affect the remaining useful life of the Contra Costa generating facility. The new Mirant Delta agreement is subject to approval by the CPUC.

Assumptions and Results

The Company evaluated the intangible asset of trading rights related to its Contra Costa generating facility for impairment during the third quarter of 2009 as a result of the shutdown provisions in the extension of the tolling agreement. Because the Contra Costa generating facility is under contract with PG&E through its expected shutdown date of April 2013, the Company determined the intangible asset was fully impaired as of September 30, 2009. The Company recorded an impairment loss of \$5 million on the consolidated statement of operations to write off the carrying value of the trading rights related to the Contra Costa generating facility. This impairment loss is included in the results of the Company's California segment for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Mid-Atlantic Generating Facilities

Background

The Company has goodwill recorded at its Mirant Mid-Atlantic registrant on its standalone balance sheet, which is eliminated upon consolidation at Mirant North America. In accordance with accounting guidance for goodwill and other intangible assets, the Company is required to test the goodwill balance at Mirant Mid-Atlantic at least annually. The Company performed the goodwill assessment at October 31, 2009, which, by policy, is the annual testing date. In conducting step one of the goodwill impairment analysis for Mirant Mid-Atlantic, the Company noted that the carrying value of its assets exceeded the calculated fair value of Mirant Mid-Atlantic, indicating that step two of the goodwill impairment analysis was required. Based on the results of the step one goodwill impairment analysis, the Company tested Mirant Mid-Atlantic's long-lived assets for impairment under the accounting guidance related to impairment of long-lived assets before completion of the step two test for goodwill. During 2009, the continued decline in average natural gas prices caused power prices to decline in the Mid-Atlantic region. Additionally, the current economic recession and various demand-response programs have resulted in a decrease in the forecasted gross margin of the Mid-Atlantic generating facilities.

Upon completion of the assessment, which was based on the accounting guidance related to the impairment of long-lived assets, the Company determined that the Potomac River generating facility was impaired, as the carrying value exceeded the undiscounted cash flows. In performing the impairment assessment, the Company noted that the undiscounted cash flows for other Mid-Atlantic generating facilities also decreased significantly from the prior year. The Company determined that none of Mirant Mid-Atlantic's long-lived assets other than the Potomac River generating facility was impaired at October 31, 2009.

Asset Grouping

For purposes of impairment testing, a long-lived asset or assets must be grouped at the lowest level of identifiable cash flows. Each of the Mid-Atlantic generating facilities is viewed as an individual asset group. The asset groups also include construction work-in-process, capitalized interest recorded at Mirant North America related to the generating facilities and related intangible assets, including emissions allowances.

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Assumptions and Results

Based on the accounting guidance related to the impairment of long-lived assets, the Company's assessment of the Potomac River generating facility at October 31, 2009 included assumptions about the following:

- electricity, fuel and emissions prices;
- capacity payments under the RPM provisions of PJM's tariff;
- costs of CO2 allowances under potential federal cap-and-trade program;
- timing of announced transmission projects;
- timing and extent of generating capacity additions and retirements; and
- future capital expenditure requirements for the generating facility.

The Company's assumptions related to future electricity and fuel prices were based on observable market prices to the extent available and long-term prices derived from proprietary fundamental market modeling. The long-term capacity prices are based on the assumption that the PJM RPM capacity market would continue consistent with the current structure, with expected increases in revenue as a result of declines in reserve margins for periods beyond those for which auctions have already been completed. The Company also assumed that a federal CO2 cap-and-trade program would be instituted later this decade. There are several transmission projects currently planned in the Mid-Atlantic region, including the Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL), Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway transmission line (MAPP) and the Potomac-Appalachian transmission line (PATH). The Company's assumptions regarding the timing of these projects were based on the current status of permitting and construction of each project. The Company's assumptions regarding electricity demand are based on forecasts from PJM and assumptions for generating capacity additions and retirements consider publicly-announced projects, including renewable sources of electricity and additions of nuclear capacity. Capital expenditures include the remaining \$33 million that Mirant Potomac River committed to spend to reduce particulate emissions as part of the agreement with the City of Alexandria, Virginia. Additionally, the Company included costs associated with the shutdown of the facility at the end of its estimated useful life and the value associated with the sale of previously granted emissions allowances beyond the shutdown date.

As a result of the assessment, the Company recorded an impairment loss of \$207 million to reduce the carrying value of the Potomac River generating facility to its estimated fair value. The carrying value of the Potomac River generating facility prior to the impairment was approximately \$244 million.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the Company's assets that were accounted for at fair value on a non-recurring basis. All of the Company's assets that were measured at fair value as a result of an impairment during the current period were categorized in Level 3 as of December 31, 2009 (in millions):

Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level	Fair Value at December 31, 2009		Total	Loss Included in Earnings
	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		

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	1)					
Potomac River generating facility	\$	\$	\$	37	\$ 37	\$ 207
Potrero intangible assets						9
Contra Costa intangible assets						5
Total	\$	\$	\$	37	\$ 37	\$ 221

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Year Ended December 31, 2007

Lovett Generating Facility

Background

In accordance with the accounting guidance related to the impairment of long-lived assets, an asset classified as held and used shall be tested for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. An asset impairment charge must be recognized if the sum of the undiscounted expected future cash flows from a long-lived asset is less than the carrying value of that asset. The amount of any impairment charge is calculated as the excess of the carrying value of the asset over its fair value. Fair value is estimated based on the discounted future cash flows from that asset or determined by other valuation techniques.

In 2000, the State of New York issued an NOV to the previous owner of the Company's Lovett generating facility alleging NSR violations associated with the operation of that facility prior to its acquisition by the Company. On June 11, 2003, Mirant New York, Mirant Lovett and the State of New York entered into a consent decree (the 2003 Consent Decree). The 2003 Consent Decree was approved by the Bankruptcy Court on October 15, 2003. Under the 2003 Consent Decree, Mirant Lovett had three options: (1) install emissions controls on the Lovett generating facility's two coal-fired units (units 4 and 5); (2) shut down unit 4 and convert unit 5 to natural gas; or (3) shut down unit 5 in 2007 and unit 4 in 2008. The Company concluded that the installation of the required emissions controls was uneconomic. The Company also concluded that operating unit 5 on natural gas was uneconomic.

On October 19, 2006, Mirant Lovett notified the New York Public Service Commission, the NYISO, Orange and Rockland and certain other affected transmission and distribution companies in New York of its intent to discontinue operation of units 3 and 5 of the Lovett generating facility in April 2007.

On May 10, 2007, Mirant Lovett entered into an amendment to the 2003 Consent Decree with the State of New York that switched the deadlines for shutting down units 4 and 5 so that the deadline for compliance by unit 5 was extended until April 30, 2008, and the deadline for unit 4 was shortened. The Company discontinued operation of unit 4 as of May 7, 2007. In addition, the Company discontinued operation of unit 3 because it was uneconomic to run the unit.

Assumptions and Results

In the second quarter of 2007, the Company performed an impairment analysis of the Lovett generating facility and, as a result of this analysis, recorded an impairment loss of \$175 million to reduce the carrying value of the Lovett generating facility to its estimated fair value. The carrying value of the Lovett generating facility prior to the impairment was approximately \$185 million. The remaining depreciable life for the Lovett generating facility was also adjusted to April 30, 2008, based on the high likelihood of a shutdown of unit 5 on that date.

On October 20, 2007, Mirant Lovett submitted notices of its intent to discontinue operations of unit 5 of the Lovett generating facility as of midnight on April 19, 2008, to the New York Public Service Commission, the NYISO, Orange and Rockland and several other potentially affected transmission and distribution companies in New York. The Company ceased operation of unit 5 on April 19, 2008, and completed the demolition of the Lovett generating facility in 2009.

Asset Retirement Obligations

Upon initial recognition of a liability for an asset retirement obligation or a conditional asset retirement obligation, an entity shall capitalize an asset retirement cost by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset by the same amount as the liability. Over time, the liability is accreted to its present value each

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period and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. Retirement obligations associated with long-lived assets included within the scope of accounting guidance are those for which a legal obligation exists under enacted laws, statutes and written or oral contracts, including obligations arising under the doctrine of promissory estoppel.

The Company identified certain asset retirement obligations within its power generating facilities. These asset retirement obligations are primarily related to asbestos abatement in facilities on owned or leased property and other environmental obligations related to fuel storage facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, ash disposal sites and pipelines.

Asbestos abatement is the most significant type of asset retirement obligation identified for recognition in connection with the Company's policy related to accounting for conditional asset retirements. The EPA has regulations in place governing the removal of asbestos. Because of the nature of asbestos, it can be difficult to ascertain the extent of contamination in older facilities unless substantial renovation or demolition takes place. Therefore, the Company incorporated certain assumptions based on the relative age and size of its facilities to estimate the current cost for asbestos abatement. The actual abatement cost could differ from the estimates used to measure the asset retirement obligation. As a result, these amounts will be subject to revision when actual abatement activities are undertaken.

The following table sets forth the balances of the asset retirement obligations as of January 1, 2008, and the additions and accretion of the asset retirement obligations. The asset retirement obligations are included in other noncurrent liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets (in millions):

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008
Beginning balance January 1	\$ 40	\$ 44
Liabilities settled during the period		(9)
Accretion expense	3	3
Revisions in estimated cash flows		2
Ending balance December 31	\$ 43	\$ 40

4. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt was as follows (dollars in millions):

	At December 31,		Interest Rate	Secured/ Unsecured
	2009	2008		
Long-term debt:				
Mirant Americas Generation:				
Senior notes:				
Due May 2011	\$ 535	\$ 535	8.30%	Unsecured
Due October 2021	450	450	8.50%	Unsecured
Due May 2031	400	400	9.125%	Unsecured
Unamortized debt premiums (discounts), net	(3)	(3)		
Mirant North America:				
Senior secured term loan, due 2010 to 2013	373	415	LIBOR + 1.75% ⁽¹⁾	Secured
Senior notes, due December 2013	850	850	7.375%	Unsecured
Capital leases, due 2010 to 2015	26	29	7.375% - 8.19%	
Total	2,631	2,676		
Less: current portion of long-term debt	(75)	(46)		

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Total long-term debt, net of current portion	\$ 2,556	\$ 2,630
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⁽¹⁾ The weighted average interest rate at December 31, 2009 and 2008 was 2.130% and 4.763%, respectively.

Mirant Americas Generation Senior Notes

The senior notes are senior unsecured obligations of Mirant Americas Generation having no recourse to any subsidiary or affiliate of Mirant Americas Generation. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company purchased and retired \$276 million of Mirant Americas Generation senior notes due in 2011.

Mirant North America Senior Secured Credit Facilities

Mirant North America, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mirant Americas Generation, entered into senior secured credit facilities in January 2006, which are comprised of a senior secured term loan due January 2013 and a senior secured revolving credit facility due January 2012. The senior secured term loan had an initial principal balance of \$700 million, which has amortized to \$373 million as of December 31, 2009. At the closing, \$200 million drawn under the senior secured term loan was deposited into a cash collateral account to support the issuance of up to \$200 million of letters of credit. During 2008, Mirant North America transferred to the senior secured revolving credit facility approximately \$78 million of letters of credit previously supported by the cash collateral account and withdrew approximately \$78 million from the cash collateral account, thereby reducing the cash collateral account to approximately \$122 million. At December 31, 2009, the cash collateral balance was approximately \$124 million as a result of interest earned on the invested cash balances. At December 31, 2009, there were approximately \$76 million of letters of credit outstanding under the senior secured revolving credit facility and \$123 million of letters of credit outstanding under the senior secured term loan cash collateral account. At December 31, 2009, \$679 million was available under the senior secured revolving credit facility and \$0.6 million was available under the senior secured term loan for cash draws or for the issuance of letters of credit. Although the senior secured revolving credit facility has lender commitments of \$800 million, availability thereunder reflects a \$45 million effective reduction as a result of the bankruptcy filing of Lehman Commercial Paper, Inc., a lender under the facility and includes the \$50 million commitment under such facility by CIT Capital USA Inc., whose corporate parent, CIT Group Inc., filed for and emerged from bankruptcy reorganization on November 1, 2009 and December 10, 2009, respectively.

In addition to quarterly principal installments, which are currently \$1.2 million, Mirant North America is required to make annual principal prepayments under the senior secured term loan equal to a specified percentage of its excess free cash flow, which is based on adjusted EBITDA less capital expenditures and as further defined in the loan agreement. On March 19, 2009, Mirant North America made a mandatory principal prepayment of approximately \$37 million on the term loan. At December 31, 2009, the current estimate of the mandatory principal prepayment of the term loan in March 2010 is approximately \$66 million. This amount has been reclassified from long-term debt to current portion of long-term debt at December 31, 2009.

The senior secured credit facilities are senior secured obligations of Mirant North America. In addition, certain subsidiaries of Mirant North America (not including Mirant Mid-Atlantic or Mirant Energy Trading) have jointly and severally guaranteed, as senior secured obligations, the senior secured credit facilities. The senior secured credit facilities have no recourse to any other Mirant entities.

Mirant North America Senior Notes

In December 2005, Mirant North America issued senior notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$850 million that bear interest at 7.375% and mature on December 31, 2013. The original senior notes were issued in a private placement and were not registered with the SEC. The proceeds of the original senior notes offering initially were placed in escrow pending the emergence of Mirant North America from bankruptcy. The proceeds were released from escrow in connection with Mirant North America's emergence from bankruptcy and the closing of the senior secured credit facilities.

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In connection with the issuance of the original senior notes, Mirant North America entered into a registration rights agreement under which it agreed to complete an exchange offer for the original senior notes. On June 29, 2006, Mirant North America completed its registration under the Securities Act of \$850 million of the senior notes and initiated the exchange offer. The exchange offer was completed on August 4, 2006, with \$849.965 million of the outstanding original senior notes being tendered for the senior notes. The terms of the senior notes are identical in all material respects to the terms of the original senior notes, except that the senior notes are registered under the Securities Act and generally are not subject to transfer restrictions or registration rights.

Interest on the notes is payable on each June 30 and December 31. The senior notes due in 2013 are senior unsecured obligations of Mirant North America. In addition, certain subsidiaries of Mirant North America (not including Mirant Mid-Atlantic or Mirant Energy Trading) have jointly and severally guaranteed, as senior unsecured obligations, the senior notes. The Mirant North America senior notes have no recourse to any other Mirant entities. At any time on or after December 31, 2009, Mirant North America may redeem the notes at specified redemption prices, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. Under the terms of the notes, the occurrence of a change of control will be a triggering event requiring Mirant North America to offer to purchase all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. In addition, certain asset dispositions or casualty events will be triggering events which may require Mirant North America to use the proceeds from those asset dispositions or casualty events to make an offer to purchase the notes at 100% of their principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase if such proceeds are not otherwise used, or committed to be used, within certain time periods, to repay senior secured indebtedness, to repay indebtedness under the senior secured credit facilities (with a corresponding reduction in commitments) or to invest in capital assets related to its business.

Capital Leases

Long-term debt includes a capital lease by Mirant Chalk Point. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the current portion of the long-term debt under this capital lease was \$4 million and \$3 million, respectively. The amount outstanding under the capital lease at December 31, 2009, which matures in 2015, is \$25 million with an 8.19% annual interest rate. This lease is for an 84 MW peaking electric power generating facility. Depreciation expense related to this lease was approximately \$2 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007. The annual principal payments under this lease are approximately \$3 million in 2010, \$4 million in 2011, 2012 and 2013, \$5 million in 2014 and \$5 million thereafter. The gross amount of assets under the capital lease, recorded in property, plant and equipment, net, was \$24 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008. The related accumulated depreciation was \$15 million and \$13 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Debt Maturities

At December 31, 2009, the annual scheduled maturities of debt during the next five years and thereafter were as follows (in millions):

2010	\$ 75
2011	543
2012	9
2013	1,147
2014	5
Thereafter	852
Total	\$ 2,631

With the exception of 2010, the annual scheduled maturities above do not include estimates of Mirant North America's required principal prepayments of its senior secured term loan based on its excess free cash flow.

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Sources of Funds and Capital Structure

The principal sources of liquidity for the Company's future operations and capital expenditures are expected to be: (1) existing cash on hand and cash flows from the operations of the Company's subsidiaries; (2) letters of credit issued or borrowings made under Mirant North America's senior secured revolving credit facility; (3) letters of credit issued under Mirant North America's senior secured term loan; and (4) planned project financing for the Mirant Marsh Landing generating facility.

The Company and certain of its subsidiaries, including Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America, are holding companies and, as a result, the Company and such subsidiaries are dependent upon dividends, distributions and other payments from their respective subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet their obligations. The ability of certain of the Company's subsidiaries to pay dividends and make distributions is restricted under the terms of their debt or other agreements. In particular, a substantial portion of the cash from the Company's operations is generated by Mirant Mid-Atlantic. The Mirant Mid-Atlantic leveraged leases contain a number of covenants, including a look back and look forward restricted payments tests. Under its leveraged leases, Mirant Mid-Atlantic is not permitted to make any dividends, distributions and other restricted payments unless: (1) it satisfies the fixed charge coverage ratio for the most recently ended period of four fiscal quarters; (2) it is projected to satisfy the fixed charge coverage ratio for each of the two following periods of four fiscal quarters, commencing with the fiscal quarter in which such payment is proposed to be made; and (3) no significant lease default or event of default has occurred and is continuing. In the event of a default under the leveraged leases or if the restricted payment tests are not satisfied, Mirant Mid-Atlantic would not be able to distribute cash. Based on the Company's calculation of the fixed charge coverage ratios under the leveraged leases as of December 31, 2009, Mirant Mid-Atlantic meets the required ratio for restricted payments, both on a historical and projected basis.

Mirant North America is an intermediate holding company that is a subsidiary of Mirant Americas Generation and the parent of its indirect subsidiaries, including Mirant Mid-Atlantic. Mirant North America incurred certain indebtedness pursuant to its senior notes and senior secured credit facilities secured by the assets of Mirant North America and its subsidiaries (other than Mirant Mid-Atlantic and Mirant Energy Trading). The indebtedness of Mirant North America includes certain covenants typical in such notes and credit facilities, including restrictions on dividends, distributions and other restricted payments. Further, the notes and senior secured credit facilities include financial covenants that will exclude from the calculation the financial results of any subsidiary that is unable to make distributions or pay dividends at the time of such calculation. Thus, the inability of Mirant Mid-Atlantic to make distributions to Mirant North America under the leveraged lease transaction would have a material adverse effect on the calculation of the financial covenants under the senior notes and senior secured credit facilities of Mirant North America, including the leverage and interest coverage maintenance covenants under its senior credit facility.

The ability of Mirant Americas Generation to pay its obligations is dependent on the receipt of dividends from Mirant North America, capital contributions from Mirant and its ability to refinance all or a portion of those obligations as they become due. Although the Company continues to evaluate its refinancing options, the Company maintains adequate liquidity to retire the Mirant Americas Generation senior notes that come due in May 2011.

As described above, Mirant North America and Mirant Mid-Atlantic have restrictions on their ability to pay dividends or make intercompany loans and advances under their financing arrangements or other third party agreements. At December 31, 2009, Mirant North America had distributed to its parent, Mirant Americas Generation, all available cash that was permitted to be distributed under the terms of its debt agreements, leaving \$403 million at Mirant North America and its subsidiaries. Of this amount, \$125 million was held by Mirant Mid-Atlantic which, as of December 31, 2009, met the tests under the leveraged lease documentation permitting it to make distributions to Mirant North America. Although Mirant North America is in compliance with its financial covenants at December 31, 2009, it is restricted from making distributions by the free cash flow requirements under the restricted payment test of its senior credit facility. The primary factor lowering the free

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cash flow calculation in the restricted payment test is the significant capital expenditure program of Mirant Mid-Atlantic to install emissions controls at its Chalk Point, Dickerson and Morgantown coal-fired units to comply with the Maryland Healthy Air Act. When the capital expenditures no longer affect the calculation of its free cash flow, Mirant North America is expected to be able again to make distributions. The Company does not expect the liquidity effect of the restriction on distributions under the Mirant North America senior credit facility to be material given that the majority of its liquidity needs arise from the activities of Mirant North America and its subsidiaries, the restriction does not limit Mirant North America from making distributions to Mirant Americas Generation to fund interest payments on its senior notes and the majority of the Company's total available cash and cash equivalents are held unrestricted at Mirant Corporation.

Except for permitted distributions to cover interest payable on Mirant Americas Generation's senior notes, as of December 31, 2009, the \$4.329 billion of net assets of Mirant North America and its subsidiaries were restricted as defined under Rule 4-08(e)(3)(ii) of Regulation S-X.

5. Income Taxes

Income from continuing operations before income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$506 million, \$1.217 billion and \$442 million, respectively.

The income tax provision from continuing operations consisted of the following (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Current income tax provision	\$ 12	\$ 2	\$ 9
Deferred income tax provision			
Provision for income taxes	\$ 12	\$ 2	\$ 9

A reconciliation of the Company's federal statutory income tax provision to the effective income tax provision adjusted for permanent and other items for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, is as follows (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Provision for income taxes based on United States federal statutory income tax rate	\$ 177	\$ 426	\$ 154
State and local income tax provision (benefit), net of federal income taxes	29	119	(95)
Discontinued operations		18	21
Return to provision adjustments			(86)
Effect of Internal Revenue Code Section §382(1)(6) and §382(1)(5)			(321)
Effect of implementing accounting guidance related to tax uncertainties			44
Effect of other comprehensive income transactions	13	(35)	
Reorganization adjustments	(21)		(170)
Excess tax deductions related to bankruptcy transactions	(17)		(212)
Change in deferred tax asset valuation allowance	(170)	(528)	671
Other differences, net	1	2	3
Tax provision	\$ 12	\$ 2	\$ 9

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The tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and their respective tax bases which give rise to deferred tax assets and liabilities for continuing operations are as follows (in millions):

	December 31,	
	2009	2008
Deferred Tax Assets:		
Employee benefits	\$ 82	\$ 96
Reserves	14	17
Loss carry forwards	1,167	1,355
Property and intangible assets	74	17
Other	56	77
Subtotal	1,393	1,562
Valuation allowance	(1,088)	(1,258)
Net deferred tax assets	305	304
Deferred Tax Liabilities:		
Derivative contracts	(281)	(267)
Other	(24)	(37)
Net deferred tax liabilities	(305)	(304)
Net deferred taxes	\$	\$

NOLs

As required by applicable accounting principles, an enterprise that anticipates the realization of a pre-tax gain must recognize the benefit or detriment of the deferred tax assets and liabilities associated with the transaction in the year in which it becomes more-likely-than-not that the gain will be realized. In 2007, the Company recognized an income tax provision of \$721 million that arose from and was specifically related to the sale of the Philippine business. The entire amount of this provision was recorded in income from discontinued operations in the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2007.

As a result of changes in the Company's stock ownership, including the Company's repurchases of shares of its common stock since July 11, 2006, and the exercise of a significant number of warrants for Mirant common stock during 2008, in the third quarter of 2008, the Company experienced an ownership change within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section (§) 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Company's annual limitation on the amount of taxable income that can be offset by the Company's then existing NOLs has been redetermined as of the date of the ownership change. The Company does not expect that the ability to offset future taxable income with existing NOLs under the redetermined annual limitation will be significantly different from the Company's ability to do so under the annual limitation prior to the ownership change that occurred in the third quarter of 2008. However, if the Company experiences another ownership change after December 31, 2009, at or near its recent stock price levels, the redetermined annual limitation for the Company could be lower and could result in the recognition of additional current tax expense in future periods.

The December 31, 2009, federal NOL carry forward for financial reporting was \$2.7 billion with expiration dates from 2022 to 2026. Similarly, there is an aggregate amount of \$4.8 billion of state NOL carry forwards with various expiration dates (based on the company's review of the application of apportionment factors and other state tax limitations).

The guidance related to accounting for income taxes requires that a valuation allowance be established when it is more-likely-than-not that all or a portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. The ultimate realization of

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deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences are deductible. In making this determination, management considers all available positive and negative evidence affecting specific deferred tax assets, including the Company's past and anticipated future performance, the reversal of deferred tax liabilities and the implementation of tax planning strategies.

Objective positive evidence is necessary to support a conclusion that a valuation allowance is not needed for all or a portion of deferred tax assets when significant negative evidence exists. The Company evaluates this position quarterly and makes its judgment based on the facts and circumstances at that time. The Company has determined that primarily as a result of significant declines in demand and in average prices for power and natural gas during 2009 and the effect of such declines on its projected gross margin, the realization of future taxable income sufficient to utilize existing deferred tax assets is not more-likely-than not at this time.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company's deferred tax assets reduced by the valuation allowance are completely offset by its deferred tax liabilities. A portion of the Company's NOLs (approximately \$361 million) is attributable to tax deductions primarily related to transactions arising during the period that the Company was in bankruptcy. The tax benefit of these excess tax deductions will be realized as the last NOLs are utilized for financial reporting. The realization of these excess tax deductions will be recorded as an increase to additional paid-in-capital in stockholders' equity. Additionally, the Company's valuation allowance includes \$21 million relating to the tax effects of other comprehensive income items primarily related to employee benefits. These other comprehensive income items will be reduced in the event that the valuation allowance is no longer required.

Tax Uncertainties

The Company adopted the provisions of the accounting guidance related to accounting for uncertainty in income taxes on January 1, 2007. Prior to adoption of this guidance, Mirant recognized contingent liabilities related to tax uncertainties when it was probable that a loss had occurred and the loss or range of loss could be reasonably estimated. The recognition of contingent losses for tax uncertainties requires management to make significant assumptions about the expected outcomes of certain tax contingencies. Under the accounting guidance, the Company must reflect in its income tax provision the full benefit of all positions that will be taken in the Company's income tax returns, except to the extent that such positions are uncertain and fall below the recognition requirements. In the event that the Company determines that a tax position meets the uncertainty criteria, an additional liability or an adjustment to the Company's NOLs, determined under the measurement criteria, will result. The Company periodically reassesses the tax positions in its tax returns for open years based on the latest information available and determines whether any portion of the tax benefits reflected should be treated as unrecognized. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits for continuing operations is as follows (in millions):

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008
Unrecognized tax benefits, January 1	\$ 13	\$ 15
Increases based on tax positions related to the current year	3	
Settlements	(3)	(2)
Unrecognized tax benefits, December 31	\$ 13	\$ 13

The unrecognized tax benefits included the review of tax positions relating to open tax years beginning in 1999 and continuing to the present. The Company's major tax jurisdictions are the United States at the federal level and multiple state jurisdictions. For United States federal income taxes, all tax years subsequent to 2005 remain open and for state income taxes, the earliest open year is 1999. However, both the federal and state NOL carry forwards from any closed year are subject to examination until the year that such NOL carry forwards are

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utilized and that year is closed for audit. The Company does not anticipate any significant changes in its unrecognized tax benefits over the next 12 months. The Company has not recognized any tax benefits for certain filing positions for which the outcome is uncertain and the effect is estimable.

Included in the balance at December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company had \$1 million and \$2 million, respectively, of unrecognized tax benefits that would affect the effective tax rate if they were recognized. The Company's tax provision includes an immaterial amount related to the accrual for any penalties and interest subsequent to its adoption of the accounting guidance related to accounting for uncertainty in income taxes.

6. Employee Benefit Plans

Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans

Mirant provides pension benefits to its non-union and union employees through various defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans. These benefits are based on pay, service history and age at retirement. Defined benefit pensions are not provided for non-union employees hired after April 1, 2000, who participate in the Company's profit sharing arrangement. Most pension benefits are provided through tax-qualified plans that are funded in accordance with ERISA and Internal Revenue Service requirements. Certain executive pension benefits that cannot be provided by the tax-qualified plans are provided through unfunded non-tax-qualified plans. The measurement dates for the defined benefit plans were December 31 for 2009 and 2008 and September 30 for 2007.

Mirant also provides certain medical care and life insurance benefits for eligible retired employees which are accounted for on an accrual basis using an actuarial method that recognizes the net periodic costs as employees render service to earn the postretirement benefits. The measurement dates for these postretirement benefit plans were December 31 for 2009 and 2008 and September 30 for 2007.

During the fourth quarter of 2006, Mirant amended the postretirement benefit plan covering non-union employees to eliminate all employer provided subsidies through a gradual phase-out by 2011. As a result, Mirant recognized a reduction in other postretirement liabilities of \$32 million. Since the amendment occurred after the 2006 measurement date, the plan curtailment was recognized during the first quarter of 2007 as a reduction in operations and maintenance expense for the year ended December 31, 2007.

During the second quarter of 2008, Mirant severed certain employees as a result of the shutdown of the Lovett generating facility. As a result, the Company recognized a curtailment gain of approximately \$5 million for its pension and postretirement benefits plans which was reflected as a reduction of operations and maintenance expense for the year ended December 31, 2008.

The accounting guidance related to the accounting for defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans requires an employer to recognize the overfunded or underfunded status of pension, retiree medical and other postretirement benefit plans on its balance sheets rather than only disclosing the funded status in the financial statement footnotes. Effective December 31, 2008, the accounting guidance related to the accounting for defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans also requires that companies measure the funded status of plans as of the year-end balance sheet date. Mirant historically used September 30 as the date to measure the funded status of its plans. The accounting guidance offered two transition methods for companies that did not use a year-end measurement date to transition to a December 31, 2008, measurement date. Mirant elected to use the alternative transition method under the accounting guidance for changing its measurement date, which resulted in an increase to the accumulated deficit of \$2 million and accumulated other comprehensive income of \$1 million as of January 1, 2008. Effective December 31, 2008, Mirant transitioned to a year-end measurement date for the funded status of its plans.

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The following table shows the benefit obligations and funded status for the defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plans of Mirant's continuing operations (in millions):

	Tax Qualified Pension Plans		Non-Tax Qualified Pension Plans		Other Postretirement Benefit Plans	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
Change in benefit obligation:						
Benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$ 286	\$ 243	\$ 9	\$ 9	\$ 62	\$ 57
Service cost	8	10			2	2
Interest cost	15	18	1		3	4
Amendments	1				(2)	
Benefits paid	(9)	(11)	(1)		(2)	(3)
Curtailments		(1)				(2)
Actuarial (gain) loss	(10)	27			(6)	4
Benefit obligation, end of year	\$ 291	\$ 286	\$ 9	\$ 9	\$ 57	\$ 62
Change in plan assets:						
Fair value of plan assets, beginning of year	\$ 206	\$ 205	\$	\$	\$	\$
Return on plan assets	43	(52)				
Employer contributions		64	1		2	3
Benefits paid	(9)	(11)	(1)		(2)	(3)
Fair value of plan assets, end of year	\$ 240	\$ 206	\$	\$	\$	\$
Funded Status:						
Underfunded at measurement date	\$ (51)	\$ (80)	\$ (9)	\$ (9)	\$ (57)	\$ (62)

The accumulated benefit obligation exceeded the fair value of plan assets at December 31, 2009 and 2008, for the tax qualified pension plans. The total accumulated benefit obligation for the tax qualified plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 was \$259 million and \$250 million.

The discount rates used as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, were determined based on individual bond-matching models comprised of portfolios of high quality corporate bonds with projected cash flows and maturity dates reflecting the expected time horizon during which that benefit will be paid. Bonds included in the model portfolios are from a cross-section of different issuers, are AA-rated or better, and are non-callable so that the yield to maturity can be attained without intervening calls.

The weighted average assumptions used for measuring year-end pension and other postretirement benefit plan obligations were as follows:

	Pension Plans		Other Postretirement Benefit Plans	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Discount rate	5.62%	5.40%	5.62%	5.37%
Rate of compensation increases	2.99%	3.37%	3.50%	3.00%

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Mirant assumed healthcare cost trend rates used for measuring year-end other postretirement benefit plan obligations were as follows:

	2009	2008
Assumed medical inflation for next year:		
Before age 65	9.00%	8.50%
Age 65 and after	8.50%	8.50%
Assumed ultimate medical inflation rate	5.00%	5.00%
Year in which ultimate rate is reached	2017	2018

An annual increase or decrease of 1% in the assumed medical care cost trend rate would correspondingly increase or decrease the total accumulated benefit obligation of other postretirement benefit plans at December 31, 2009, by an inconsequential amount.

Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets for pensions and other postretirement benefit plan obligations are shown below at December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in millions):

	Tax-Qualified Pension Plans		Non-Tax Qualified Pension Plans		Other Postretirement Benefit Plans	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
Current liabilities	\$	\$	\$ (1)	\$ (1)	\$ (3)	\$ (2)
Noncurrent liabilities	(51)	(80)	(8)	(8)	(54)	(60)
Total liabilities	\$ (51)	\$ (80)	\$ (9)	\$ (9)	\$ (57)	\$ (62)

Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income at December 31, 2009 and 2008, for pensions and other postretirement benefit plan obligations are as follows (in millions):

	Tax-Qualified Pension Plans		Non-Tax Qualified Pension Plans		Other Postretirement Benefit Plans	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net loss	\$ (59)	\$ (93)	\$ (1)	\$ (2)	\$ (10)	\$ (16)
Prior service credit (cost)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	23	26
Total amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (62)	\$ (95)	\$ (3)	\$ (4)	\$ 13	\$ 10

Expected amortization payments. The estimated net loss and prior service cost for the defined benefit pension plans that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost in 2010 are \$(0.8) million and \$(0.6) million, respectively. Additionally, as of January 1, 2008, Mirant recognized \$0 and \$(0.1) million of net loss and prior service cost, respectively, to accumulated other comprehensive income for defined benefit pension plans as part of the transition adjustment related to the change in measurement date.

The estimated net loss and prior service credit (cost) for other postretirement benefit plans that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year are \$1 million and \$6 million, respectively. Additionally, as of January 1, 2008, Mirant recognized \$(0.2) million of net loss and \$1.7 million of prior service credit to accumulated other comprehensive income for other postretirement benefit plans as part of the transition adjustment related to the change in measurement date.

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The components of the net periodic benefit cost (credit) of Mirant's continuing operations pension and other postretirement benefit plans for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, are shown below (in millions):

	Pension Plans			Other Postretirement Benefit Plans		
	Years Ended December 31,			Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007	2009	2008	2007
Service cost	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 9	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 2
Interest cost	16	15	14	3	3	4
Expected return of plan assets	(22)	(17)	(13)			
Net amortization ⁽¹⁾	2	1	1	(5)	(5)	(3)
Curtailments		(1)			(4)	(32)
Net periodic benefit cost (credit)	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 11	\$	\$ (5)	\$ (29)

⁽¹⁾ Net amortization amount includes prior service cost and actuarial gains or losses.

Other changes in plan assets and benefit obligation recognized in other comprehensive income for Mirant's continuing operations pension and other postretirement benefit plans for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, were as follows (in millions):

	Pension Plans		Other Postretirement Benefit Plans	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net loss (gain)	\$ (33)	\$ 100	\$ (5)	\$ 1
Prior service cost (credit)	1		(3)	
Amortization of:				
Net loss	(1)		(1)	(1)
Prior service (cost) credit	(1)	(1)	6	12
Total loss (income) recognized in other comprehensive income	\$ (34)	\$ 99	\$ (3)	\$ 12

The resulting total amount recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive income for the pension plans for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, was \$(30) million and \$105 million, respectively. The resulting total amount recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive income for the other postretirement benefit plans for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, was \$(3) million and \$7 million, respectively.

The weighted average assumptions used for Mirant's pension benefit cost and other postretirement benefit costs during each year were as follows:

	Pension Plans			Other Postretirement Benefit Plans		
	Years Ended December 31,			Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007	2009	2008	2007
Discount rate	5.40%	6.12%	5.66%	5.37%	6.06%	5.66%
Rate of compensation increases	3.37%	3.64%	3.70%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	8.50%	8.50%	8.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Mirant's assumed health care cost trend rates used to measure the expected cost of benefits covered by its other postretirement plan were as follows:

	2009	2008	2007
Assumed medical inflation for next year:			
Before age 65	8.50%	8.00%	9.00%
Age 65 and after	8.50%	9.50%	11.00%
Assumed ultimate medical inflation rate	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Year in which ultimate rate is reached	2018	2015	2011

An annual increase or decrease of 1% in the assumed medical care cost trend rate would correspondingly increase or decrease the aggregate of the service and interest cost components of the annual other postretirement benefit cost in 2009 by an inconsequential amount.

Pension Plan Assets

In determining the long-term rate of return for plan assets, the Company evaluates historic and current market factors such as inflation and interest rates before determining long-term capital market assumptions. The Company also considers the effects of diversification and portfolio rebalancing. To check for reasonableness and appropriateness, the Company reviews data about other companies, including their historic returns.

For purposes of expense recognition, the Company uses a market-related value of assets that recognizes the difference between the expected return and the actual return on plan assets over a five-year period. Unrecognized asset gains or losses associated with its plan assets will be recognized in the calculation of the market-related value of assets and subject to amortization in future periods.

The following table shows the target allocation and percentage of fair value of plan assets by asset category for Mirant's qualified pension plans as of December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	Target Allocation	Percent of Fair Value of Plan Assets at December 31,	
		2009	2008
United States Stocks	50%	51%	34%
Non-United States Stocks	20	20	13
Fixed income	30	28	28
Cash		1	25
Total	100%	100%	100%

For the qualified pension plans, Mirant uses a mix of equities and fixed income investments with the objective of maximizing the long-term return of pension plan assets at a prudent level of risk. The Company's risk tolerance is established through consideration of plan liabilities, plan funded status and corporate financial condition. Equity investments are diversified across United States and non-United States stocks. For United States stocks, Mirant employs both a passive and active approach by investing in an index that mirrors the Russell 1000 Index and an actively managed small cap fund. For non-United States stocks, Mirant is invested in both developed and emerging market international equity funds that are benchmarked against the Europe, Australia and Far East Index. Fixed income investments are in a long United States government/credit index fund. Investment risk is monitored on an ongoing basis through quarterly portfolio reviews and annual pension liability measurements.

Primarily as a result of declines in the overall market of equity securities during 2008, the fair value of Mirant's pension plan assets declined considerably in 2008. As a result, the Company contributed \$60 million to

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its pension plans in December of 2008 and a total of \$64 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. Approximately \$51 million of the \$60 million the Company contributed in the fourth quarter of 2008 is included in the cash amount in the table above at December 31, 2008. This amount was invested according to the Company's target allocation in 2009.

Fair Value Hierarchy of Plan Assets

Based on the observability of the inputs used in the valuation techniques for fair value measurement, the Company is required to classify recorded fair value measurements of plan assets according to the fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). The Company's plan assets carried at fair value in the consolidated financial statements are classified within Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The Company's plan assets classified within Level 1 consist of exchange-traded investment funds with readily observable prices. The Company's plan assets classified within Level 2 consist of non-exchange-traded investment funds whose fair values reflect the net asset value of the funds based on the fair value of the fund's underlying securities. The underlying securities held by these funds are valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical or similar assets. The Company elected the practical expedient under the accounting guidance to measure the fair value of certain funds that use net asset value per share. Certain funds included in the United States large-cap equity and fixed income securities asset categories, representing approximately \$96 million of the plan assets at December 31, 2009, contain redemption restrictions that limit redemptions to 4% of investments held in these funds per month. The net asset value of these investment funds has been adjusted for these redemption restrictions. Certain other investment funds require redemption notification of 30 days or less for which no adjustment was made to their net asset value. The redemption restrictions on the various investment funds are not considered significant to the overall liquidity of the plan since the majority of the plan's assets contain no redemption restrictions.

The following table presents plan assets measured at fair value as of December 31, 2009, by category (in millions):

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Asset Categories:				
Cash equivalents	\$		\$ 3	\$ 3
Investment Funds:				
Equity securities:				
United States large-cap		84		84
United States small-cap growth	36			36
International	32			32
Emerging markets		17		17
Fixed income securities:				
United States government		29		29
Corporate bonds		39		39
Total	\$ 68	\$ 172	\$	\$ 240

The United States large-cap investment fund is the single largest investment concentration in the plan representing approximately 35% of the plan's assets. There were no other significant concentrations of risk in the plan's assets.

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Mirant currently expects to utilize credit balances to satisfy contribution payments to the tax-qualified pensions for the 2010 plan year. In addition, the Company expects to contribute approximately \$1 million to the non-tax-qualified pension plans during 2010.

Mirant expects the following benefits to be paid from the pension and other postretirement benefit plans (in millions):

Projected Benefit Payments to Plan Participants	Pension Plans		Other Postretirement Benefits Plans	
	Tax- Qualified	Non-Tax Qualified	Before Medicare Subsidy	Medicare Subsidy
2010	\$ 10	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 2
2011	11	1	2	2
2012	12	1	2	2
2013	13	1	3	3
2014	14	1	3	3
2015 through 2019	\$ 95	\$ 4	\$ 22	\$ 21

Employee Savings and Profit Sharing Plan

The Company maintains a defined contribution employee savings plan with a profit sharing arrangement whereby employees may contribute a portion of their base compensation to the employee savings plan, subject to limits under the Internal Revenue Code. The Company provides a matching contribution each payroll period equal to 75% of the employee's contributions up to 6% of the employee's pay for that period. For unionized employees, matching levels vary by bargaining unit.

Under the profit sharing arrangement for non-union employees not accruing a benefit under the defined benefit pension plan, the Company contributes a quarterly fixed contribution of 3% of eligible pay and may make an annual discretionary contribution. Certain unionized employees are also eligible for the annual discretionary profit sharing contribution.

Expenses recognized for the matching, fixed profit sharing and discretionary profit sharing contributions were as follows (in millions):

	Matching	Fixed Profit Sharing	Discretionary Profit Sharing
2009	\$ 5	\$ 2	\$ 3
2008	5	2	2
2007	5	2	2

Stock-based Compensation

The Mirant Corporation 2005 Omnibus Incentive Plan for certain employees and directors of Mirant became effective on January 3, 2006. The Omnibus Incentive Plan provides for the granting of nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance units, cash-based awards, other stock-based awards, covered employee annual incentive awards and non-employee director awards. Under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, 18,575,851 shares of Mirant common stock are available for issuance to participants, of which 10,413,831 shares are available to be issued to participants as of December 31, 2009. Shares covered by an award are counted as used only to the extent that they are actually issued. Any shares related to awards that terminate by expiration, forfeiture, cancellation or otherwise without the issuance of such shares will be available again for grant under the Omnibus Incentive Plan. The Company utilizes both service condition and performance condition forms of stock-based compensation.

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The Company recognizes compensation expense related to service condition and performance condition stock-based compensation. Compensation expense for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was as follows (in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Service condition stock-based compensation	\$ 24	\$ 21	\$ 21
Performance condition stock-based compensation		5	8
Total compensation expense	\$ 24	\$ 26	\$ 29

The amounts in the table above are included in operations and maintenance expense in the consolidated statements of operations, with the exception of approximately \$4 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, which is included in income from discontinued operations, net. As of December 31, 2009, there was approximately \$22 million of total unrecognized compensation cost, excluding estimated forfeitures, related to non-vested share-based compensation granted through service condition awards, which is expected to be recognized on a straight-line basis over a weighted average period of approximately two years.

Stock Options

The fair value of stock options is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model based on the assumptions noted in the following table. The Company utilizes Mirant's own implied volatility of its traded options in accordance with the accounting guidance related to share-based payments. As a result of the lack of exercise history for the Company, the simplified method for estimating expected term has been used in accordance with the accounting guidance related to share-based payments. For performance condition awards, the Company utilized the contractual term as the expected term. The risk-free rate for periods within the contractual term of the stock option is based on the United States Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant. The table below includes significant assumptions used in valuing the Company's stock options:

	2009		Years Ended December 31, 2008		2007	
	Range	Weighted Average	Range	Weighted Average	Range	Weighted Average
Expected volatility	48 - 59%	58.9%	31 - 43%	31.2%	15 - 28%	19.9%
Expected dividends	%	%	%	%	%	%
Expected term						
Service condition awards	6 years	6 years	3.5 years	3.5 years	2.7 - 3.5 years	3.48 years
Performance condition awards						
Risk-free rate	2.6 - 2.9%	2.6%	2.1 - 2.9%	2.1%	4 - 4.7%	4%
<i>Service Condition Awards</i>						

During 2007, the Company granted options to purchase a total of approximately 605,000 shares. These stock options were granted with a five-year term, and vest in three equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. Options to purchase approximately 15,000 shares were granted to non-management members of the Board of Directors and vest one year from the grant date.

During 2008, the Company granted options to purchase a total of approximately 752,000 shares. These stock options were granted with a five-year term, and vest in three equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. There were no stock options granted to non-management members of the Board of Directors during 2008.

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During 2009, the Company granted options to purchase a total of approximately 1,396,000 shares. These stock options were granted with a ten-year term, and vest in three equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. There were no stock options granted to non-management members of the Board of Directors during 2009.

The granted options provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change of control (as defined in the Omnibus Incentive Plan) or, in certain circumstances, as a result of a termination of employment. Options to purchase approximately 1.3 million, 808,000 and 1.1 million shares vested during 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, of which approximately 249,000, 37,000 and 177,000 shares for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, became exercisable as a result of accelerated vesting resulting from the termination of certain employees. The weighted average grant-date fair value of stock options granted during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, was \$5.89, \$9.49 and \$8.44 per share, respectively.

A summary of the Company's option activity under the Omnibus Incentive Plan is presented below:

Stock Options	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
Outstanding at January 1, 2007	2,801,719	\$ 24.89	9.2	\$ 18,720
Granted	605,386	\$ 37.91		
Exercised or converted	(371,306)	\$ 25.98		\$
Forfeited	(131,755)	\$ 29.64		
Expired		\$		
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	2,904,044	\$ 27.25	7.4	\$ 34,069
Granted	751,511	\$ 36.87		
Exercised or converted	(659,804)	\$ 25.63		\$
Forfeited	(69,540)	\$ 36.12		
Expired	(55,215)	\$ 31.95		
Outstanding at December 31, 2008	2,870,996	\$ 29.83	5.8	\$
Granted	1,395,717	\$ 10.42		
Exercised or converted	(23,514)	\$ 10.40		\$
Forfeited	(181,345)	\$ 11.57		
Expired	(21,278)	\$ 31.54		
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	4,040,576	\$ 24.05	6.1	\$ 5,818
Exercisable or convertible at December 31, 2009	2,456,791	\$ 27.70	5.3	\$ 436

The range of exercise prices for stock options granted is presented below:

	High	Low
2009	\$ 16.77	\$ 10.40
2008	\$ 37.02	\$ 26.20
2007	\$ 45.77	\$ 37.71

Cash received from the exercise of stock options under the Omnibus Incentive Plan for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, was approximately \$0.2 million, \$17 million and \$10 million, respectively, and no related tax benefit was recognized during the years then ended.

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On November 13, 2006, Mirant made awards of nonqualified stock options to purchase approximately 830,000 shares to five members of executive management. These options were granted with a three-year term and vested on June 30, 2008, as the Company achieved the required performance target amounts by December 31, 2007. The options provided for accelerated vesting if there was a change of control (as defined in the Omnibus Incentive Plan) or, in certain circumstances, as a result of a termination of employment. At December 31, 2007, options to purchase approximately 100,000 shares became exercisable as a result of accelerated vesting resulting from the termination of an employee. The remaining 730,000 options expired on November 13, 2009. The weighted average grant date fair value of performance condition stock options granted during the year ended December 31, 2006, was \$6.08 per share. There were no performance condition stock options granted during 2009, 2008 or 2007.

A summary of option activity for performance condition awards under the Omnibus Incentive Plan is presented below:

Stock Options	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
Outstanding at January 1, 2007	830,000	\$ 28.89	2.9	\$ 2,224
Granted		\$		
Exercised or converted		\$		
Forfeited		\$		
Expired		\$		
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	830,000	\$ 28.89	1.9	\$ 8,375
Granted		\$		
Exercised or converted	(44,507)	\$ 28.89		\$
Forfeited		\$		
Expired	(55,493)	\$ 28.89		
Outstanding at December 31, 2008	730,000	\$ 28.89	.9	\$
Granted		\$		
Exercised or converted		\$		\$
Forfeited		\$		
Expired	(730,000)	\$ 28.89		
Outstanding at December 31, 2009		\$		\$
Exercisable or convertible at December 31, 2009		\$		\$

Restricted Stock Shares and Restricted Stock Units*Service Condition Awards*

During 2007, the Company issued approximately 428,000 restricted stock units under the Omnibus Incentive Plan. Approximately 419,000 of the restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. Approximately 9,000 of the restricted stock units were granted to non-management members of the Board of Directors and vest one year from the grant date. The granted restricted stock units and restricted stock shares provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change of control (as defined in the Omnibus Incentive Plan) or, in certain circumstances, as a result of a termination of employment.

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During 2008, the Company issued approximately 403,000 restricted stock units under the Omnibus Incentive Plan. Approximately 388,000 of the restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. Approximately 15,000 of the restricted stock units were granted to non-management members of the Board of Directors and vest one year from the grant date. The granted restricted stock units provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change of control (as defined in the Omnibus Incentive Plan) or, in certain circumstances, as a result of a termination of employment.

During 2009, the Company issued approximately 1,606,000 restricted stock units under the Omnibus Incentive Plan. Approximately 1,562,000 of the restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. Approximately 44,000 of the restricted stock units were granted to non-management members of the Board of Directors and vest one year from the grant date and delivery of the underlying share is deferred until the directorship terminates. The granted restricted stock units provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change of control (as defined in the Omnibus Incentive Plan) or, in certain circumstances, as a result of a termination of employment.

Approximately 541,000, 269,000 and 213,000 restricted stock units vested during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The grant date fair value of restricted stock shares and restricted stock units is equal to the Company's closing stock price on the grant date. As restricted stock shares and restricted stock units vest, the outstanding balance of restricted stock shares and restricted stock units decreases and the number of outstanding shares of common stock increases by an equal amount. A summary of the Company's restricted stock shares and restricted stock units for service condition award is presented below:

Restricted Stock Shares and Restricted Stock Units	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2007	460,019	\$ 24.90
Granted	428,035	\$ 37.89
Vested ⁽¹⁾	(212,700)	\$ 26.65
Forfeited	(45,381)	\$ 33.16
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	629,973	\$ 32.54
Granted	403,300	\$ 36.90
Vested ⁽¹⁾	(269,337)	\$ 31.63
Forfeited	(68,117)	\$ 37.01
Outstanding at December 31, 2008	695,819	\$ 34.98
Granted	1,605,983	\$ 10.55
Vested ⁽¹⁾	(540,794)	\$ 28.92
Forfeited	(173,684)	\$ 11.05
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	1,587,324	\$ 14.95

⁽¹⁾ Approximately 180,000, 13,000 and 54,000, became fully vested in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, as a result of the termination of certain employees.

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During 2006, the Company issued 283,554 restricted stock units under the Omnibus Incentive Plan. The restricted stock units vested on June 30, 2008, based on the Company achieving the performance target amounts by December 31, 2007. The granted restricted stock units provided for accelerated vesting if there is a change of control (as defined in the Omnibus Incentive Plan) or, in certain circumstances, as a result of a termination of employment. Approximately 3,000 and 37,000 restricted stock units and shares vested during the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, as a result of the termination of employees. The grant date fair value of the restricted stock and restricted stock units for performance condition awards is equal to the Company's closing stock price on the grant date.

A summary of the Company's restricted stock units awarded is as follows:

Restricted Stock Units	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2007	283,554	\$ 29.23
Granted		\$
Vested	(36,564)	\$ 29.25
Forfeited		\$
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	246,990	\$ 29.22
Granted		\$
Vested	(246,990)	\$ 29.22
Forfeited		\$
Outstanding at the December 31, 2008		\$
Granted		\$
Vested		\$
Forfeited		\$
Outstanding at December 31, 2009		\$

7. Commitments and Contingencies

Mirant has made firm commitments to buy materials and services in connection with its ongoing operations and has provided cash collateral or financial guarantees relative to some of its investments.

Commitments

In addition to debt and other obligations in the consolidated balance sheets, Mirant has the following annual commitments under various agreements at December 31, 2009, related to its operations (in millions):

	Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations by Year						
	Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	>5 Years
Mirant Mid-Atlantic operating leases	\$ 1,870	\$ 140	\$ 134	\$ 132	\$ 138	\$ 131	\$ 1,195
Other operating leases	124	16	14	14	14	11	55
Fuel commitments	939	348	336	206	49		
Maryland Healthy Air Act	269	269					
Mirant Marsh Landing development project	208	40	87	75	6		

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Other	270	124	35	25	18	12	56
Total payments	\$ 3,680	\$ 937	\$ 606	\$ 452	\$ 225	\$ 154	\$ 1,306

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The Company's contractual obligations table does not include the derivative obligations reported at fair value, which are discussed in Note 2 and the asset retirement obligations which are discussed in Note 3.

Operating Leases

Mirant Mid-Atlantic leases the Dickerson and Morgantown baseload units and associated property through 2029 and 2034, respectively. Mirant Mid-Atlantic has an option to extend the leases. Any extensions of the respective leases would be for less than 75% of the economic useful life of the facility, as measured from the beginning of the original lease term through the end of the proposed remaining lease term. The Company is accounting for these leases as operating leases and recognizes rent expense on a straight-line basis. Rent expense totaled \$96 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, and is included in operations and maintenance expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company has paid approximately \$400 million and \$354 million, respectively, of lease payments in excess of rent expense recognized, which is recorded in prepaid rent and prepaid expenses on the consolidated balance sheets. Of these amounts, \$96 million is included in prepaid expenses on the Company's consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2009 and 2008.

As of December 31, 2009, the total notional minimum lease payments for the remaining terms of the leases aggregated approximately \$1.9 billion and the aggregate termination value for the leases was approximately \$1.4 billion, which generally decreases over time. Mirant Mid-Atlantic leases the Dickerson and the Morgantown baseload units from third party owner lessors. These owner lessors each own the undivided interests in these baseload generating facilities. The subsidiaries of the institutional investors who hold the membership interests in the owner lessors are called owner participants. Equity funding by the owner participants plus transaction expenses paid by the owner participants totaled \$299 million. The issuance and sale of pass through certificates raised the remaining \$1.2 billion needed for the owner lessors to acquire the undivided interests.

The pass through certificates are not direct obligations of Mirant Mid-Atlantic. Each pass through certificate represents a fractional undivided interest in one of three pass through trusts formed pursuant to three separate pass through trust agreements between Mirant Mid-Atlantic and United States Bank National Association (as successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company of Connecticut, National Association), as pass through trustee. The property of the pass through trusts consists of lessor notes. The lessor notes issued by an owner lessor are secured by that owner lessor's undivided interest in the lease facilities and its rights under the related lease and other financing documents.

Mirant has commitments under other operating leases with various terms and expiration dates.

Fuel Commitments

Fuel commitments primarily relate to long-term coal agreements and related transportation agreements.

Maryland Healthy Air Act

Maryland Healthy Air Act commitments reflect the remaining expected payments for capital expenditures to comply with the limitations for SO₂, NO_x and mercury emissions under the Maryland Healthy Air Act. The Company completed the installation of the remaining pollution control equipment related to compliance with the Maryland Healthy Air Act in the fourth quarter of 2009. However, provisions in the Company's construction contracts provide that certain payments be made after final completion of the project.

Mirant Marsh Landing

Mirant Marsh Landing development project reflects the current projected commitments related to contracts that were executed as of December 31, 2009, including equipment and services, for the Marsh Landing generating facility. The Mirant Marsh Landing commitments are contingent upon the issuance of a notice to proceed by Mirant.

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Other primarily represents the open purchase orders less invoices received related to general procurement of products and services purchased in the ordinary course of business. These include construction, maintenance and labor activities at the Company's generating facilities. Other also includes the Company's LTSA associated with the maintenance of a turbine at the Kendall generating facility, limestone supply and transportation agreements, estimated pension and other postretirement benefit funding obligations, deferred compensation plans, liabilities related to accounting for uncertainty in income taxes and miscellaneous noncurrent liabilities.

Cash Collateral

In order to sell power and purchase fuel in the forward markets and perform other energy trading and marketing activities, the Company often is required to provide trade credit support to its counterparties or make deposits with brokers. In addition, the Company often is required to provide cash collateral for access to the transmission grid to participate in power pools and for other operating activities. In the event of default by the Company, the counterparty can apply cash collateral held to satisfy the existing amounts outstanding under an open contract.

The following is a summary of cash collateral posted with counterparties (in millions):

	At December 31,	
	2009	2008
Cash collateral posted energy trading and marketing	\$ 41	\$ 67
Cash collateral posted other operating activities	43	44
Total	\$ 84	\$ 111

Guarantees

Mirant generally conducts its business through various operating subsidiaries which enter into contracts as a routine part of their business activities. In certain instances, the contractual obligations of such subsidiaries are guaranteed by, or otherwise supported by, Mirant or another of its subsidiaries, including by letters of credit issued under the credit facilities of Mirant North America.

In addition, Mirant and its subsidiaries enter into various contracts that include indemnification and guarantee provisions. Examples of these contracts include financing and lease arrangements, purchase and sale agreements, commodity purchase and sale agreements, construction agreements and agreements with vendors. Although the primary obligation of Mirant or a subsidiary under such contracts is to pay money or render performance, such contracts may include obligations to indemnify the counterparty for damages arising from the breach thereof and, in certain instances, other existing or potential liabilities. In many cases, the Company's maximum potential liability cannot be estimated because some of the underlying agreements contain no limits on potential liability.

Upon issuance or modification of a guarantee, the Company determines if the obligation is subject to initial recognition and measurement of a liability and/or disclosure of the nature and terms of the guarantee. Generally, guarantees of the performance of a third party are subject to the recognition and measurement, as well as the disclosure provisions, of the accounting guidance related to guarantees. Such guarantees must initially be recorded at fair value, as determined in accordance with the accounting guidance. The Company did not have any guarantees at December 31, 2009, that met the recognition requirements of the accounting guidance.

Alternatively, guarantees between and on behalf of entities under common control are subject only to the disclosure provisions of the accounting guidance related to guarantors' accounting and disclosure requirements.

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for guarantees. The Company must disclose information as to the term of the guarantee and the maximum potential amount of future gross payments (undiscounted) under the guarantee, even if the likelihood of a claim is remote.

Letters of Credit and Surety Bonds

As of December 31, 2009, Mirant and its subsidiaries were contingently obligated for \$211 million under letters of credit primarily issued under the credit facilities of Mirant North America, which includes \$123 million of letters of credit issued pursuant to its senior secured term loan and \$76 million of letters of credit issued pursuant to its revolving credit facility. Most of these letters of credit are issued in support of the obligations of Mirant North America and its subsidiaries to perform under commodity agreements, financing or lease agreements or other commercial arrangements. In the event of default by the Company, the counterparty can draw on a letter of credit to satisfy the existing amounts outstanding under an open contract. A majority of these letters of credit expire within one year of issuance, and it is typical for them to be renewed on similar terms. In addition, the Company has entered into a cash-collateralized letter of credit facility pursuant to which it posted letters of credit in support of the Company's response to a request for proposals for new power generation and security requirements under the Mirant Marsh Landing PPA agreement.

At December 31, 2009, the Company had obligations outstanding under surety bonds of \$5 million, of which \$4 million related to credit support for the transmission upgrades PG&E will be making in order to connect the Mirant Marsh Landing project to the power grid. At December 31, 2008, the Company had obligations under surety bonds that were posted as credit support for the RGGI auction that was held in December 2008. These surety bonds expired in January 2009.

Following is a summary of letters of credit issued and surety bonds provided (in millions):

	At December 31,	
	2009	2008
Letters of credit energy trading and marketing	\$ 51	\$ 76
Letters of credit debt service and rent reserves	101	101
Letters of credit other operating activities	59	124
Surety bonds	5	25
Total	\$ 216	\$ 326

Purchase and Sale Guarantees and Indemnifications

In connection with the purchase or sale of an asset or a business by Mirant through a subsidiary, Mirant is typically required to provide certain assurances to the counterparties for the performance of the obligations of such a subsidiary under the purchase or sale agreements. Such assurances may take the form of a guarantee issued by Mirant or a subsidiary on behalf of the obligor subsidiary. The scope of such guarantees would typically include any indemnity obligations owed to such counterparty. Although the terms thereof vary in the scope, exclusions, thresholds and applicable limits, the indemnity obligations of a seller typically include liabilities incurred as a result of a breach of a purchase and sale agreement, including the seller's representations or warranties, unpaid and unreserved tax liabilities and specified retained liabilities, if any. These obligations generally have a term of 12 months from the closing date and are intended to protect the buyer against breaches of the agreement or risks that are difficult to predict or estimate at the time of the transaction. In most cases, the contract limits the liability of the seller. Although the primary indemnity periods under the agreements for the sales of the Philippine and Caribbean businesses and six U.S. natural gas-fired generating facilities have elapsed without any claims being made, Mirant continues to have indefinite indemnity obligations in respect of certain representations and covenants that are typically not subject to lapse. No claims have been made in respect thereof and the Company does not expect that it will be required to make any material payments under these guarantee and indemnity provisions.

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Commercial Purchase and Sales Arrangements

In connection with the purchase and sale of fuel, emissions allowances and energy to and from third parties with respect to the operation of Mirant's generating facilities, the Company may be required to guarantee a portion of the obligations of certain of its subsidiaries. These obligations may include liquidated damages payments or other unscheduled payments. The majority of the current guarantees are set to expire before the end of 2010, although the obligations of the issuer will remain in effect until all the liabilities created under the guarantee have been satisfied or no longer exist. As of December 31, 2009, Mirant and its subsidiaries were contingently obligated for a total of \$104 million under such arrangements. The Company does not expect that it will be required to make any material payments under these guarantees.

Other Guarantees and Indemnifications

As of December 31, 2009, Mirant has issued \$91 million of guarantees of obligations that its subsidiaries may incur in connection with construction agreements, equipment leases, settlement agreements and on-going litigation. The Company does not expect that it will be required to make any material payments under these guarantees.

The Company, through its subsidiaries, participates in several power pools with RTOs. The rules of these RTOs require that each participant indemnify the pool for defaults by other members. Usually, the amount indemnified is based upon the activity of the participant relative to the total activity of the pool and the amount of the default. Consequently, the amount of such indemnification by the Company cannot be quantified.

On a routine basis in the ordinary course of business, Mirant and its subsidiaries indemnify financing parties and consultants or other vendors who provide services to the Company. The Company does not expect that it will be required to make any material payments under these indemnity provisions.

Because some of the guarantees and indemnities Mirant issues to third parties do not limit the amount or duration of its obligations to perform under them, there exists a risk that the Company may have obligations in excess of the amounts described above. For those guarantees and indemnities that do not limit the Company's liability exposure, the Company may not be able to estimate its potential liability until a claim is made for payment or performance, because of the contingent nature of these contracts.

8. Dispositions

Overview

The Company disposed of certain discontinued operations and other assets in 2007. In the third quarter of 2006, Mirant commenced separate auction processes to sell its Philippine (2,203 MW) and Caribbean (1,050 MW) businesses and six U.S. natural gas-fired generating facilities totaling 3,619 MW, consisting of the Zeeland (903 MW), West Georgia (613 MW), Shady Hills (469 MW), Sugar Creek (561 MW), Bosque (546 MW) and Apex (527 MW) facilities.

The sale of the six U.S. natural gas-fired generating facilities was completed on May 1, 2007 and the Company recognized a cumulative loss of \$345 million related to the sale of the six facilities. The net proceeds to Mirant after transaction costs and retiring \$83 million of project-related debt were \$1.306 billion.

The Company completed the sale of Mirant NY-Gen on May 7, 2007. The Company recognized a gain of \$8 million related to the sale. The proceeds related to the sale were immaterial as a result of the transfer of the net liabilities of Mirant NY-Gen.

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The sale of the Philippine business was completed on June 22, 2007. The Company recognized a gain of \$2.003 billion related to the sale. The net proceeds to Mirant after transaction costs and the repayment of \$642 million of debt were \$3.21 billion.

The sale of the Caribbean business was completed on August 8, 2007. The Company recognized a gain of approximately \$63 million in the third quarter of 2007 related to the sale. The net proceeds to Mirant after transaction costs and final working capital adjustments were \$555 million.

During the second quarter of 2007, the Company recognized \$9 million of other comprehensive income, net of tax, related to the sale of the Philippine business. Of this amount, \$5 million was related to a pension liability that was settled as part of the sale and \$4 million was related to a cumulative translation adjustment. During the third quarter of 2007, the Company recognized \$11 million of other comprehensive loss, net of tax, related to pension and other postretirement benefits as part of the sale of the Caribbean business.

Discontinued Operations

The Company has reclassified amounts for prior periods in the consolidated financial statements to report separately, as discontinued operations, the revenues and expenses of components of the Company that have been disposed of as of December 31, 2009 and 2008.

The Company sold its Wrightsville power generating facility in 2005, but retained transmission credits that arose from transmission system upgrades associated with the construction of the Wrightsville generating facility. During the third quarter of 2007, Mirant entered into an agreement that established the amount of the outstanding transmission credits. As a result of the agreement, Mirant recognized a gain of \$24 million in income from discontinued operations in the third quarter of 2007.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, income from discontinued operations included the results of operations of the Caribbean business, the Philippine business, the six U.S. natural gas-fired generating facilities and Mirant NY-Gen through their respective dates of sale, and the gain related to Wrightsville described above.

As part of the sale of Mirant NY-Gen, Mirant retained the rights to future insurance recoveries related to repairs of the dam at the Swinging Bridge facility. In the fourth quarter of 2007, the Company reached an insurance settlement and recognized a gain of \$10 million, which is included in income from discontinued operations.

A summary of the operating results for these discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2007 is as follows (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31, 2007			
	U.S.	Philippines	Caribbean	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 82	\$ 200	\$ 514	\$ 796
Operating expenses (income):				
Gain on sales of assets	(38)	(2,003)	(63)	(2,104)
Other operating expenses	56	67	433	556
Total operating expenses (income)	18	(1,936)	370	(1,548)
Operating income	64	2,136	144	2,344
Provision for income taxes		704	13	717
Other expense, net		33	32	65
Net income	\$ 64	\$ 1,399	\$ 99	\$ 1,562

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On July 12, 2006, the Company's Sual generating facility in the Philippines had an unplanned outage of unit 2 as a result of a failure of the generator. The repairs on unit 2 were completed on March 4, 2007, and the unit returned to operation. On October 23, 2006, unit 1 at the Sual generating facility had an unplanned outage as a result of a failure of the generator. The repairs on unit 1 were completed on June 12, 2007, and the unit returned to operation.

As part of the sale of the Philippine business, Mirant retained the rights to future insurance recoveries related to outages of the Sual generating facility that occurred prior to the sale. In 2007, the Company received a total of \$23 million related to these recoveries. In the second quarter of 2008, the Company entered into a final settlement and received approximately \$50 million in additional insurance recoveries. For the year ended December 31, 2008, income from discontinued operations includes a gain of \$50 million related to this settlement. Of this amount, \$41 million related to business interruption recoveries and is included in cost of fuel, electricity and other products and \$9 million related to property insurance recoveries and is included in total operating expenses.

9. Bankruptcy Related Disclosures

Mirant's Plan was confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court on December 9, 2005, and the Company emerged from bankruptcy on January 3, 2006. For financial statement presentation purposes, Mirant recorded the effects of the Plan at December 31, 2005.

The Company had no reorganization items, net for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. For the year ended December 31, 2007, reorganization items, net represents gains that were recorded in the financial statements as a result of the bankruptcy proceedings.

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, amounts related to allowed claims, estimated unresolved claims and professional fees associated with the bankruptcy that are to be settled in cash were \$3 million and \$14 million, respectively, and these amounts were recorded in accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. These amounts do not include unresolved claims that will be settled in common stock or the stock portion of claims that are expected to be settled with cash and stock. For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company paid approximately \$1 million, \$17 million and \$63 million, respectively, in cash related to claims and professional fees from bankruptcy. As of December 31, 2009, approximately 837,000 of the shares of Mirant common stock to be distributed under the Plan have not yet been distributed and have been reserved for distribution with respect to claims that are disputed by the Mirant Debtors and have yet to be resolved. See Note 14 for further discussion of the Chapter 11 proceedings.

10. Earnings Per Share

Mirant calculates basic EPS by dividing income available to stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS gives effect to dilutive potential common shares, including unvested restricted shares and restricted stock units, stock options and warrants.

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The following table shows the computation of basic and diluted EPS for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 (in millions except per share data):

	2009	2008	2007
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 494	\$ 1,215	\$ 433
Net income from discontinued operations		50	1,562
Net income as reported	\$ 494	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,995

Basic and diluted:

Weighted average shares outstanding basic	145	186	252
Shares from assumed exercise of warrants and options		13	25
Shares from assumed vesting of restricted stock and restricted stock units			
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted	145	199	277

Basic EPS

EPS from continuing operations	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.53	\$ 1.72
EPS from discontinued operations		0.27	6.20
Basic EPS	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.80	\$ 7.92

Diluted EPS

EPS from continuing operations	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.11	\$ 1.56
EPS from discontinued operations		0.25	5.64
Diluted EPS	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.36	\$ 7.20

For the year ended December 31, 2009, the number of securities that are considered antidilutive increased significantly compared to the same period in 2008 and 2007, as a result of the decrease in the Company's average stock price. The weighted average number of securities that could potentially dilute basic EPS in the future that were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because to do so would have been antidilutive were as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
	(shares in millions)		
Series A Warrants	27	7	
Series B Warrants	7	2	
Stock options	4	1	1
Total number of antidilutive shares	38	10	1

11. Stockholders Equity

On January 3, 2006, all shares of Mirant's old common stock were cancelled and 300 million shares of Mirant's new common stock were issued. At December 31, 2009, approximately 837,000 shares of common stock are, pursuant to the Plan, reserved for unresolved claims.

Mirant also issued two series of warrants that will expire on January 3, 2011. The Series A Warrants and Series B Warrants entitled the holders as of the date of issuance to purchase an aggregate of approximately 35 million and 18 million shares of New Mirant common stock, respectively. The exercise price and number of common shares issuable are subject to adjustments based on the occurrence of certain events,

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including (1) dividends or distributions, (2) rights offerings or (3) other distributions. Mirant's common stock is currently traded on the NYSE under the ticker symbol MIR. For the year ended December 31, 2008, there were approximately 8.2 million of Series A Warrants and 10.1 million of Series B Warrants that were exercised. Substantially all of these exercises were made by net share settlement, resulting in the issuance of approximately

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8.2 million net shares of common stock for the year ended December 31, 2008. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the warrant exercises were immaterial. At December 31, 2009, there were approximately 26.9 million Series A Warrants and 7.1 million Series B Warrants outstanding. The warrants are recorded as a component of additional paid-in capital in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

On January 3, 2006, the Omnibus Incentive Plan for certain employees and directors of Mirant became effective. Under the Omnibus Incentive Plan, 18,575,851 shares of Mirant common stock are available for issuance to participants. See Note 6 for further discussion of the Omnibus Incentive Plan.

Share Repurchases

On September 28, 2006, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized a \$100 million share repurchase program which expired in September 2007. As of September 30, 2007, the Company had repurchased 1.18 million shares under this program for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$32 million.

In January 2007, the Company began a program of repurchasing shares at market prices from stockholders holding less than 100 shares of Mirant stock. For the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company repurchased approximately 245,000 shares for approximately \$9 million. The Company did not make any purchases under this program in 2008 or 2009.

On November 9, 2007, Mirant announced that it planned to return a total of \$4.6 billion of excess cash to its stockholders based on four factors: (1) the outlook for the business, (2) preserving the Company's credit profile, (3) maintaining adequate liquidity, including for capital expenditures and (4) maintaining sufficient working capital. In the fourth quarter of 2007, the Company repurchased 26.66 million shares of common stock for \$1 billion through an accelerated share repurchase program. On September 22, 2008, Mirant announced that it had returned \$3.856 billion of cash to its stockholders and suspended its program to return excess cash to its stockholders based on its evaluation of the four factors that were set out upon commencement of the share repurchase program. On November 7, 2008, Mirant announced that it was resuming its program of returning excess cash to its stockholders and would purchase an additional \$200 million of shares through open market purchases. This \$200 million of purchases was completed in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Between November 2007 and December 2008, Mirant returned approximately \$4.056 billion of cash to its stockholders through purchases of 122 million shares of its common stock, including 86 million shares that were purchased through open market purchases in 2008 for approximately \$2.74 billion. Those repurchases represented approximately 48% of the 256 million basic shares that it had outstanding when the program began in November 2007.

Stockholder Rights Plan

On March 26, 2009, Mirant announced the adoption of a stockholder rights plan (the "Stockholder Rights Plan") to help protect the Company's use of its federal NOLs from certain restrictions contained in §382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In general, an ownership change would occur if certain shifts in ownership of the Company's stock exceed 50 percentage points measured over a specified period of time. Given §382's broad definition, an ownership change could be the unintended consequence of otherwise normal market trading in the Company's stock that is outside the Company's control. The Stockholder Rights Plan was adopted to reduce the likelihood of such an unintended ownership change occurring. However, there can be no assurance that the Stockholder Rights Plan will prevent such an ownership change.

Under the Stockholder Rights Plan, when a person or group has obtained beneficial ownership of 4.9% or more of the Company's common stock, or an existing holder with greater than 4.9% ownership acquires more shares representing at least an additional 0.2% of the Company's common stock, there would be a triggering event causing potential significant dilution in the economic interest and voting power of such person or group. Such triggering event would also occur if an existing holder with greater than 4.9% ownership but less than 5.0%

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ownership acquires more shares that would result in such stockholder obtaining beneficial ownership of 5.0% or more of the Company's common stock. The Board of Directors has the discretion to exempt an acquisition of common stock from the provisions of the Stockholder Rights Plan if it determines the acquisition will not jeopardize tax benefits or is otherwise in the Company's best interests.

On February 26, 2010, Mirant announced that the Board of Directors had extended the Stockholder Rights Plan and that the Company would submit the Stockholder Rights Plan to a stockholder vote at its 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 6, 2010. The Stockholder Rights Plan is limited in life, and the rights expire upon the earliest of (1) the Board of Directors' determination that the plan is no longer needed for the preservation of NOLs as a result of the implementation of legislative changes or any other change; (2) February 25, 2020; or (3) certain other events described in the Stockholder Rights Plan.

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The Company has four operating segments: Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, California and Other Operations. The Mid-Atlantic segment consists of four generating facilities located in Maryland and Virginia with total net generating capacity of 5,194 MW. The Northeast segment consists of three generating facilities located in Massachusetts and one generating facility located in New York with total net generating capacity of 2,535 MW. For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Northeast segment also included the Lovett generating facility, which was shut down on April 19, 2008. The California segment consists of three generating facilities located in or near the City of San Francisco, with total net generating capacity of 2,347 MW. The California segment also includes business development efforts for new generation, including Mirant Marsh Landing. Other Operations includes proprietary trading and fuel oil management activities. For the year ended December 31, 2007, Other Operations also included gains and losses related to the Back-to-Back Agreement which was terminated pursuant to a settlement that became effective in the third quarter of 2007. See Note 15 for further discussion of the Back-to-Back Agreement. Other Operations also includes unallocated corporate overhead, interest expense on debt at Mirant Americas Generation and Mirant North America and interest income on Mirant's invested cash balances. In the following tables, eliminations are primarily related to intercompany sales of emissions allowances and interest on intercompany notes receivable and notes payable.

Operating Segments

	Mid-Atlantic	Northeast	California	Other Operations	Eliminations	Total
	(in millions)					
2009:						
Operating revenues ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,778	\$ 318	\$ 154	\$ 62	\$ (3)	\$ 2,309
Cost of fuel, electricity and other products ⁽²⁾	527	143	32	8		710
Gross margin	1,251	175	122	54	(3)	1,599
Operating Expenses:						
Operations and maintenance	434	126	78	(28)		610
Depreciation and amortization	98	18	22	11		149
Impairment losses ⁽³⁾	385		14	5	(183)	221
Gain on sales of assets, net	(14)	(4)			(4)	(22)
Total operating expenses (income), net	903	140	114	(12)	(187)	958
Operating income	348	35	8	66	184	641
Total other expense, net	4		2	129		135
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	344	35	6	(63)	184	506
Provision for income taxes				12		12
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 344	\$ 35	\$ 6	\$ (75)	\$ 184	\$ 494
Total assets	\$ 5,807	\$ 616	\$ 144	\$ 5,278	\$ (2,278)	\$ 9,567
Capital expenditures	\$ 578	\$ 16	\$ 7	\$ 75	\$	\$ 676

⁽¹⁾ Includes unrealized gains of \$136 million for Mid-Atlantic and unrealized losses of \$25 million and \$113 million for Northeast and Other Operations, respectively.

⁽²⁾ Includes unrealized gains of \$8 million and \$41 million for Mid-Atlantic and Northeast, respectively.

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- ⁽³⁾ Includes \$183 million impairment loss of goodwill recorded at Mirant Mid-Atlantic on its standalone balance sheet. The goodwill does not exist at Mirant Corporation's consolidated balance sheet. As such, the goodwill impairment loss is eliminated upon consolidation.

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	Mid-Atlantic	Northeast	California	Other Operations (in millions)	Eliminations	Total
2008:						
Operating revenues ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,279	\$ 617	\$ 186	\$ 102	\$ 4	\$ 3,188
Cost of fuel, electricity and other products ⁽²⁾	565	438	59	(1)	(2)	1,059
Gross margin	1,714	179	127	103	6	2,129
Operating Expenses:						
Operations and maintenance	412	167	76	28		683
Depreciation and amortization	92	19	23	10		144
Loss (gain) on sales of assets, net	(8)	(30)	(7)	(2)	8	(39)
Total operating expenses	496	156	92	36	8	788
Operating income (loss)	1,218	23	35	67	(2)	1,341
Total other expense (income), net	1	(1)	1	123		124
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	1,217	24	34	(56)	(2)	1,217
Provision for income taxes				2		2
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 1,217	\$ 24	\$ 34	\$ (58)	\$ (2)	\$ 1,215
Total assets	\$ 5,620	\$ 722	\$ 181	\$ 7,253	\$ (3,088)	\$ 10,688
Capital expenditures	\$ 641	\$ 25	\$ 6	\$ 59	\$	\$ 731

⁽¹⁾ Includes unrealized gains of \$685 million, \$35 million and \$120 million for Mid-Atlantic, Northeast and Other Operations, respectively.

⁽²⁾ Includes unrealized losses of \$9 million and \$45 million for Mid-Atlantic and Northeast, respectively.

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	Mid-Atlantic	Northeast	California	Other Operations	Eliminations	Total
	(in millions)					
2007:						
Operating revenues ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,133	\$ 664	\$ 177	\$ 45	\$	\$ 2,019
Cost of fuel, electricity and other products ⁽²⁾	528	427	42	(67)	(18)	912
Gross margin	605	237	135	112	18	1,107
Operating Expenses:						
Operations and maintenance	360	179	74	94		707
Depreciation and amortization	81	25	13	10		129
Impairment losses		175				175
Loss (gain) on sales of assets, net		(49)	(2)	(5)	11	(45)
Total operating expenses	441	330	85	99	11	966
Operating income (loss)	164	(93)	50	13	7	141
Total other income, net	(5)	(7)	(5)	(282)		(299)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before reorganization items and income taxes	169	(86)	55	295	7	440
Reorganization items, net		(2)				(2)
Provision for income taxes				9		9
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 169	\$ (84)	\$ 55	\$ 286	\$ 7	\$ 433
Total assets	\$ 4,008	\$ 696	\$ 195	\$ 7,327	\$ (1,688)	\$ 10,538
Capital expenditures	\$ 531	\$ 17	\$ 3	\$ 37	\$	\$ 588

⁽¹⁾ Includes unrealized losses of \$474 million, \$76 million and \$14 million for Mid-Atlantic, Northeast and Other Operations, respectively.

⁽²⁾ Includes unrealized losses of \$5 million for Mid-Atlantic and unrealized gains of \$33 million for Northeast.

	Geographic Areas					
	Property, Plant and Equipment and Other Intangible Assets					
	Mid-Atlantic	Northeast	California	Other Operations	Eliminations	Total
	(in millions)					
At December 31, 2009	\$ 3,754	\$ 385	\$ 107	\$ 174	\$ (616)	\$ 3,804
At December 31, 2008	\$ 3,565	\$ 396	\$ 138	\$ 111	\$ (799)	\$ 3,411

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Summarized quarterly financial data for 2009 and 2008, is as follows (in millions except per share data):

	Quarters Ended			
	March 31, 2009	June 30, 2009	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2009
Operating revenue	\$ 878 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 496 ⁽²⁾	\$ 454 ⁽³⁾	\$ 481 ⁽⁴⁾
Cost of fuel, electricity and other products	271 ⁽¹⁾	150 ⁽²⁾	162 ⁽³⁾	127 ⁽⁴⁾
Operating income (loss)	424	197 ⁽⁵⁾	90	(70) ⁽⁶⁾
Income (loss) from continuing operations	380	163	55	(104)
Consolidated net income (loss)	380	163	55	(104)
Weighted average shares outstanding basic	145	145	145	145
Income (loss) from continuing operations per weighted average shares outstanding basic	2.62	1.12	0.38	(0.71)
Net income (loss) per weighted average shares outstanding basic	2.62	1.12	0.38	(0.71)
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted	145	145	146	146
Income (loss) from continuing operations per weighted average shares outstanding diluted	2.62	1.12	0.38	(0.71)
Net income (loss) per weighted average shares outstanding diluted	\$ 2.62	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.38	\$ (0.71)

	Quarters Ended			
	March 31, 2008	June 30, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2008
Operating revenue	\$ 302 ⁽⁷⁾	\$ (393) ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 2,172 ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 1,107 ⁽¹⁰⁾
Cost of fuel, electricity and other products	240 ⁽⁷⁾	166 ⁽⁸⁾	360 ⁽⁹⁾	293 ⁽¹⁰⁾
Operating income (loss)	(133)	(790)	1,638	626
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(154)	(832)	1,607	594
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	2	49		(1)
Consolidated net income (loss)	(152)	(783)	1,607	593
Weighted average shares outstanding basic	216	201	175	151
Income (loss) from continuing operations per weighted average shares outstanding basic	(0.71)	(4.14)	9.18	3.94
Net income (loss) per weighted average shares outstanding basic	(0.70)	(3.90)	9.18	3.93
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted	216	201	185	151
Income (loss) from continuing operations per weighted average shares outstanding diluted	(0.71)	(4.14)	8.69	3.94
Net income (loss) per weighted average shares outstanding diluted	\$ (0.70)	\$ (3.90)	\$ 8.69	\$ 3.93

(1) Includes unrealized gains of \$255 million in operating revenues and \$1 million of unrealized losses in cost of fuel, electricity and other products primarily as a result of decreases in energy prices in the quarter.

(2) Includes unrealized losses of \$44 million in operating revenues and \$30 million of unrealized gains in cost of fuel, electricity and other products primarily as a result of increases in energy prices in the quarter.

(3) Includes unrealized losses of \$193 million in operating revenues and \$19 million of unrealized gains in cost of fuel, electricity and other products primarily as a result of increases in energy prices in the quarter.

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Includes unrealized losses of \$20 million in operating revenues and \$1 million of unrealized gains in cost of fuel, electricity and other products primarily as a result of increases in energy prices in the quarter.

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- (5) Includes a reduction in operations and maintenance expense of \$62 million related to the MC Asset Recovery settlement with Southern Company in 2009, including \$52 million for the reimbursement of funds provided to MC Asset Recovery and costs incurred related to MC Asset Recovery not previously reimbursed and a \$10 million reversal of accruals for future funding to MC Asset Recovery.
- (6) Includes \$207 million in impairment losses related to the Potomac River generating facility.
- (7) Includes unrealized losses of \$302 million in operating revenues and \$1 million of unrealized losses in cost of fuel, electricity and other products primarily as a result of significant increases in energy prices in the quarter.
- (8) Includes unrealized losses of \$911 million in operating revenues and \$37 million of unrealized gains in cost of fuel, electricity and other products primarily as a result of significant increases in energy prices in the quarter.
- (9) Includes unrealized gains of \$1.438 billion in operating revenues and \$43 million of unrealized losses in cost of fuel, electricity and other products primarily as a result of significant decreases in energy prices in the quarter.
- (10) Includes unrealized gains of \$615 million in revenues and \$47 million in unrealized losses in cost of fuel, electricity and other products primarily as a result of significant decreases in energy prices in the quarter.

14. Litigation and Other Contingencies

The Company is involved in a number of significant legal proceedings. In certain cases, plaintiffs seek to recover large and sometimes unspecified damages, and some matters may be unresolved for several years. The Company cannot currently determine the outcome of the proceedings described below or the ultimate amount of potential losses and therefore has not made any provision for such matters unless specifically noted below. Pursuant to guidance related to accounting for contingencies, management provides for estimated losses to the extent information becomes available indicating that losses are probable and that the amounts are reasonably estimable. Additional losses could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

Environmental Matters

Brandywine Fly Ash Facility. By letter dated November 19, 2009, the Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, Patuxent Riverkeeper and Chesapeake Climate Action Network (the Brandywine Noticing Parties) notified Mirant, Mirant Mid-Atlantic and Mirant MD Ash Management, LLC of their intent to file suit for violations of the Clean Water Act and Maryland's Water Pollution Control Law alleged to have occurred at the Brandywine Fly Ash Facility owned by Mirant MD Ash Management in Prince George's County, Maryland. They contend that the operation of the Brandywine facility has resulted in unpermitted discharges of certain pollutants, including aluminum, arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, selenium and zinc, through three outfalls and through seepage to the ground water from the disposal cells at the facility. They also assert that the discharges cause violations of certain of Maryland's water quality criteria. Finally, the Brandywine Noticing Parties contend that Mirant MD Ash Management failed to perform certain monitoring and sampling or to file certain reports required under its existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Brandywine Fly Ash Facility. The notice states that the Brandywine Noticing Parties will request the court to enjoin further violations, to impose civil penalties under the Clean Water Act of up to \$37,500 per day per violation for the period after January 4, 2006, and to award them attorney's fees. By letter dated January 15, 2010, the MDE advised Mirant Mid-Atlantic and Mirant MD Ash Management of its intent to file suit for violations of the Clean Water Act and Maryland's Water Pollution Control Law based upon factual allegations similar to those asserted by the Brandywine Noticing Parties. Mirant disputes the allegations of violations of the Clean Water Act and Maryland's Water Pollution Control Law made by the Brandywine Noticing Parties in the November 19, 2009, letter and by MDE in its letter of January 15, 2010.

EPA Information Request. In January 2001, the EPA issued a request for information to Mirant concerning the implications under the EPA's NSR regulations promulgated under the Clean Air Act of past repair and maintenance activities at the Potomac River generating facility in Virginia and the Chalk Point, Dickerson and Morgantown generating facilities in Maryland. The requested information concerned the period of operations that

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predates the ownership and lease of those facilities by Mirant Potomac River, Mirant Chalk Point and Mirant Mid-Atlantic. Mirant responded fully to this request. Under the APSA, Pepco is responsible for fines and penalties arising from any violation of the NSR regulations associated with operations prior to the acquisition or lease of the facilities by Mirant Potomac River, Mirant Chalk Point and Mirant Mid-Atlantic. If a violation is determined to have occurred at any of the facilities, Mirant Potomac River, Mirant Chalk Point and Mirant Mid-Atlantic, as the owner or lessee of the facility, may be responsible for the cost of purchasing and installing emissions control equipment, the cost of which may be material. Mirant Chalk Point and Mirant Mid-Atlantic have installed a variety of emissions control equipment on the Chalk Point, Dickerson and Morgantown generating facilities in Maryland to comply with the Maryland Healthy Air Act, but that equipment may not include all of the emissions control equipment that could be required if a violation of the EPA's NSR regulations is determined to have occurred at one or more of those facilities. If such a violation is determined to have occurred after the acquisition or lease of the facilities by Mirant Potomac River, Mirant Chalk Point and Mirant Mid-Atlantic or, if occurring prior to the acquisition or lease, is determined to constitute a continuing violation, Mirant Potomac River, Mirant Chalk Point or Mirant Mid-Atlantic could also be subject to fines and penalties by the state or federal government for the period after its acquisition or lease of the facility at issue, the cost of which may be material, although applicable bankruptcy law may bar such liability for periods prior to January 3, 2006, when the Plan became effective for Mirant Potomac River, Mirant Chalk Point and Mirant Mid-Atlantic.

Faulkner Fly Ash Facility. By letter dated April 2, 2008, the Environmental Integrity Project and the Potomac Riverkeeper notified Mirant and various of its subsidiaries that they and certain individuals intended to file suit alleging that violations of the Clean Water Act were occurring at the Faulkner Fly Ash Facility owned by Mirant MD Ash Management. The April 2, 2008, letter alleged that the Faulkner facility discharged certain pollutants at levels that exceed Maryland's water quality criteria, that it discharged certain pollutants without obtaining an appropriate NPDES permit, and that Mirant MD Ash Management failed to perform monthly monitoring required under an applicable NPDES permit. The letter indicated that the organizations intended to file suit to enjoin the violations alleged, to obtain civil penalties for past violations occurring after January 3, 2006, and to recover attorneys' fees. Mirant disputes the allegations of violations of the Clean Water Act made by the two organizations in the April 2, 2008, letter.

In May 2008, the MDE filed a complaint in the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland, against Mirant MD Ash Management and Mirant Mid-Atlantic. The complaint alleges violations of Maryland's water pollution laws similar to those asserted in the April 2, 2008, letter from the Environmental Integrity Project and the Potomac Riverkeeper. The MDE complaint requests that the court (1) prohibit continuation of the alleged unpermitted discharges, (2) require Mirant MD Ash Management and Mirant Mid-Atlantic to cease from disposing of any further coal combustion byproducts at the Faulkner Fly Ash Facility and close and cap the existing disposal cells within one year and (3) assess civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per day for each violation. The discharges that are the subject of the MDE's complaint result from a leachate treatment system installed by Mirant MD Ash Management in accordance with a December 18, 2000 Complaint and Consent Order (the December 2000 Consent Order) entered by the Maryland Secretary of the Environment, Water Management Administration pursuant to an agreement between the MDE and Pepco, the previous owner of the Faulkner Fly Ash Facility. Mirant MD Ash Management and Mirant Mid-Atlantic on July 23, 2008, filed a motion seeking dismissal of the MDE complaint, arguing that the discharges are permitted by the December 2000 Consent Order. In September 2009, the court denied a motion by Environmental Integrity Project seeking to intervene as a party to the suit, and the Environmental Integrity Project has appealed that ruling.

Suit Regarding Chalk Point Emissions. On June 25, 2009, the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and four individuals filed a complaint against Mirant Mid-Atlantic and Mirant Chalk Point in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. The plaintiffs allege that Mirant Chalk Point has violated the Clean Air Act and Maryland environmental regulations by failing to install controls to limit emissions of particulate matter on unit 3 and unit 4 of the Chalk Point generating facility, which at times burn residual fuel oil. The plaintiffs seek to enjoin the alleged violations, to obtain civil penalties of up to \$32,500 per day for past noncompliance and to recover attorneys' fees. Mirant Mid-Atlantic and Mirant Chalk Point dispute the plaintiffs' allegations of violations of the Clean Air Act and Maryland environmental regulations. On October 13, 2009,

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Mirant Mid-Atlantic and Mirant Chalk Point filed a motion seeking dismissal of the complaint on the grounds that it was barred (1) under principles of res judicata by the dismissal with prejudice in January 2007 of similar claims filed by environmental advocacy organizations asserting that emissions from Chalk Point units 3 and 4 violated the Clean Air Act and (2) by actions taken by the MDE currently and over a number of years to ensure compliance by Chalk Point units 3 and 4 with regulations under the Clean Air Act and Maryland law limiting emissions of particulate matter.

Mirant Mid-Atlantic and Mirant Chalk Point 2008 Consent Decree. In March 2008, Mirant Mid-Atlantic, Mirant Chalk Point and the MDE entered into a consent decree that provided stipulated penalties for various future violations of Maryland regulations related to emissions from the Chalk Point, Dickerson and Morgantown generating facilities. That consent decree provided in part that if emissions from the stacks for Morgantown units 1 and 2, the common stack for Chalk Point units 1 and 2, or the common stack for Dickerson units 1, 2 and 3 failed to achieve compliance with certain opacity limits in the period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, a stipulated penalty would apply of \$1,000 per day for each violation. In February 2010, the MDE notified Mirant Mid-Atlantic that it was seeking payment of a stipulated penalty of \$134,000 for failures to comply with these opacity limits during the third quarter of 2009. Mirant Mid-Atlantic and Mirant Chalk Point expect that a stipulated penalty of a lesser amount will also be owed for the fourth quarter of 2009.

Riverkeeper Suit Against Mirant Lovett. On March 11, 2005, Riverkeeper, Inc. filed suit against Mirant Lovett in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York under the Clean Water Act. The suit alleges that Mirant Lovett failed to implement a marine life exclusion system at its former Lovett generating facility and to perform monitoring for the exclusion of certain aquatic organisms from the facility's cooling water intake structures in violation of Mirant Lovett's water discharge permit issued by the State of New York. The plaintiff requested the court to impose civil penalties of \$32,500 per day of violation and to award the plaintiff attorneys' fees. Mirant Lovett's view is that it complied with the terms of its water discharge permit, as amended by a Consent Order entered June 29, 2004. Mirant Lovett filed a motion seeking dismissal of the suit on the grounds that it complied with the terms of its water discharge permit, the closure of the Lovett generating facility in April 2008 moots the plaintiff's request for injunctive relief, and the discharge in bankruptcy received by Mirant Lovett in 2007 bars any claim for penalties. On December 15, 2009, the district court granted in part and denied in part Mirant Lovett's motion to dismiss. The court dismissed the plaintiff's claims for injunctive relief and for penalties for any period prior to Mirant Lovett's emergence from bankruptcy on October 2, 2007. It allowed to go forward claims alleging that Mirant Lovett violated its water discharge permit by not implementing the marine life exclusion system between the later of February 23, 2008 or when ice conditions on the Hudson River allowed for the system's safe deployment and April 19, 2008, when the Lovett generating facility ceased operation, concluding that the June 29, 2004 Consent Order did not have the effect of modifying the water discharge permit.

Notices of Intent to Sue for Alleged Violations of the Endangered Species Act. By letter dated September 27, 2007, the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta, four water districts, and an individual (the Delta Noticing Parties) provided notice to Mirant and Mirant Delta of their intent to file suit alleging that Mirant Delta has violated, and continues to violate, the federal Endangered Species Act through the operation of its Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities. The Delta Noticing Parties contend that the facilities' use of water drawn from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for cooling purposes results in harm to four species of fish listed as endangered species. The Delta Noticing Parties assert that Mirant Delta's authorizations to take (i.e., cause harm to) those species, a biological opinion and incidental take statement issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on October 17, 2002, for three of the fish species and a biological opinion and incidental take statement issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on November 4, 2002, for the fourth fish species, have been violated by Mirant Delta and no longer apply to permit the effects on the four fish species caused by the operation of the Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities. Following receipt of these letters, in late October 2007, Mirant Delta received correspondence from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) clarifying that Mirant Delta continued to be authorized to take the four species of fish protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. The agencies have initiated a process that will review the environmental effects of Mirant Delta's water usage, including effects on the

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protected species of fish. That process could lead to changes in the manner in which Mirant Delta can use river water for the operation of the Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities. In a subsequent letter, the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta also alleged violations of the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Endangered Species Act associated with the operation of Mirant Delta's generating facilities. On May 14, 2009, the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta, Kern County Water Agency and an individual sent a new notice of intent to sue to the Corps alleging that the Corps had violated the federal Endangered Species Act by issuing permits related to the operation of Mirant Delta's Contra Costa and Pittsburg generating facilities without ensuring that conservation measures would be implemented to minimize and mitigate the harm to the four endangered fish species and their habitat allegedly resulting from such operation. Mirant Delta disputes the allegations made by the Delta Noticing Parties and those made in the May 14, 2009 notice.

On February 11, 2010, Mirant Delta entered into a settlement agreement with the Delta Noticing Parties, the parties to the May 14, 2009 notice of intent to sue, and the Corps. The settlement agreement provides for the Delta Noticing Parties and the parties to the May 14, 2009 notice of intent to sue to withdraw the two notices of intent to sue and to release all claims described in those notices. The settlement agreement obligates Mirant Delta to seek approval from the Corps, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service to amend its plan currently in effect for monitoring entrainment and impingement of aquatic species caused by the operation of its generating facilities to increase monitoring during periods the facilities are operating. If that amendment or an alternative acceptable to all the parties has not been approved by August 11, 2010, then the withdrawal of the notices of intent to sue and the release of claims included in the settlement agreement become void. The settlement agreement requires the Corps to use its best efforts to conclude ongoing consultations with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding the environmental effects of Mirant Delta's water usage in a timely manner and allows the Delta Noticing Parties and the parties to the May 14, 2009 notice of intent to sue to issue new notices of intent to sue if such consultations are not completed by October 31, 2011.

Chapter 11 Proceedings

On July 14, 2003, and various dates thereafter, Mirant Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries (collectively, the Mirant Debtors) filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court. Mirant and most of the Mirant Debtors emerged from bankruptcy on January 3, 2006, when the Plan became effective. The remaining Mirant Debtors (Mirant New York, Mirant Bowline, Mirant Lovett, Mirant NY-Gen and Hudson Valley Gas) emerged from bankruptcy on various dates in 2007. As of December 31, 2009, approximately 837,000 of the shares of Mirant common stock to be distributed under the Plan had not yet been distributed and have been reserved for distribution with respect to claims disputed by the Mirant Debtors that have not been resolved. Under the terms of the Plan, upon the resolution of such a disputed claim, the claimant will receive the same pro rata distributions of Mirant common stock, cash, or both common stock and cash as previously allowed claims, regardless of the price at which Mirant common stock is trading at the time the claim is resolved.

To the extent the aggregate amount of the payouts determined to be due with respect to disputed claims ultimately exceeds the amount of the funded claim reserve, Mirant would have to issue additional shares of common stock to address the shortfall, which would dilute existing Mirant stockholders, and Mirant and Mirant Americas Generation would have to pay additional cash amounts as necessary under the terms of the Plan to satisfy such pre-petition claims. If Mirant is required to issue additional shares of common stock to satisfy unresolved claims, certain parties who received approximately 21 million of the 300 million shares of common stock distributed under the Plan are entitled to receive additional shares of common stock to avoid dilution of their distributions under the Plan.

Actions Pursued by MC Asset Recovery

Under the Plan, the rights to certain actions filed by Mirant and various of its subsidiaries against third parties were transferred to MC Asset Recovery. MC Asset Recovery, although wholly-owned by Mirant, is

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governed by managers who are independent of Mirant and its other subsidiaries. Under the Plan, any cash recoveries obtained by MC Asset Recovery from the actions transferred to it, net of fees and costs incurred in prosecuting the actions, are to be paid to the unsecured creditors of Mirant Corporation in the Chapter 11 proceedings and the holders of the equity interests in Mirant immediately prior to the effective date of the Plan except where such a recovery results in an allowed claim in the bankruptcy proceedings, as described below. MC Asset Recovery is a disregarded entity for income tax purposes, and Mirant is responsible for income taxes related to its operations. The Plan provides that Mirant may not reduce payments to be made to unsecured creditors and former holders of equity interests from recoveries obtained by MC Asset Recovery for the taxes owed by Mirant, if any, on any net recoveries up to \$175 million. If the aggregate recoveries exceed \$175 million net of costs, then under the Plan Mirant may reduce the payments to be made to such unsecured creditors and former holders of equity interests by the amount of any taxes it will owe or NOLs utilized with respect to taxable income resulting from the amount in excess of \$175 million.

The Plan and MC Asset Recovery's Limited Liability Company Agreement also obligated Mirant to make contributions to MC Asset Recovery as necessary to pay professional fees and certain other costs reasonably incurred by MC Asset Recovery, including expert witness fees and other costs of the actions transferred to MC Asset Recovery. In June 2008, Mirant and MC Asset Recovery, with the approval of the Bankruptcy Court, agreed to limit the total amount of funding to be provided by Mirant to MC Asset Recovery to \$67.8 million, and the amount of such funding obligation not already incurred by Mirant at that time was fully accrued. Mirant was entitled to be repaid the amounts it funded from any recoveries obtained by MC Asset Recovery before any distribution was made from such recoveries to the unsecured creditors of Mirant Corporation and the former holders of equity interests.

On March 31, 2009, The Southern Company (Southern Company) and MC Asset Recovery entered into a settlement agreement (the MCAR Settlement) resolving claims asserted by MC Asset Recovery in MC Asset Recovery, LLC v. Southern Company, a suit that was pending in the Northern District of Georgia (the Southern Company Litigation). Southern Company filed a Form 8-K dated April 2, 2009, that described the settlement and the claims that it resolved. Southern Company and MC Asset Recovery finalized certain terms of the settlement on June 8, 2009. Pursuant to the settlement, Southern Company paid \$202 million to MC Asset Recovery in settlement of all claims asserted in the Southern Company Litigation. MC Asset Recovery used a portion of that payment to pay fees owed to the managers of MC Asset Recovery and other expenses of MC Asset Recovery not previously funded by Mirant, and it retained \$47 million from that payment to fund future expenses and to apply against unpaid expenditures. MC Asset Recovery distributed the remaining \$155 million to Mirant. In accordance with the Plan, Mirant has retained approximately \$52 million of that distribution as reimbursement for the funds it had provided to MC Asset Recovery and costs it incurred related to MC Asset Recovery that had not been previously reimbursed. The Company recognized the \$52 million as a reduction of operations and maintenance expense for the year ended December 31, 2009. Pursuant to MC Asset Recovery's Limited Liability Company Agreement and an order of the Bankruptcy Court dated October 31, 2006, Mirant distributed approximately \$1.7 million to the managers of MC Asset Recovery. In September 2009, the remaining approximately \$101 million of the amount recovered by MC Asset Recovery was distributed pursuant to the terms of the Plan. Following these distributions, Mirant has no further obligation to provide funding to MC Asset Recovery. As a result, Mirant reversed its remaining accrual of \$10 million of funding obligations as a reduction in operations and maintenance expense for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Company does not expect to owe any taxes related to the MC Asset Recovery settlement with Southern Company. MC Asset Recovery had \$39 million of assets included in funds on deposit and \$39 million of liabilities included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2009.

One of the two remaining actions transferred to MC Asset Recovery seeks to recover damages for fraudulent transfers that occurred prior to the filing of Mirant's bankruptcy proceedings. That action alleges that the defendants engaged in transactions with Mirant at a time when it was insolvent or was rendered insolvent by the resulting transfers and that it did not receive fair value for those transfers. If MC Asset Recovery succeeds in obtaining any recoveries on these avoidance claims transferred to it, the party or parties from which such

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recoveries are obtained could seek to file claims in Mirant's bankruptcy proceedings. Mirant would vigorously contest the allowance of any such claims on the ground that, among other things, the recovery of such amounts does not reinstate any enforceable pre-petition obligation that could give rise to a claim. If such a claim were to be allowed by the Bankruptcy Court as a result of a recovery by MC Asset Recovery, then the party receiving the claim would be entitled to either Mirant common stock or such stock and cash as provided under the Plan. Under such circumstances, the order entered by the Bankruptcy Court on December 9, 2005, confirming the Plan provides that Mirant would retain from the net amount recovered an amount equal to the dollar amount of the resulting allowed claim rather than distribute such amount to the unsecured creditors and former equity holders as described above.

California and Western Power Markets

FERC Refund Proceedings Arising Out of California Energy Crisis. High prices experienced in California and western wholesale electricity markets in 2000 and 2001 caused various purchasers of electricity in those markets to initiate proceedings seeking refunds. Several of those proceedings remain pending either before the FERC or on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (the "Ninth Circuit"). The proceedings that remain pending include proceedings (1) ordered by the FERC on July 25, 2001, (the "FERC Refund Proceedings") to determine the amount of any refunds and amounts owed for sales made by market participants, including Mirant Americas Energy Marketing, in the CAISO or the Cal PX markets from October 2, 2000, through June 20, 2001 (the "Refund Period"), (2) ordered by the FERC to determine whether there had been unjust and unreasonable charges for spot market bilateral sales in the Pacific Northwest from December 25, 2000, through June 20, 2001 (the "Pacific Northwest Proceeding"), and (3) arising from a complaint filed in 2002 by the California Attorney General that sought refunds for transactions conducted in markets administered by the CAISO and the Cal PX outside the Refund Period set by the FERC and for transactions between the DWR and various owners of generation and power marketers, including Mirant Americas Energy Marketing and subsidiaries of Mirant Americas Generation. Various parties appealed the FERC orders related to these proceedings to the Ninth Circuit seeking review of a number of issues, including changing the Refund Period to include periods prior to October 2, 2000, and expanding the sales of electricity subject to potential refund to include bilateral sales made to the DWR and other parties. Although various of these appeals remain pending, the Ninth Circuit ruled in orders issued on August 2, 2006, and September 9, 2004, that the FERC should consider further whether to grant relief for sales of electricity made in the CAISO and Cal PX markets prior to October 2, 2000, at rates found to be unjust, and, in the proceeding initiated by the California Attorney General, what remedies, including potential refunds, are appropriate where entities, including Mirant Americas Energy Marketing, purportedly did not comply with certain filing requirements for transactions conducted under market-based rate tariffs.

On January 14, 2005, Mirant and certain of its subsidiaries (the "Mirant Settling Parties") entered into a Settlement and Release of Claims Agreement (the "California Settlement") with PG&E, Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, the CPUC, the DWR, the EOB and the Attorney General of the State of California (collectively, the "California Parties"). The California Settlement was approved by the FERC on April 13, 2005, and became effective on April 15, 2005, upon its approval by the Bankruptcy Court. The California Settlement resulted in the release of most of Mirant Americas Energy Marketing's potential liability (1) in the FERC Refund Proceedings for sales made in the CAISO or the Cal PX markets, (2) in the Pacific Northwest Proceeding, and (3) in any proceedings at the FERC resulting from the complaint filed in 2002 by the California Attorney General. Based on the California Settlement, on April 15, 2008, the FERC dismissed Mirant Americas Energy Marketing and the other subsidiaries of the Company from the proceeding initiated by the complaint filed in 2002 by the California Attorney General.

Under the California Settlement, the California Parties and those other market participants who have opted into the settlement have released the Mirant Settling Parties, including Mirant Americas Energy Marketing, from any liability for refunds related to sales of electricity and natural gas in the western markets from January 1, 1998, through July 14, 2003. Also, the California Parties have assumed the obligation of Mirant Americas

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Energy Marketing to pay any refunds determined by the FERC to be owed by Mirant Americas Energy Marketing to other parties that do not opt into the settlement for transactions in the CAISO and Cal PX markets during the Refund Period, with the liability of the California Parties for such refund obligation limited to the amount of certain receivables assigned by Mirant Americas Energy Marketing to the California Parties under the California Settlement. The settlement did not relieve Mirant Americas Energy Marketing of liability for any refunds that the FERC determines it to owe (1) to participants in the Cal PX and CAISO markets that did not opt into the settlement for periods outside the Refund Period and (2) to participants in bilateral transactions with Mirant Americas Energy Marketing that did not opt into the settlement.

Resolution of the refund proceedings that remain pending before the FERC or that currently are on appeal to the Ninth Circuit could ultimately result in the FERC concluding that the prices received by Mirant Americas Energy Marketing in some transactions occurring in 2000 and 2001 should be reduced. The Company's view is that the bulk of any obligations of Mirant Americas Energy Marketing to make refunds as a result of sales completed prior to July 14, 2003, in the CAISO or Cal PX markets or in bilateral transactions either have been addressed by the California Settlement or have been resolved as part of Mirant Americas Energy Marketing's bankruptcy proceedings. To the extent that Mirant Americas Energy Marketing's potential refund liability arises from contracts that were transferred to Mirant Energy Trading as part of the transfer of the trading and marketing business under the Plan, Mirant Energy Trading may have exposure to any refund liability related to transactions under those contracts.

Complaint Challenging Capacity Rates Under the RPM Provisions of PJM's Tariff

On May 30, 2008, a variety of parties, including the state public utility commissions of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, ratepayer advocates, certain electric cooperatives, various groups representing industrial electricity users, and federal agencies (the RPM Buyers), filed a complaint with the FERC asserting that capacity auctions held to determine capacity payments under the reliability pricing model (RPM) provisions of PJM's tariff had produced rates that were unjust and unreasonable. PJM conducted the capacity auctions that are the subject of the complaint to set the capacity payments in effect under the RPM provisions of its tariff for twelve month periods beginning June 1, 2008, June 1, 2009, and June 1, 2010. The RPM Buyers allege that (i) the times between when the auctions were held and the periods that the resulting capacity rates would be in effect were too short to allow competition from new resources in the auctions, (ii) the administrative process established under the RPM provisions of PJM's tariff was inadequate to restrain the exercise of market power by the withholding of capacity to increase prices, and (iii) the locational pricing established under the RPM provisions of PJM's tariff created opportunities for sellers to raise prices while serving no legitimate function. The RPM Buyers asked the FERC to reduce significantly the capacity rates established by the capacity auctions and to set June 1, 2008, as the date beginning on which any rates found by the FERC to be excessive would be subject to refund. If the FERC were to reduce the capacity payments set through the capacity auctions to the rates proposed by the RPM Buyers, the capacity revenue the Company has received or expects to receive for the period June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2011, would be reduced by approximately \$600 million. On September 19, 2008, the FERC issued an order dismissing the complaint. The FERC found that no party had violated the RPM provisions of PJM's tariff and that the prices determined during the auctions were in accordance with the tariff's provisions. The RPM Buyers filed a request for rehearing, which the FERC denied on June 18, 2009. Certain of the RPM Buyers have appealed the orders entered by the FERC to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. That appeal has been transferred to the United States Court of Appeal for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Other Legal Matters

The Company is involved in various other claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

Table of Contents**15. Settlements and Other Charges*****Pepco Litigation***

In 2000, Mirant purchased power generating facilities and other assets from Pepco, including certain PPAs between Pepco and third parties. Under the terms of the APSA, Mirant and Pepco entered into the Back-to-Back Agreement with respect to certain PPAs, including Pepco's long-term PPA with Panda-Brandywine, LP, under which (1) Pepco agreed to resell to Mirant all capacity, energy, ancillary services and other benefits to which it was entitled under those agreements and (2) Mirant agreed to pay Pepco each month all amounts due from Pepco to the sellers under those agreements for the immediately preceding month associated with such capacity, energy, ancillary services and other benefits. The Back-to-Back Agreement, which did not expire until 2021, obligated Mirant to purchase power from Pepco at prices that typically were higher than the market prices for power.

In the bankruptcy proceedings, the Mirant Debtors sought to reject the Back-to-Back Agreement or to recharacterize it as pre-petition debt, which efforts, if successful, would have resulted in the Mirant Debtors having no further obligation to perform and in Pepco receiving a claim in the bankruptcy proceedings for its resulting damages. Pending a final determination of the Mirant Debtors' ability to reject or recharacterize the Back-to-Back Agreement and certain other agreements with Pepco, the Plan provided that the Mirant Debtors' obligations under the APSA and the Back-to-Back Agreement were interim obligations of Mirant Power Purchase and were unconditionally guaranteed by Mirant.

On May 30, 2006, Mirant and various of its subsidiaries (collectively the *Mirant Settling Parties*) entered into the Settlement Agreement (the *Pepco Settlement Agreement*) with Pepco and various of its affiliates (collectively the *Pepco Settling Parties*). The Pepco Settlement Agreement could not become effective until it had been approved by the Bankruptcy Court and that approval order had become a final order no longer subject to appeal. The Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the Pepco Settlement Agreement on August 9, 2006. That order was appealed, but the appeal was dismissed by agreement of the parties in August 2007, and the Pepco Settlement Agreement became effective August 10, 2007. The Pepco Settlement Agreement fully resolved the contract rejection motions that remained pending in the bankruptcy proceedings, as well as other matters disputed between Pepco and Mirant and its subsidiaries. Under the Pepco Settlement Agreement, Mirant Power Purchase assumed the remaining obligations under the APSA, and Mirant has guaranteed its performance. The Back-to-Back Agreement was rejected and terminated effective as of May 31, 2006.

The Pepco Settlement Agreement granted Pepco a claim against Old Mirant in Old Mirant's bankruptcy proceedings that was to result in Pepco receiving common stock of Mirant and cash having a value, after liquidation of the stock by Pepco, equal to \$520 million. Shortly after the Pepco Settlement Agreement became effective, Mirant distributed approximately 14 million shares of Mirant common stock from the shares reserved for disputed claims under the Plan to Pepco to satisfy its claim. The Mirant shares in the share reserve, including the shares distributed to Pepco, have been treated as issued and outstanding since Mirant emerged from bankruptcy. Pepco's liquidation of those shares resulted in net proceeds of approximately \$522 million and Pepco paid Mirant the amount in excess of \$520 million. Pepco also refunded to Mirant Power Purchase approximately \$36 million Pepco had received under the Back-to-Back Agreement for energy, capacity or other services delivered after May 31, 2006, through the date the Pepco Settlement Agreement became effective. The appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's August 9, 2006, approval order had resulted in Mirant paying Pepco \$70 million under the terms of the Pepco Settlement Agreement shortly after the appeal was filed. Pepco repaid the \$70 million once the Pepco Settlement Agreement became fully effective.

Upon the distribution of the shares to Pepco, Mirant recognized a gain of \$379 million in the third quarter of 2007. The gain included (1) \$341 million representing the fair value of the derivative contract liability that was reversed as a result of the rejection of the Back-to-Back Agreement, (2) \$36 million refunded by Pepco for payments made under the Back-to-Back Agreement for periods after May 31, 2006, and (3) \$2 million for the excess payment Pepco received from liquidation of the shares that were distributed to it. The \$341 million and \$2

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million were included in other income, net and the \$36 million was included in gross margin in the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2007.

New York Tax Proceedings

Mirant New York, Mirant Bowline, Mirant Lovett and Hudson Valley Gas (collectively the *New York Companies*) were the petitioners in various proceedings (the *Tax Certiorari Proceedings*) brought in the New York state court challenging the assessed values determined by local taxing authorities for the Bowline and Lovett generating facilities and a natural gas pipeline (the *HVG Property*) owned by Hudson Valley Gas. Mirant Bowline had challenged the assessed value of the Bowline generating facility and the resulting local tax assessments for tax years 1995 through 2006. Mirant Bowline succeeded to rights held by Orange and Rockland for the tax years prior to its acquisition of the Bowline generating facility in 1999 under its agreement with Orange and Rockland for the purchase of that facility. Mirant Lovett had challenged the assessed value of the Lovett generating facility for each of the years 2000 through 2006. Hudson Valley Gas had challenged the assessed value of the HVG Property for each of the years 2004 through 2006. As of December 31, 2006, Mirant Bowline and Mirant Lovett had not paid property taxes on the Bowline and Lovett generating facilities that fell due in the period from September 30, 2003, through December 31, 2006, in order to preserve their respective rights to offset the overpayments of taxes made in earlier years against the sums payable on account of current taxes. Hudson Valley Gas had not paid property taxes that fell due in the period from September 30, 2004, through December 31, 2006.

On December 13, 2006, Mirant and the New York Companies entered into a settlement agreement (the *Tax Settlement Agreement*) with the Town of Haverstraw (*Haverstraw*), the Town of Stony Point (*Stony Point*), the Haverstraw-Stony Point Central School District (the *School District*), the County of Rockland (the *County*), the Village of Haverstraw (*Haverstraw Village*) and the Village of West Haverstraw (*West Haverstraw Village*) and collectively with Haverstraw, Stony Point, the School District, the County and Haverstraw Village, the *Tax Jurisdictions*). The *Tax Settlement Agreement* was approved by the Bankruptcy Court on December 14, 2006, and resolved all pending disputes regarding real property taxes between the New York Companies and the *Tax Jurisdictions*. Under the agreement, the New York Companies received total refunds of \$163 million from the *Tax Jurisdictions* and paid unpaid but accrued taxes to the *Tax Jurisdictions* of \$115 million, resulting in the New York Companies receiving a net cash payment in the amount of \$48 million. The refunds and unpaid taxes were paid in February 2007. The \$163 million of total refunds received by the New York Companies was recognized as a gain in the financial statements in the fourth quarter of 2006. In addition, the New York Companies had previously accrued a liability based upon the unpaid taxes as billed by the *Tax Jurisdictions*. As a result of the reductions of the unpaid taxes that occurred pursuant to the terms of the *Tax Settlement Agreement*, the New York Companies also recognized in the fourth quarter of 2006 a reduction of operating expenses of approximately \$23 million related to 2006 and a gain of approximately \$71 million related to prior periods.

California Settlement

The California Settlement described in Note 14 in *California and Western Power Markets FERC Refund Proceedings Arising Out of California Energy Crisis* included a provision that either (1) the partially constructed Contra Costa 8 project, which was a planned 530 MW combined cycle generating facility, and related equipment (collectively, the *CC8 Assets*) were to be transferred to PG&E or (2) PG&E would receive additional alternative consideration of \$70 million (the *CC8 Alternative Consideration*). To fund the *CC8 Alternative Consideration*, PG&E received an allowed, unsecured claim in the bankruptcy proceedings against Mirant Delta that resulted in a distribution to PG&E of cash and Mirant common stock with an aggregate value of approximately \$70 million. PG&E was required to liquidate the common stock received as part of that distribution and place the net resulting amount plus any cash received into an escrow account.

The California Settlement provided that if the transfer of the *CC8 Assets* to PG&E did not occur on or before June 30, 2008, then the *CC8 Alternative Consideration* was to be paid to PG&E and the Mirant Settling

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Parties would retain the CC8 Assets. If PG&E closed on its acquisition of the CC8 Assets, the funds in the escrow account were to be paid to Mirant Delta. The transfer of the CC8 Assets to PG&E was completed on November 28, 2006, and the \$70 million escrow account was paid to Mirant Delta. The Company recognized in the fourth quarter of 2006 a gain of \$27 million for the amount by which the escrow account exceeded the carrying amount of the CC8 Assets. The gain was included in other income in the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

Potomac River Settlement

In July 2008, the City of Alexandria, Virginia (in which the Potomac River generating facility is located) and Mirant Potomac River entered into an agreement containing certain terms that were included in a proposed comprehensive state operating permit for the Potomac River generating facility issued by the Virginia DEQ that month. Under that agreement, Mirant Potomac River committed to spend \$34 million over several years to reduce particulate emissions. The \$34 million was placed in escrow and included in funds on deposit and other noncurrent assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. At December 31, 2009, the balance in the escrow account was approximately \$33 million and is included in the Company's estimated capital expenditures. On July 30, 2008, the Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board approved the comprehensive permit with terms consistent with the agreement between Mirant Potomac and the City of Alexandria, and the Virginia DEQ issued the permit on July 31, 2008.

Prior to the issuance of the comprehensive state operating permit in July 2008, the Potomac River generating facility operated under a state operating permit issued June 1, 2007, that significantly restricted the facility's operations by imposing stringent limits on its SO₂ emissions and constraining unit operations so that no more than three of the facility's five units could operate at one time. In compliance with the comprehensive permit, in 2008 Mirant Potomac River merged the stacks for units 3, 4 and 5 into one stack at the Potomac River generating facility and, in January 2009, Mirant Potomac River merged the stacks for units 1 and 2 into one stack. With the completion of the stack mergers, the permit issued in July 2008 does not constrain operations of the Potomac River generating facility below historical operations and allows operation of all five units at one time. In January 2010, the Virginia DEQ informed Mirant Potomac River that in light of the decision of the Virginia Court of Appeals vacating Virginia's rules restricting trading in CAIR allowances, the Virginia DEQ has determined that issuing a state operating permit to limit NO_x emissions during the Ozone Season is warranted.

Mirant Potrero Settlement Agreement with City of San Francisco

Mirant Potrero and the City and County of San Francisco, California have entered into a Settlement Agreement (the Potrero Settlement) dated August 13, 2009. The Potrero Settlement became effective in November 2009 upon its approval by the City's Board of Supervisors and Mayor. The Potrero Settlement addresses certain disputes that had arisen between the City of San Francisco and Mirant Potrero related to the Potrero generating facility. Among other things, the Potrero Settlement obligates Mirant Potrero to close permanently each of the remaining units of the Potrero generating facility at the end of the year in which the CAISO determines that such unit is no longer needed to maintain the reliable operation of the transmission system. The agreement also bars Mirant Potrero from building any additional generating facilities on the site of the Potrero generating facility. Mirant Potrero expects that the completion of the TransBay Cable project, which is an underwater electric transmission cable in the San Francisco Bay that is expected to become operational by mid-2010, will decrease the need for generating resources in the City of San Francisco. As a result, Mirant Potrero expects the CAISO to determine in 2010 that unit 3 of the Potrero generating facility is no longer needed for reliability purposes and that unit 3 will close by the end of 2010. By letter dated January 12, 2010, the CAISO advised the City of San Francisco that the expected replacement in 2010 of two underground transmission cables, if completed successfully, would allow the CAISO not to require the continued operation of the remaining units of the Potrero generating facility, units 4, 5 and 6, for reliability purposes after 2010. The CAISO will not determine which units of the Potrero generating facility are required to operate in 2011 for reliability purposes until the fall of 2010, but Mirant Potrero expects that none of the units of the Potrero generating facility will be required to operate for reliability purposes after 2010 and that all of the units will close by the end of 2010.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

Mirant Corporation

We have audited and reported separately herein on the consolidated financial statements of Mirant Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009. In connection with our audits of the aforementioned consolidated financial statements, we also audited the related financial statement schedules as listed within Item 15. These financial statement schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statement schedules based on our audits.

In our opinion, such financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted accounting guidance related to the recognition and disclosure provisions for fair value measurements for financial instruments and nonfinancial assets and liabilities recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis, in 2008. In 2009, the Company adopted accounting guidance that extended these aforementioned recognition and disclosure provisions to nonfinancial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Atlanta, Georgia

February 26, 2010

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Schedule I

MIRANT CORPORATION (PARENT)
CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
	(in millions)		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 63	\$ 18	\$ (3)
Other Expense (Income), net:			
Equity earnings of subsidiaries	(437)	(1,161)	(2,636)
Interest expense-affiliate			24
Interest income-nonaffiliate	(2)	(53)	(142)
Interest income-affiliate		(1)	(4)
Other, net	(1)		(1)
Total other income, net	(440)	(1,215)	(2,759)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	503	1,233	2,756
Provision for income taxes	9	3	5
Income from continuing operations	494	1,230	2,751
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net		35	(756)
Net income	\$ 494	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,995

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the registrant's condensed financial information.

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MIRANT CORPORATION (PARENT)
CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

	At December 31, 2009 2008 (in millions)	
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,523	\$ 1,461
Notes receivables-affiliate	16	81
Other		12
Total current assets	1,539	1,554
Noncurrent Assets:		
Investments in affiliates	2,747	2,199
Other	36	24
Total noncurrent assets	2,783	2,223
Total Assets	\$ 4,322	\$ 3,777
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1	\$ 13
Payable to affiliates	6	2
Total current liabilities	7	15
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share, authorized 100,000,000 shares, no shares issued at December 31, 2009 and 2008		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share, authorized 1.5 billion shares, issued 311,230,486 shares and 310,666,240 shares at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and outstanding 144,946,815 shares and 144,629,446 shares at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively		
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Treasury stock, at cost, 166,283,671 shares and 166,036,794 shares at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively	(5,334)	(5,330)
Additional paid-in capital	11,427	11,401
Accumulated deficit	(1,728)	(2,222)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(53)	(90)
Total stockholders' equity	4,315	3,762
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 4,322	\$ 3,777

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MIRANT CORPORATION (PARENT)**CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT****CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008 (in millions)	2007
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net income	\$ 494	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,995
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		35	(756)
Income from continuing operations	494	1,230	2,751
Adjustments to reconcile net income from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Equity earnings of subsidiaries	(437)	(1,161)	(2,636)
Cash dividends received from subsidiaries	115	297	4,335
Other, net	(7)	(9)	20
Total adjustments	(329)	(873)	1,719
Net cash provided by operating activities	165	357	4,470
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Issuance of notes receivables-affiliate	(94)	(53)	(59)
Capital contributions to subsidiaries	(4)	(304)	(70)
Net cash used in investing activities	(98)	(357)	(129)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Share repurchases	(4)	(2,761)	(1,308)
Issuance (repayment) of debt-affiliate	(1)	(27)	820
Other		18	12
Net cash used in financing activities	(5)	(2,770)	(476)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	62	(2,770)	3,865
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	1,461	4,231	366
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,523	\$ 1,461	\$ 4,231

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MIRANT CORPORATION (PARENT)

NOTES TO REGISTRANTS CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Background and Basis of Presentation

The condensed parent company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Rule 12-04, Schedule I of Regulation S-X, as the restricted net assets of Mirant Corporation's subsidiaries exceed 25 percent of the consolidated net assets of Mirant Corporation. These statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated statements and notes thereto of Mirant Corporation.

Mirant Corporation is a holding company that was incorporated in Delaware on September 23, 2005. Pursuant to the Plan for Mirant and certain of its subsidiaries, on January 3, 2006, New Mirant emerged from bankruptcy and acquired substantially all of the assets of Old Mirant, a corporation that was formed in Delaware on April 3, 1993, and that had been named Mirant Corporation prior to January 3, 2006. The Plan provides that New Mirant has no successor liability for any unassumed obligations of Old Mirant. Old Mirant was then renamed and transferred to a trust, which is not affiliated with New Mirant.

Equity earnings of subsidiaries consists of earnings of direct subsidiaries of Mirant Corporation (parent), which includes earnings of subsidiaries whose operations were classified as discontinued operations in the consolidated financial statements of Mirant Corporation.

Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net includes discontinued operations activity for only Mirant Corporation (parent), which is primarily related to deferred taxes stemming from discontinued operations and parent level consolidation entries related to intercompany transactions.

The condensed statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, have been revised to reflect the reclassification of capital contributions to subsidiaries from financing activities to investing activities. The amounts revised were approximately \$304 million and \$70 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The effect of these revisions was not considered to be material to the previously issued financial statements. The reclassification had no effect on the Company's cash and cash equivalents, net income or stockholders' equity.

In addition, certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period financial statement presentation.

2. Commitments and Contingencies

As of December 31, 2009, the parent company had \$46 million of guarantees which are included in Note 7.

See Note 14 for a detailed discussion of Mirant Corporation's contingencies.

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Schedule II

MIRANT CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

Description	At December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007				Balance at End of Period
	Balance at Beginning of Period	Charged to Income	Charged to Other Accounts	Deductions ⁽¹⁾	
	Additions				
	(in millions)				
Provision for uncollectible accounts (current)					
2009	\$ 13	\$ 9	\$	\$ (18)	\$ 4
2008	12	3	2	(4)	13
2007	75	11	3	(77)	12
Provision for uncollectible accounts (noncurrent)					
2009	\$ 42	\$ 13	\$	\$ (44)	\$ 11
2008	6	41	(2)	(3)	42
2007	24		(3)	(15)	6

⁽¹⁾ Deductions in 2009 consist primarily of reversals of credit reserves for derivative contract assets. Deductions in 2008 and 2007 consist primarily of reductions in or write-offs of allowances for uncollectible accounts and notes receivable.

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3. *Exhibit Index*

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Name
2.1	Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of April 17, 2007, between Mirant International Investments, Inc. and Marubeni Caribbean Power Holdings, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 18, 2007)
2.2	Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of January 15, 2007, by and between Mirant Americas, Inc. and LS Power (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 18, 2007)
2.3	Stock and Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 11, 2006, by and among Mirant Asia-Pacific Ventures, Inc., Mirant Asia-Pacific Holdings, Inc., Mirant Sweden International AB (publ), and Tokyo Crimson Energy Holdings Corporation (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 13, 2006)
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 3, 2006)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Registrant (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 6, 2009)
4.1	Form of Warrant Agreement between Registrant and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Warrant Agent, including Exhibit A-1 thereto, a Form of Series A Warrant Agreement, to which J. William Holden III and Anne M. Cleary are parties (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 3, 2006)
4.2	Indenture between the Company and Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, relating to the Notes (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Mirant Americas Generation, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-63240)
4.3	Second Supplemental Indenture (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Mirant Americas Generation, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-63240)
4.4	Third Supplemental Indenture (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Mirant Americas Generation, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-63240)
4.5	Fifth Supplemental Indenture (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Mirant Americas Generation, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-4/A Amendment No. 1, Registration No. 333-85124 as Exhibit 4.6)
4.6	Form of Sixth Supplemental Indenture (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
4.7	Form of Seventh Supplemental Indenture (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Mirant Americas Generation, Inc. Form 10-Q filed May 14, 2007)
4.8	Form of Senior Note Indenture between Mirant North America, LLC, Mirant North America Escrow, LLC, MNA Finance Corp. and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as Trustee (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 14, 2006)
4.9	Form of 8.625% Series A Pass Through Certificate (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.10	Form of 9.125% Series B Pass Through Certificate (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)

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Exhibit No.	Exhibit Name
4.11	Form of 10.060% Series C Pass Through Certificate (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.12(a)	Pass Through Trust Agreement A between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC and State Street Bank and Trust Company of Connecticut, National Association, as Pass Through Trustee, dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.12(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Pass Through Trust Agreement constituting Exhibit 4.12(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.13(a)	Participation Agreement (Dickerson L1) among Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, as Lessee, Dickerson OL1 LLC, as Owner Lessor, Wilmington Trust Company, as Owner Manager, SEMA OP3, as Owner Participant and State Street Bank and Trust Company of Connecticut, National Association, as Lease Indenture Trustee and as Pass Through Trustee, dated as of December 18, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.13(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Participation Agreement constituting Exhibit 4.13(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.14(a)	Participation Agreement (Morgantown L1) among Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, as Lessee, Morgantown OL1 LLC, as Owner Lessor, Wilmington Trust Company, as Owner Manager, SEMA OPI, as Owner Participant and State Street Bank and Trust Company of Connecticut, National Association, as Lease Indenture Trustee and as Pass Through Trustee, dated as of December 18, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.14(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Participation Agreement constituting Exhibit 4.14(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.15(a)	Facility Lease Agreement (Dickerson L1) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, as Lessee, and Dickerson OL1 LLC, as Owner Lessor, dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.7a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.15(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Facility Lease Agreement constituting Exhibit 4.15(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.7b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.16(a)	Facility Lease Agreement (Morgantown L1) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, as Lessee, and Morgantown OL1 LLC, as Owner Lessor, dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.8a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.16(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Facility Lease Agreement constituting Exhibit 4.16(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.8b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.17(a)	Indenture of Trust, Mortgage and Security Agreement (Dickerson L1) between Dickerson OL1 LLC, as Lessor, and State Street Bank and Trust Company of Connecticut, National Association, as Lease Indenture Trustee, dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.9a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)

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Exhibit No.	Exhibit Name
4.17(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Indenture of Trust, Mortgage and Security Agreement constituting Exhibit 4.17(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.9b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.18(a)	Indenture of Trust, Mortgage and Security Agreement (Morgantown L1) between Morgantown OL1 LLC, as Lessor, and State Street Bank and Trust Company of Connecticut, National Association, as Lease Indenture Trustee, dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.10a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.18(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Indenture of Trust, Mortgage and Security Agreement constituting Exhibit 4.18(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.10b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.19(a)	Series A Lessor Note for Dickerson OL1 LLC (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.11a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.19(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical notes to Lessor Notes Constituting Exhibit 4.19(a) (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.11b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.20(a)	Series A Lessor Note for Morgantown OL1 LLC (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.12a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.20(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical notes to Lessor Notes Constituting Exhibit 4.20(a) (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.12b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.21(a)	Series B Lessor Note for Dickerson OL1 LLC (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.13a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.21(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical notes to Lessor Notes Constituting Exhibit 4.21(a) (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.13b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.22(a)	Series B Lessor Note for Morgantown OL1 LLC (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.14a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.22(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical notes to Lessor Notes Constituting Exhibit 4.22(a) (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.14b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.23(a)	Series C Lessor Note for Morgantown OL1 LLC (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.15a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.23(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical notes to Lessor Notes Constituting Exhibit 4.23(a) (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.15b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)

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Exhibit No.	Exhibit Name
4.24(a)	Supplemental Pass Through Trust Agreement A between Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC, and State Street Bank and Trust Company of Connecticut, National Association, as Pass Through Trustee, dated as of June 29, 2001 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.17a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.24(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Supplemental Pass Through Trust Agreement constituting Exhibit 4.24(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.17b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
4.25	Rights Agreement, dated as of March 26, 2009, between Mirant Corporation and Mellon Investor Services LLC (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 27, 2009)
4.26*	First Amendment to the Rights Agreement, dated as of February 25, 2010, between Mirant Corporation and Mellon Investor Services LLC.
10.1	Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement, dated as of July 30, 2007, between Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Mirant Chalk Point, LLC and Stone & Webster, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's 10-Q filed November 6, 2009)
10.2	Settlement Agreement and Release dated May 30, 2006 by and between Registrant and PEPCO (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 31, 2006)
10.3	Employment Agreement between Registrant and Robert M. Edgell (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 4, 2006)
10.4	Employment Agreement between Registrant and James V. Iaco (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 4, 2005)
10.5	Employment Agreement between Registrant and S. Linn Williams (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 4, 2005)
10.6	Employment Agreement between Registrant and Edward R. Muller (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 3, 2005)
10.7	Form of Stock Option Award Agreement (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 16, 2006)
10.8	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 16, 2006)
10.9	Description of Mirant Corporation Special Bonus Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 11, 2006)
10.10	Mirant Corporation 2006 Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed November 7, 2008)
10.11	2006 Short-term Incentive Plan Description (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.55 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 14, 2006)
10.12	Form of Stock Option Award Agreement (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 18, 2006)
10.13	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 18, 2006)
10.14	2005 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 3, 2006)

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Exhibit No.	Exhibit Name
10.15	Second Amended and Restated Mirant Services Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.16	2006 Mirant Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 14, 2006)
10.17	First Amendment to the 2006 Mirant Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.18	Mirant Services Supplemental Benefit (Savings) Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.19	Mirant Services Supplemental Benefit (Pension) Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.20	Form of Amended and Restated Mirant Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Select Employees (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.55 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 11, 2002)
10.21	First Amendment to the Mirant Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Select Employees (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.56 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 11, 2002)
10.22	Second Amendment to the Mirant Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Select Employees (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.87 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed October 28, 2003)
10.23	Third Amendment to the Mirant Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Select Employees (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.43 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 15, 2005)
10.24	Fourth Amendment to the Mirant Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Select Employees (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 14, 2006)
10.25	Mirant North America, LLC Credit Agreement with Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P., and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed November 6, 2009)
10.26	First Amendment to the Employment Agreement between Registrant and Robert M. Edgell (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.32 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.27	First Amendment to the Employment Agreement between Registrant and James V. Iaco (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.34 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.28	First Amendment to the Employment Agreement between Registrant and S. Linn Williams (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.35 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.29	First Amendment to the Employment Agreement between Registrant and Edward R. Muller (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.30	Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement between Registrant and Robert M. Edgell (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.37 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)

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Exhibit No.	Exhibit Name
10.31	Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement between Registrant and James V. Iaco (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.39 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.32	Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement between Registrant and S. Linn Williams (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.40 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.33	Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement between Registrant and Edward R. Muller (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.41 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009)
10.34(a)	Facility Site Lease Agreement (Dickerson L1) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Dickerson OL1 LLC and Southern Energy MD Ash Management, LLC dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.34(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Facility Site Lease Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.42(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.35(a)	Facility Site Lease Agreement (Morgantown L1) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Morgantown OL1 LLC and Southern Energy MD Ash Management, LLC dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.35(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Facility Site Lease Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.43(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.36(a)	Facility Site Sublease Agreement (Dickerson L1) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Dickerson OL1 LLC dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.36(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Facility Site Sublease Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.44(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.37(a)	Facility Site Sublease Agreement (Morgantown L1) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Morgantown OL1 LLC dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.37(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Facility Site Sublease Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.45(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.38(a)	Shared Facilities Agreement (Dickerson) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Dickerson OL1 LLC, Dickerson OL2 LLC, Dickerson OL3 LLC, and Dickerson OL4 LLC, dated as of December 18, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.15a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.38(b)	Shared Facilities Agreement (Morgantown) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Morgantown OL1 LLC, Morgantown OL2 LLC, Morgantown OL3 LLC, Morgantown OL4 LLC, Morgantown OL5 LLC, Morgantown OL6 LLC, and Morgantown OL7 LLC, dated as of December 18, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.15b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)

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Exhibit No.	Exhibit Name
10.39(a)	Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Dickerson) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Dickerson OL1 LLC, Dickerson OL2 LLC, Dickerson OL3 LLC, and Dickerson OL4 LLC, dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.16a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.39(b)	Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Morgantown) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Morgantown OL1 LLC, Morgantown OL2 LLC, Morgantown OL3 LLC, Morgantown OL4 LLC, Morgantown OL5 LLC, Morgantown OL6 LLC, and Morgantown OL7 LLC, dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.16b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.40(a)	Ownership and Operation Agreement (Dickerson) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Dickerson OL1 LLC, Dickerson OL2 LLC, Dickerson OL3 LLC, and Dickerson OL4 LLC, dated as of December 18, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.17a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.40(b)	Ownership and Operation Agreement (Morgantown) between Southern Energy Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Morgantown OL1 LLC, Morgantown OL2 LLC, Morgantown OL3 LLC, Morgantown OL4 LLC, Morgantown OL5 LLC, Morgantown OL6 LLC, and Morgantown OL7 LLC, dated as of December 18, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.17b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.41(a)	Guaranty Agreement (Dickerson L1) between Southern Energy, Inc. and Dickerson OL1 LLC dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.41(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Guaranty Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.49(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.42(a)	Guaranty Agreement (Morgantown L1) between Southern Energy, Inc. and Morgantown OL1 LLC dated as of December 19, 2000 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22a to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.42(b)	Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Guaranty Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.50(a) hereto (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22b to the Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-61668)
10.43*	Mirant Services Severance Pay Plan
10.44*	First Amendment to the Mirant Services Severance Pay Plan
10.45*	First Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Mirant Services Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan
10.46*	First Amendment to the Mirant Services Supplemental Benefit (Pension) Plan
10.47*	Mirant Corporation Change In Control Severance Plan
21.1*	Subsidiaries of Registrant
23.1*	Consent of KPMG LLP dated February 26, 2010
24.1*	Powers of Attorney
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. Section 7241, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. Section 7241, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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Exhibit No.	Exhibit Name
32.1*	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Rule 13a-14(b))
32.2*	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Rule 13a-14(b))
101*	The following financial statements from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, filed on February 26, 2010, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Statements of Operations, (ii) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Stockholder's Equity and Comprehensive Income (Loss), (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, (v) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text and (vi) Financial Statement Schedules, tagged as blocks of text.

* Asterisk indicates exhibits filed herewith.

The Registrant has requested confidential treatment for certain portions of this Exhibit pursuant to Rule 24b-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

MIRANT CORPORATION

Date: February 26, 2010

By: /s/ EDWARD R. MULLER
Edward R. Muller
*Chairman of the Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signatures	Title
/s/ EDWARD R. MULLER Edward R. Muller	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
Date: February 26, 2010	
/s/ J. WILLIAM HOLDEN, III J. William Holden, III	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
Date: February 26, 2010	
/s/ ANGELA M. NAGY Angela M. Nagy	Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)
Date: February 26, 2010	
*	Director
Thomas W. Cason	
Date: February 26, 2010	
*	Director
A. D. Correll	
Date: February 26, 2010	
*	Director
Terry G. Dallas	
Date: February 26, 2010	
*	Director
Thomas H. Johnson	
Date: February 26, 2010	
*	Director

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John T. Miller

Date: February 26, 2010

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Director

Robert C. Murray

Date: February 26, 2010

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Signatures	Title
*	Director
John M. Quain Date: February 26, 2010	
*	Director
William L. Thacker Date: February 26, 2010 * By attorney-in-fact.	
/s/ ANGELA M. NAGY Angela M. Nagy Date: February 26, 2010	