CONSOL Energy Inc
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014

OR

o 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: 001-14901

CONSOL Energy Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	51-0337383 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1000 CONSOL Energy Drive
Canonsburg, PA 15317-6506
(724) 485-4000
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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 x No o

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 x No o

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

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o Smaller Reporting Company o

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

Yes o No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class	Shares outstanding as of October 17, 2014
Common stock, $0.01 par value	230,179,532

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GLOSSARY OF CERTAIN OIL AND GAS MEASUREMENT TERMS

The following are abbreviations of certain measurement terms commonly used in the oil and gas industry and included within this Form 10-Q:

Bbl - One stock tank barrel, or 42 U.S. gallons liquid volume, used in reference to oil or other liquid hydrocarbons.
Bcf - One billion cubic feet of natural gas.
Bcfe - One billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalents, with one barrel of oil being equivalent to 6,000 cubic feet of gas.
Btu - One British thermal unit.
Mbbls - One thousand barrels of oil or other liquid hydrocarbons.
Mcf - One thousand cubic feet of natural gas.
Mcfe - One thousand cubic feet of natural gas equivalents, with one barrel of oil being equivalent to 6,000 cubic feet of gas.
MMbtu - One million British Thermal units.

MMcfe - One million cubic feet of natural gas equivalents, with one barrel of oil being equivalent to 6,000 cubic feet of gas.
NGL - Natural gas liquids.
Tcfe - One trillion cubic feet of natural gas equivalents, with one barrel of oil being equivalent to 6,000 cubic feet of gas.
Dth/d- Decatherms per day, with one decatherm being equivalent to one million British Thermal units.

PART I : FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOL ENERGY INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
(Unaudited)	September 30,		September 30,	
Revenues and Other Income:	2014	2013	2014	2013
Natural Gas, NGLs and Oil Sales	$257,358	$192,781	$753,399	$531,859
Coal Sales	483,960	479,311	1,554,939	1,532,280
Other Outside Sales	73,673	63,876	213,047	197,778
Gas Royalty Interests and Purchased Gas Sales	18,815	17,113	68,773	51,109
Freight-Outside Coal	2,497	9,579	22,551	31,492
Miscellaneous Other Income	40,784	20,822	165,815	77,729
Gain on Sale of Assets	7,529	19,863	12,615	52,208
Total Revenue and Other Income	884,616	803,345	2,791,139	2,474,455
Costs and Expenses:				
Exploration and Production Costs				
Lease Operating Expense	30,005	23,600	85,622	70,835
Transportation, Gathering and Compression	68,234	46,699	179,813	144,002
Production, Ad Valorem, and Other Fees	8,486	8,033	28,817	20,011
Direct Administrative and Selling	14,060	11,725	39,216	34,615
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	82,538	58,998	225,766	164,832
Exploration and Production Related Other Costs	8,042	22,771	15,765	43,666
Production Royalty Interests and Purchased Gas Costs	15,751	13,805	58,519	41,165
Other Corporate Expenses	13,700	26,289	60,876	74,239
General and Administrative	14,874	10,177	47,755	29,239
Total Exploration and Production Costs	255,690	222,097	742,149	622,604
Coal Costs				
Operating and Other Costs	339,216	328,393	1,013,606	993,342
Royalties and Production Taxes	23,306	24,380	77,397	79,257
Direct Administrative and Selling	10,479	11,608	33,589	34,744
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	64,880	57,265	186,029	169,702
Freight Expense	2,497	9,579	22,551	31,492
General and Administrative Costs	10,434	8,607	33,397	27,946
Other Corporate Expenses	10,114	11,145	41,444	43,056
Total Coal Costs	460,926	450,977	1,408,013	1,379,539
Other Costs				
Miscellaneous Operating Expense	92,974	75,439	266,601	272,346
General and Administrative Costs	425	376	1,259	1,269
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	1,247	1,467	3,885	4,303
Loss on Debt Extinguishment	20,990	—	95,267	—
Interest Expense	55,397	56,300	170,539	164,194
Total Other Costs	171,033	133,582	537,551	442,112
Total Costs And Expenses	887,649	806,656	2,687,713	2,444,255
(Loss) Earnings Before Income Tax	(3,033)	(3,311)	103,426	30,200

Income Taxes	(1,388)	68,858	8,315	97,531
(Loss) Income From Continuing Operations	(1,645)	(72,169)	95,111	(67,331)
Income (Loss) From Discontinued Operations, net	—	8,120	(5,687)	(11,352)
Net (Loss) Income	(1,645)	(64,049)	89,424	(78,683)
Less: Net Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	—	(398)	—	(942)
Net (Loss) Income Attributable to CONSOL Energy Shareholders	$(1,645)	$(63,651)	$89,424	$(77,741)

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

CONSOL ENERGY INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(CONTINUED)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013
(Loss) Earnings Per Share				
Basic				
(Loss) Income from Continuing Operations	$(0.01)	$(0.31)	$0.41	$(0.29)
Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations	—	0.03	(0.02)	(0.05)
Total Basic (Loss) Earnings Per Share	$(0.01)	$(0.28)	$0.39	$(0.34)
Dilutive				
(Loss) Income from Continuing Operations	$(0.01)	$(0.31)	$0.41	$(0.29)
Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations	—	0.03	(0.02)	(0.05)
Total Dilutive (Loss) Earnings Per Share	$(0.01)	$(0.28)	$0.39	$(0.34)
Dividends Paid Per Share	$0.0625	$0.125	$0.1875	$0.25

CONSOL ENERGY INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013
Net (Loss) Income	$(1,645)	$(64,049)	$89,424	$(78,683)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss):				
Actuarially Determined Long-Term Liability Adjustments (Net of tax: ($107,383), ($15,422), ($108,154), ($70,161))	184,154	24,980	185,475	113,641
Net Increase (Decrease) in the Value of Cash Flow Hedges (Net of tax: ($25,722), ($8,536), $13,161, ($26,036))	39,151	13,246	(20,032)	40,400
Reclassification of Cash Flow Hedges from OCI to Earnings (Net of tax: $12,084, $14,025, ($5,509), $36,551)	(19,510)	(24,354)	3,754	(56,595)
Other Comprehensive Income	203,795	13,872	169,197	97,446
Comprehensive Income (Loss)	202,150	(50,177)	258,621	18,763
Less: Comprehensive Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	—	(398)	—	(942)
Comprehensive Income (Loss) Attributable to CONSOL Energy Inc. Shareholders	$202,150	$(49,779)	$258,621	$19,705

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CONSOL ENERGY INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands)	(Unaudited) September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$225,563	$327,420
Accounts and Notes Receivable:		
Trade	299,939	332,574
Notes Receivable	—	25,861
Other Receivables	382,652	243,973
Inventories	145,372	157,914
Deferred Income Taxes	127,731	211,303
Recoverable Income Taxes	41,971	10,705
Prepaid Expenses	101,867	135,842
Total Current Assets	1,325,095	1,445,592
Property, Plant and Equipment:		
Property, Plant and Equipment	14,463,328	13,578,509
Less—Accumulated Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	4,499,344	4,136,247
Total Property, Plant and Equipment—Net	9,963,984	9,442,262
Other Assets:		
Investment in Affiliates	185,509	291,675
Notes Receivable	—	125
Other	244,347	214,013
Total Other Assets	429,856	505,813
TOTAL ASSETS	$11,718,935	$11,393,667

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CONSOL ENERGY INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	(Unaudited) September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	$610,725	$514,580
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	12,225	11,455
Other Accrued Liabilities	610,704	565,697
Current Liabilities of Discontinued Operations	12,992	28,239
Total Current Liabilities	1,246,646	1,119,971
Long-Term Debt:		
Long-Term Debt	3,236,172	3,115,963
Capital Lease Obligations	43,150	47,596
Total Long-Term Debt	3,279,322	3,163,559
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:		
Deferred Income Taxes	395,025	242,643
Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions	652,050	961,127
Pneumoconiosis Benefits	111,514	111,971
Mine Closing	321,776	320,723
Gas Well Closing	180,520	175,603
Workers’ Compensation	73,398	71,468
Salary Retirement	48,231	48,252
Reclamation	34,499	40,706
Other	121,355	131,355
Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	1,938,368	2,103,848
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,464,336	6,387,378
Stockholders’ Equity:		
Common Stock, $.01 Par Value; 500,000,000 Shares Authorized, 230,177,923 Issued and Outstanding at September 30, 2014; 229,145,736 Issued and Outstanding at December 31, 2013	2,305	2,294
Capital in Excess of Par Value	2,412,976	2,364,592
Preferred Stock, 15,000,000 shares authorized, None issued and outstanding	—	—
Retained Earnings	2,995,238	2,964,520
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(155,920)	(325,117)
Total CONSOL Energy Inc. Stockholders’ Equity	5,254,599	5,006,289
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	$11,718,935	$11,393,667

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CONSOL ENERGY INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	Common Stock	Capital in Excess of Par Value	Retained Earnings (Deficit)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Total CONSOL Energy Inc. Stockholders' Equity
December 31, 2013	$2,294	$2,364,592	$2,964,520	$(325,117)	$5,006,289
(Unaudited)					
Net Income	—	—	89,424	—	89,424
Other Comprehensive Income	—	—	—	169,197	169,197
Comprehensive Income	—	—	89,424	169,197	258,621
Issuance of Common Stock	11	13,392	—	—	13,403
Treasury Stock Activity	—	—	(15,587)	—	(15,587)
Tax Benefit From Stock-Based Compensation	—	2,478	—	—	2,478
Amortization of Stock-Based Compensation Awards	—	32,514	—	—	32,514
Dividends ($0.1875 per share)	—	—	(43,119)	—	(43,119)
September 30, 2014	$2,305	$2,412,976	$2,995,238	$(155,920)	$5,254,599

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CONSOL ENERGY INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands)	Nine Months Ended	
(Unaudited)	September 30,	
Operating Activities:	2014	2013
Net Income (Loss)	$89,424	$(78,683)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided By Continuing Operating Activities:		
Net Loss from Discontinued Operations	5,687	11,352
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	415,680	338,837
Stock-Based Compensation	32,514	44,026
Gain on Sale of Assets	(12,615)	(52,208)
Loss on Debt Extinguishment	95,267	—
Deferred Income Taxes	6,540	(23,335)
Equity in Earnings of Affiliates	(38,477)	(20,276)
Return on Equity Investments	47,424	—
Changes in Operating Assets:		
Accounts and Notes Receivable	(64,241)	11,145
Inventories	12,542	11,000
Prepaid Expenses	3,178	(8,688)
Changes in Other Assets	(14,339)	24,318
Changes in Operating Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	151,829	(18,487)
Accrued Interest	32,698	50,184
Other Operating Liabilities	116,474	122,429
Other	(8,480)	39,356
Net Cash Provided by Continuing Operations	871,105	450,970
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Discontinued Operating Activities	(20,934)	138,029
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	850,171	588,999
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Capital Expenditures	(1,174,607)	(1,021,127)
Change in Restricted Cash	—	56,410
Proceeds from Sales of Assets	141,136	464,638
Net Investments In Equity Affiliates	108,532	(18,112)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities in Continuing Operations	(924,939)	(518,191)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities in Discontinued Operations	—	(41,246)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(924,939)	(559,437)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
(Payments on) Proceeds from Short-Term Borrowings	(11,736)	47,000
Payments on Miscellaneous Borrowings	(4,169)	(31,858)
Proceeds from Long-Term Borrowings	1,859,920	—
Payments on Long-Term Borrowings	(1,843,866)	—
Proceeds from Securitization Facility	—	6,518
Tax Benefit from Stock-Based Compensation	2,478	2,316
Dividends Paid	(43,119)	(57,211)
Issuance of Common Stock	13,403	2,698
Treasury Stock Activity	—	609

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities in Continuing Operations	(27,089)	(29,928)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities in Discontinued Operations	—	(432)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(27,089)	(30,360)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(101,857)	(798)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	327,420	21,862
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	$225,563	$21,064

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

CONSOL ENERGY INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

NOTE 1—BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

The accompanying Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for future periods.

The balance sheet at December 31, 2013 has been derived from the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements at that date but does not include all the notes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. For further information, refer to the Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes for the year ended December 31, 2013 included in CONSOL Energy Inc.'s Form 10-K.

Certain amounts in prior periods have been reclassified to conform with the report classifications of the year ended December 31, 2013, with no effect on previously reported net income or stockholders' equity.

Basic earnings per share are computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to shareholders by the weighted average shares outstanding during the reporting period. Dilutive earnings per share are computed similarly to basic earnings per share except that the weighted average shares outstanding are increased to include additional shares from stock options, performance stock options, CONSOL stock units, and restricted and performance share units, if dilutive. The number of additional shares is calculated by assuming that outstanding stock options and performance share options were exercised, that outstanding restricted stock units, performance share units, and CONSOL stock units were released, and that the proceeds from such activities were used to acquire shares of common stock at the average market price during the reporting period. CONSOL Energy Inc. (CONSOL Energy or the Company) includes the impact of pro forma deferred tax assets in determining potential windfalls and shortfalls for purposes of calculating assumed proceeds under the treasury stock method. The table below sets forth the share-based awards that have been excluded from the computation of the diluted earnings per share because their effect would be anti-dilutive:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Anti-Dilutive Options	4,116,136	4,833,174	359,488	4,833,174
Anti-Dilutive Restricted Stock Units	1,278,078	1,243,207	—	1,243,207
Anti-Dilutive Performance Share Units	287,226	97,142	—	97,142
Anti-Dilutive Performance Share Options	802,804	602,101	—	602,101
	6,484,244	6,775,624	359,488	6,775,624

The table below sets forth the share-based awards that have been exercised or released:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Options	7,456	11,655	655,568	256,768

Restricted Stock Units	6,034	130,523	396,836	698,664
Performance Share Units	—	—	378,971	159,228
	13,490	142,178	1,431,375	1,114,660

The weighted average exercise price per share of the options exercised during the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 was $22.75 and $17.40, respectively. The weighted average exercise price per share of the options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 was $20.44 and $10.49, respectively.

The computations for basic and dilutive earnings per share are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
(Loss) Income from Continuing Operations	$(1,645)	$(72,169)	$95,111	$(67,331)
Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations	—	8,120	(5,687)	(11,352)
Less: Net Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	—	(398)	—	(942)
Net (Loss) Income Attributable to CONSOL Energy Inc. Shareholders	$(1,645)	$(63,651)	$89,424	$(77,741)
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding:				
Basic	230,174,256	228,876,336	229,922,936	228,640,671
Effect of stock-based compensation awards	—	—	1,479,976	—
Dilutive	230,174,256	228,876,336	231,402,912	228,640,671
Earnings per share:				
Basic (Continuing Operations)	$(0.01)	$(0.31)	$0.41	$(0.29)
Basic (Discontinued Operations)	—	0.03	(0.02)	(0.05)
Total Basic	$(0.01)	$(0.28)	$0.39	$(0.34)
Dilutive (Continuing Operations)	$(0.01)	$(0.31)	$0.41	$(0.29)
Dilutive (Discontinued Operations)	—	0.03	(0.02)	(0.05)
Total Dilutive	$(0.01)	$(0.28)	$0.39	$(0.34)

Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) by component, net of tax, were as follows:

	Gains and Losses on Cash Flow Hedges	Postretirement Benefits	Total
Balance at December 31, 2013	$42,493	$(367,610)	$(325,117)
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications	(20,032)	176,385	156,353
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	3,754	9,090	12,844
Current period other comprehensive (loss) income	(16,278)	185,475	169,197
Balance at September 30, 2014	$26,215	$(182,135)	$(155,920)

The following table shows the reclassification of adjustments out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Derivative Instruments (Note 13)				
Natural gas price swaps and options	$(31,594)	$(38,379)	$9,263	$(93,146)
Tax benefit (expense)	12,084	14,025	(5,509)	36,551
Net of tax	$(19,510)	$(24,354)	$3,754	$(56,595)
Actuarially Determined Long-Term Liability Adjustments*(Note 4 and Note 5)				
Amortization of prior service costs	$(2,542)	$(8,212)	$(7,625)	$(24,635)
Recognized net actuarial loss	11,198	21,055	32,705	69,802
Curtailment gains	(36,182)	—	(36,182)	—
Settlement loss	4,785	6,296	25,492	38,498
Total	(22,741)	19,139	14,390	83,665

Tax benefit (expense)	8,376	(7,306)	(5,300)	(31,936)
Net of tax	$(14,365)	$11,833	$9,090	$51,729

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NOTE 2—ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS:

In March 2014, CONSOL Energy completed a sale-leaseback of longwall shields for the Harvey Mine. Cash proceeds from the sale offset the basis of $75,357; therefore, no gain or loss was recognized on the sale. The lease has been accounted for as an operating lease. The lease term is five years.

In December 2013, CONSOL Energy completed the sale of its Consolidation Coal Company (CCC) subsidiary, which includes all five of its longwall coal mines in West Virginia, to a subsidiary of Murray Energy Corporation (Murray Energy). CONSOL Energy retained overriding royalty interests in certain reserves sold in the transaction. Murray Energy also assumed $2,050,656 of CONSOL Energy's employee benefit obligations valued as of December 5, 2013 and its UMWA 1974 Pension Trust obligations. Murray Energy is primarily liable for all 1993 Coal Act liabilities. Cash proceeds of $825,285 were received related to this transaction, which were net of $24,715 in transaction fees. Proceeds are subject to adjustments related to working capital. A pre-tax gain of $1,035,346 was included in Income from Discontinued Operations on the Consolidated Statement of Income. In the first quarter of 2014, there was a pre-tax reduction in gain on sale of $7,044 related to the estimated working capital adjustment and various other miscellaneous items. Final settlement of working capital adjustments are currently being evaluated and are not expected to be material. For all periods presented in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income, the sale of CCC was classified as discontinued operations. There were no other active businesses classified as discontinued operations in the presented periods.

In December 2013, CONSOL Energy acquired the gas drilling rights to approximately 90,000 contiguous acres from Dominion Transmission, a unit of Dominion Resources. The acreage, which is associated with Dominion’s Fink-Kennedy, Lost Creek, and Racket Newberne gas storage fields in West Virginia, lies in the northern portion of Lewis County and the southern portion of Harrison County. CONSOL Energy anticipates that over one-half of the acres will have wet gas. CONSOL Energy has acquired the gas rights to both the Marcellus Shale and the Upper Devonian formations in the storage fields. Consideration of up to $190,000 will be paid by CONSOL Energy in two installments: 50% was paid at closing and the balance is due over time as the acres are drilled. In addition, CONSOL Energy will pay an overriding royalty to Dominion Resources based on a sliding scale. With respect to production from this area, CONSOL Energy has committed to be an anchor shipper on Dominion’s transmission system for 250,000 Dth/d with a primary term of 15 years. CONSOL Energy paid $91,243 in 2013 related to this transaction. In the nine months ended September 30, 2014, CONSOL Energy made an additional bonus payment of $16,000 to Dominion Transmission. Noble Energy, our joint venture partner, acquired 50% of the acres and reimbursed CONSOL Energy in 2014. Cash proceeds received from Noble Energy were $46,311 in the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

In August 2013, CONSOL Energy completed the sale of its 50% interest in the CONSOL Energy/Devon Energy joint venture in Alberta, Canada. The properties and coal leases included were those related to Grassy Mountain, Bellevue, Adanac, and Lynx Creek (Crowsnest Pass). Cash proceeds for the sale were $24,764. A gain of $15,260 was included in Other Income in the Consolidated Statement of Income.

In June 2013, CONSOL Energy completed the sale of Potomac coal reserves in Grant and Tucker Counties in West Virginia. Cash proceeds for the sale were $25,000. A gain of $24,663 was included in Other Income in the Consolidated Statement of Income.

In April 2013, the Company and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) entered into a Settlement Agreement and Release Settlement settling all of the Commonwealth's claims regarding the Ryerson Park Dam (Dam) and the Ryerson Park Lake (Lake). The Settlement provided in part for the payment to the Commonwealth of $36,000 for use to rebuild the Dam and restore the Lake with $13,728 of the settlement amount credited to lease bonus and royalty payments on the Commonwealth's Marcellus gas interests within the Park, subject to the Company's agreement to extract the gas from surface facilities located outside of the boundaries of the Park. The Settlement also provided in part for the conveyance by the Company to the Commonwealth of eight surface parcels (Parcels) containing approximately 506 acres of land adjoining the Park after the Parcels are no longer needed for the Company's operations and the conveyance by the Commonwealth to the Company of certain coal and mining rights in an area of the Bailey Mine where a mining permit application has been approved but with special conditions that will need further approval.

In March 2013, CNX Gas Company LLC (CNX Gas Company), a wholly owned subsidiary of CONSOL Energy, completed negotiations with the Allegheny County Airport Authority, which operates the Pittsburgh International Airport and the Allegheny County Airport, for the lease of the oil and gas rights on approximately 9.3 thousand acres. A majority of these contiguous acres are in the liquids area of the Marcellus Shale play. CNX Gas Company paid $46,315 as an up-front bonus payment at closing. Approximately 7.6% of the bonus payment was placed into escrow while negotiations continue for a portion of the acres associated with the Allegheny County Airport and other acres that have potentially defective title. CNX Gas Company has an obligation to spud a well by February 21, 2015 and proceed with due diligence to complete the well or the lease terminates and CNX Gas Company foregoes the bonus. Our joint venture partner, Noble Energy, acquired a 50% undivided interest in the acreage and has reimbursed CNX Gas Company for 50% of the associated acquisition costs during the year ended December 31, 2013.

In January 2013, CONSOL Energy completed a sale-leaseback of longwall shields for the Bailey Mine. Cash proceeds for the sale were $71,166. A loss of $358 was recognized due to transaction fees and is included in Other Income in the Consolidated Statement of Income. The lease has been accounted for as an operating lease. The lease term is five years.

NOTE 3—OTHER INCOME:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Equity in Earnings of Affiliates	$18,284	$3,610	$39,796	$20,276
Rental Income	9,731	770	35,336	2,654
Coal Contract Settlement	—	—	30,000	—
Gathering Revenue	3,636	766	24,386	5,863
Royalty Income	5,003	4,113	14,758	12,870
Right of Way Issuance	2,485	2,102	4,898	3,810
Bailey Belt Settlement	—	—	4,275	—
Interest Income	527	4,300	1,827	15,701
Business Interruption Insurance	—	2,745	—	5,445
Other	1,118	2,416	10,539	11,110
Total Other Income	$40,784	$20,822	$165,815	$77,729

NOTE 4—COMPONENTS OF PENSION AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLANS NET PERIODIC BENEFIT COSTS:

Components of net periodic costs (benefits) for the three and nine months ended September 30 are as follows:

	Pension Benefits				Other Post-Employment Benefits			
	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Service cost	$4,834	$4,897	$13,625	$16,184	$2,331	$4,849	$6,994	$14,547
Interest cost	8,667	9,497	26,812	27,249	12,096	29,619	36,290	88,856
Expected return on plan assets	(12,829)	(13,336)	(38,342)	(38,191)	—	—	—	—
Amortization of prior service credits	(346)	(408)	(1,038)	(1,223)	(2,196)	(7,804)	(6,588)	(23,411)
Recognized net actuarial loss	6,444	8,042	18,441	30,764	6,369	17,595	19,106	52,784
Settlement loss	4,785	6,296	25,492	38,498	—	—	—	—
Curtailment gain	(549)	—	(549)	—	(35,633)	—	(35,633)	—

Net periodic cost (benefit)	$11,006	$14,988	$44,441	$73,281	$(17,033)	$44,259	$20,169	$132,776

Expenses attributable to discontinued operations included in net periodic cost above were $1,699 and $7,078 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, for the Pension Plans; and were $25,775 and $76,673 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, for the Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, $25,948 was paid to the pension trust from operating cash flows. Additional contributions to the pension trust are not expected to be significant for the remainder of 2014. Net periodic benefit costs are allocated to Exploration and Production Costs, Direct Administrative and Selling Expenses and Coal Costs, Operating and Other Costs in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

On September 30, 2014, the qualified pension plan was remeasured to reflect an announced plan amendment that will reduce future accruals of pension benefits as of January 1, 2015. The plan amendment calls for a hard freeze of the defined benefit pension plan on January 1, 2015 for employees who are under age 40 or have less than 10 years of service as of September 30, 2014. Beginning January 1, 2015, the Company will contribute an additional 3% of eligible compensation into the 401(k) plan accounts for these affected employees. Employees who are age 40 or over and have at least 10 years of service will continue in the defined benefit pension plan unchanged. The modifications to the pension plan resulted in a $21,624 reduction in the pension liability with a corresponding adjustment of $13,659 in Other Comprehensive Income, net of $7,965 in deferred taxes. Additionally, a curtailment gain of $549 was recognized with a corresponding adjustment of $347 in Other Comprehensive Income, net of $202 in deferred taxes. The change was made to align our compensation package more closely with our peer group.

According to the Defined Benefit Plans Topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification, if the lump sum distributions made during a plan year, which for CONSOL Energy is January 1 to December 31, exceed the total of the projected service cost and interest cost for the plan year, settlement accounting is required. Lump sum payments exceeded this threshold during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014. Accordingly, CONSOL Energy recognized settlement expense of $4,785 and $25,492 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 in Other Costs - Miscellaneous Operating Expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income. The settlement charges represented a pro rata portion of the net unrecognized loss based on the percentage reduction in the projected benefit obligation due to the lump sum payments. The settlement accounting was initially triggered in May 2014, resulting in a remeasurement at May 31. Additional lump sum distributions during June and September 2014 resulted in remeasurements at June 30, 2014 and September 30, 2014. The September 30, 2014 remeasurement used a discount rate of 4.33%, an increase from 4.26% used at June 30, 2014. The September remeasurement increased the pension liability by $13,152. The September settlement and corresponding remeasurement of the pension plan resulted in a decrease of $5,285 in Other Comprehensive Income, net of $3,082 in deferred taxes. The May 31 and June 30, 2014 remeasurements used a discount rate of 4.26%, a decrease from 4.87% used at December 31, 2013. The May remeasurement increased the pension liability by $41,527. The May settlement and corresponding remeasurement of the pension plan resulted in a decrease of $14,193 in Other Comprehensive Income, net of $8,276 in deferred taxes. The June remeasurement decreased the pension liability by $6,490. The June settlement and corresponding remeasurement of the pension plan resulted in an increase of $5,141 in Other Comprehensive Income, net of $2,998 in deferred taxes. If CONSOL Energy incurs additional lump sum distributions from the plan in the fourth quarter of 2014, additional settlement charges will be recorded.

Lump sum payments also exceeded the settlement threshold during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013. Accordingly, CONSOL Energy recognized settlement expense of $6,296 and $38,498 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, in Other Costs - Miscellaneous Operating Expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income. The settlement charges represented a pro rata portion of the net unrecognized loss based on the percentage reduction in the projected benefit obligation due to the lump sum payments. The 2013 settlement charges also resulted in a remeasurement of the pension plan at September 30, June 30 and March 31, 2013. The September 30, 2013 remeasurement resulted in a change to the discount rate to 4.80% from 4.84% at June 30, 2013. The September remeasurement reduced the pension liability by $21,264. The September settlement and corresponding remeasurement of the pension plan resulted in an increase of $17,040 in Other Comprehensive Income, net of $10,520 in deferred taxes. The June 30, 2013 remeasurement resulted in a change to the discount rate to 4.84% from 4.12% at March 31, 2013. The June remeasurement reduced the pension liability by $48,957. The June settlement and corresponding remeasurement of the pension plan resulted in an increase of $33,414 in Other

Comprehensive Income, net of $20,630 in deferred taxes. The March 31, 2013 remeasurement resulted in a change to the discount rate to 4.12% from 4.00% at December 31, 2012. The March remeasurement reduced the pension liability by $29,916. The March settlement and corresponding remeasurement of the pension plan resulted in an increase of $35,261 in Other Comprehensive Income, net of $21,770 in deferred taxes.

On September 30, 2014, the salaried OPEB plan and Production and Maintenance (P&M) OPEB plan were remeasured to reflect an announced plan amendment that will reduce retiree medical and life insurance benefits as of September 30, 2014. Effective September 30, 2014, no retiree medical or life benefits will be provided to active employees. Retirees as of September 30, 2014 will continue in the OPEB plans, which are currently anticipated to remain unchanged through December 31, 2019, and coverage thereafter will be eliminated. The Company elected to make cash transition payments totaling approximately $46,282 to the active employees whose retiree medical and life benefits were eliminated by the changes to the OPEB plan. These cash payments are not considered to be post-retirement benefits, and as such, they are not included in the actuarial calculations related to the OPEB plans. The amendment to the OPEB plan resulted in a $315,439 reduction in the OPEB liability with a corresponding adjustment of $199,252 in Other Comprehensive Income, net of $116,187 in deferred taxes. A curtailment gain of $35,633 was recognized in September 2014 with a corresponding adjustment of $22,508 in Other Comprehensive Income, net of $13,125 in deferred taxes. The amendment resulted in a remeasurement of the OPEB plan at September 30, 2014. The remeasurement resulted in a change to the discount rate to 1.92% for the P&M OPEB plan and 1.84% for the Salaried OPEB plan from 4.88% used at December 31, 2013. The remeasurement increased the OPEB liability by $9,634 with a corresponding decrease of $6,086 in Other Comprehensive Income, net of $3,548 in deferred taxes. The change was made to align our compensation package more closely with our peer group.

CONSOL Energy does not expect to contribute to the other post-employment benefits plan in 2014. We intend to pay benefit claims as they become due. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, $46,272 of other post-employment benefits have been paid.

NOTE 5—COMPONENTS OF COAL WORKERS' PNEUMOCONIOSIS (CWP) AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION NET PERIODIC BENEFIT COSTS:
Components of net periodic costs (benefits) for the three and nine months ended September 30 are as follows:

	CWP				Workers' Compensation			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,		September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Service cost	$1,419	$2,135	$4,255	$6,405	$2,446	$3,533	$7,336	$10,599
Interest cost	1,384	1,808	4,153	5,424	894	1,655	2,683	4,966
Amortization of actuarial gain	(1,549)	(4,213)	(4,647)	(12,638)	(96)	(699)	(287)	(2,098)
State administrative fees and insurance bond premiums	—	—	—	—	999	1,496	3,039	4,500
Legal and administrative costs	—	—	—	—	—	591	—	1,773
Net periodic cost (benefit)	$1,254	$(270)	$3,761	$(809)	$4,243	$6,576	$12,771	$19,740

Expenses (income) attributable to discontinued operations included in the net periodic cost (benefit) above were ($167) and ($497) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, for CWP; and were $2,474 and $7,327 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, for Workers' Compensation.
CONSOL Energy does not expect to contribute to the CWP plan in 2014. We intend to pay benefit claims as they become due. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, $8,870 of CWP benefit claims have been paid.
CONSOL Energy does not expect to contribute to the workers' compensation plan in 2014. We intend to pay benefit claims as they become due. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, $11,327 of workers' compensation benefits, state administrative fees and surety bond premiums have been paid.

NOTE 6—INCOME TAXES:

The effective tax rate on continuing operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 was 8.3% and 323.0%, respectively.

The effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to a $20,640 income tax benefit for excess depletion, $8,820 discrete income tax benefit related to the completion of the Internal Revenue Service audit of tax years 2008 and 2009, and $7,013 discrete income tax benefit as a result of changes in estimates of excess percentage depletion and Domestic Production Activities Deduction related to the prior-year tax provision.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, CONSOL Energy recognized certain tax benefits as a result of changes in estimates related to a prior-year tax provision. The tax benefit of $7,970 related to increased percentage depletion deductions offset by $957 of tax expense related to changes in the Domestic Production Activities Deduction and changes in various other estimates.

The rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to a $111,104 income tax benefit for excess depletion, $4,701 discrete income tax charge related to the gain on sale of the Potomac coal reserves, $8,467 discrete income tax charge related to the gain on sale of the Crowsnest Pass coal reserves, a $1,585 income tax benefit due to a refund claim related to prior year Commonwealth of Pennsylvania taxes, and a $5,875 discrete income tax charge as a result of changes in estimates of excess percentage depletion and Domestic Production Activities Deduction related to the prior-year tax provision.

The total amounts of uncertain tax positions at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were $2,540 and $22,770, respectively. If these uncertain tax positions were recognized, approximately $1,651 and $2,071, respectively, would affect CONSOL Energy's effective tax rate. There were no additions to the liability for unrecognized tax benefits during the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The reduction in uncertain tax positions was due to the completion of the Internal Revenue Service audit of the 2008 and 2009 tax years.

CONSOL Energy recognizes interest accrued related to uncertain tax positions in its interest expense. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company reported an accrued interest liability relating to uncertain tax positions of $1,334 and $6,200, respectively. The accrued interest liability includes $4,866 of interest income and $1,020 of interest expense that is reflected in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

CONSOL Energy recognizes penalties accrued related to uncertain tax positions in its income tax expense. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, CONSOL Energy had no accrued liability for tax penalties.

CONSOL Energy and its subsidiaries file federal income tax returns with the United States and returns within various states and Canadian jurisdictions. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to United States federal, state, local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for the years before 2010. The Internal Revenue Service has issued its audit report related to the examination of CONSOL Energy's 2008 and 2009 U.S. income tax returns during the nine months ended September 30, 2014. As a result of these findings, CONSOL Energy paid federal income tax deficiencies of $4,464 and $1,001, respectively. The deficiencies were the result of changes in the timing of certain tax deductions. The changes in timing of these tax deductions increased the tax benefit of percentage depletion by $2,925 and $4,493 in tax years 2008 and 2009, respectively. The Company also recognized additional tax benefits of $1,402 primarily related to an increase in the Domestic Production Activities Deduction for the audited periods. Also, as a result of closing the IRS audit, CONSOL Energy was required to file amended state income tax returns for the changes. In the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company filed the required amended returns and realized a discrete state income tax charge of $5,496 which was offset by a federal income tax benefit of $1,924.

NOTE 7—INVENTORIES:

Inventory components consist of the following:

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Coal	$24,380	$31,944
Merchandise for resale	35,836	38,263
Supplies	85,156	87,707
Total Inventories	$145,372	$157,914

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. The cost of coal inventories is determined by the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. Coal inventory costs include labor, supplies, equipment costs, operating overhead, depreciation, depletion and amortization, and other related costs.

Merchandise for resale is valued using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) cost method. The excess of replacement cost of merchandise for resale inventories over carrying LIFO value was $19,835 and $18,836 at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

NOTE 8—ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SECURITIZATION:

CONSOL Energy and certain of our U.S. subsidiaries are party to a trade accounts receivable facility with financial institutions for the sale on a continuous basis of eligible trade accounts receivable. The facility allows CONSOL Energy to receive on a revolving basis up to $125,000. The facility also allows for the issuance of letters of credit against the $125,000 capacity. At September 30, 2014, there were letters of credit outstanding against the facility of $61,930. CONSOL Energy management believes that these letters of credit will expire without being funded, and therefore the commitments will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition. No amounts related to these financial guarantees and letters of credit are recorded as liabilities on the financial statements.

CNX Funding Corporation, a wholly owned, special purpose, bankruptcy-remote subsidiary, buys and sells eligible trade receivables generated by certain subsidiaries of CONSOL Energy. Under the receivables facility, CONSOL Energy and certain subsidiaries, irrevocably and without recourse, sell all of their eligible trade accounts receivable to CNX Funding Corporation, which in turn sells these receivables to financial institutions and their affiliates, while maintaining a subordinated interest in a portion of the pool of trade receivables. This retained interest, which is included in Accounts and Notes Receivable Trade in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, is recorded at fair value. Due to a short average collection cycle for such receivables, our collection experience history and the composition of the designated pool of trade accounts receivable that are part of this program, the fair value of our retained interest approximates the total amount of the designated pool of accounts receivable. CONSOL Energy will continue to service the sold trade receivables for the financial institutions for a fee based upon market rates for similar services.

In accordance with the Transfers and Servicing Topics of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification, CONSOL Energy records transactions under the securitization facility as secured borrowings on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The pledge of collateral is reported as Accounts Receivable - Securitized and the borrowings are classified as debt in Borrowings under Securitization Facility.

The cost of funds under this facility is based upon commercial paper rates or LIBOR, plus a charge for administrative services paid to the financial institutions. Costs associated with the receivables facility totaled $692 and $1,328 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. These costs have been recorded as financing fees which are included in the Other Costs - Miscellaneous Operating Expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income. No servicing asset or liability has been recorded. The receivables facility expires in March 2015.

At September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, eligible accounts receivable totaled $82,500 and $115,000, respectively. There was $20,570 subordinated retained interest at September 30, 2014 and $48,945 subordinated retained interest at December 31, 2013. There were no borrowings under the Securitization Facility as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013. The accounts receivable securitization program had no change in the nine months ended September 30, 2014. In accordance with the facility agreement, the Company is able to receive proceeds based upon the eligible accounts receivable at the previous month end.

NOTE 9—PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Coal and Other Plant and Equipment	$3,731,618	$3,681,051
Intangible Drilling Cost	2,388,790	1,937,336
Proven Gas Properties	1,684,675	1,670,404
Unproven Gas Properties	1,510,307	1,463,406
Coal Properties and Surface Lands	1,411,574	1,409,408
Gas Gathering Equipment	1,082,355	1,058,008
Gas Wells and Related Equipment	850,771	688,548
Airshafts	453,689	397,466
Mine Development	416,733	354,607
Coal Advance Mining Royalties	397,015	381,348
Leased Coal Lands	388,033	388,020
Other Gas Assets	125,484	126,239
Gas Advance Royalties	22,284	22,668
Total Property Plant and Equipment	14,463,328	13,578,509
Less: Accumulated Depreciation, Depletion, and Amortization	4,499,344	4,136,247
Total Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	$9,963,984	$9,442,262

Industry Participation Agreements

CONSOL Energy has two significant industry participation agreements (referred to as "joint ventures" or "JVs") that provided drilling and completion carries for our retained interests.

CNX Gas Company LLC (CNX Gas Company), a wholly owned subsidiary of CONSOL Energy, is party to a joint development agreement with Hess Ohio Developments, LLC (Hess) with respect to approximately 144 thousand net Utica Shale acres in Ohio in which each party has a 50% undivided interest. Under the agreement, as amended, Hess is obligated to pay a total of approximately $335,000 in the form of a 50% drilling carry of certain CONSOL Energy working interest obligations as the acreage is developed. As of September 30, 2014, Hess’ remaining carry obligation is $132,736.

CNX Gas Company is party to a joint development agreement with Noble Energy, Inc. (Noble) with respect to approximately 703 thousand net Marcellus Shale oil and gas acres in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, in which each party owns a 50% undivided interest. Under the agreement, as amended, Noble Energy is obligated to pay a total of approximately $1,884,000 in the form of a one-third drilling carry of certain of CONSOL Energy’s working interest obligations as the property is developed, subject to certain limitations. These limitations include the suspension of the carry if average Henry Hub natural gas prices are below $4.00 per million British thermal units (MMbtu) for three consecutive months. The carry has been in effect since March 1, 2014, and will remain effective until average natural gas prices are below $4.00/MMbtu for three consecutive months. Restrictions also include a $400,000 annual maximum on Noble Energy's carried cost obligation. As of September 30, 2014, Noble Energy’s remaining carry obligation is $1,728,520.

NOTE 10—SHORT-TERM NOTES PAYABLE:

CONSOL Energy entered into a new Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated June 18, 2014 for a $2,000,000 senior secured revolving credit facility which expires on June 18, 2019. The new senior secured revolving credit facility replaced CONSOL Energy's existing $1,000,000 senior secured revolving credit facility which had been entered into as of April 12, 2011 and was amended and restated on December 5, 2013, and the existing $1,000,000 senior secured revolving credit facility of CNX Gas Corporation (CNX Gas) and its subsidiaries that had been entered into as of April 12, 2011. The new senior secured revolving credit facility resulted in the acceleration of previously deferred financing charges of $2,989 during the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The facility is secured by substantially all of the assets of CONSOL Energy and certain of its subsidiaries. CONSOL Energy's credit facility allows for up to $2,000,000 of borrowings, which includes $750,000 in letters of credit aggregate sub-limit. CONSOL Energy can request an additional $500,000 increase in the aggregate borrowing limit amount. Fees and interest rate spreads are based on the percentage of facility utilization, measured quarterly. Availability under the facility is generally limited to a borrowing base, which is determined by the required number of lenders in good faith by calculating a loan value of CONSOL Energy's proved gas reserves. The facility includes a minimum interest coverage ratio covenant of no less than 2.50 to 1.00, measured quarterly. The interest coverage ratio was 5.26 to 1.00 at

September 30, 2014. The facility includes a minimum current ratio covenant of no less than 1.00 to 1.00, measured quarterly. The minimum current ratio was 2.33 to 1.00 at September 30, 2014. Affirmative and negative covenants in the facility limit our ability to dispose of assets, make investments, purchase or redeem CONSOL Energy common stock, pay dividends, merge with another corporation and amend, modify or restate the senior unsecured notes. The credit facility allows unlimited investments in joint ventures for the development and operation of gas gathering systems. The facility permits CONSOL Energy to separate its gas and coal businesses if the leverage ratio (which, is essentially, the ratio of debt to EBITDA) of the gas business immediately after the separation would not be greater than 2.75 to 1.00. At September 30, 2014, the $2,000,000 facility had no borrowings outstanding and $264,544 of letters of credit outstanding, leaving $1,735,456 of unused capacity. At December 31, 2013, the prior CONSOL Energy $1,000,000 facility had no borrowings outstanding and $206,988 of letters of credit outstanding, leaving $793,012 of unused capacity. At December 31, 2013, the prior CNX Gas Corporation $1,000,000 facility had no borrowings outstanding and $87,643 of letters of credit outstanding, leaving $912,357 of unused capacity.

NOTE 11—LONG-TERM DEBT:

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Debt:		
Senior notes due April 2017 at 8.00%, issued at par value	$—	$1,500,000
Senior notes due April 2020 at 8.25%, issued at par value	1,014,800	1,250,000
Senior notes due March 2021 at 6.375%, issued at par value	250,000	250,000
Senior notes due April 2022 at 5.875%	1,850,000	—
MEDCO revenue bonds in series due September 2025 at 5.75%	102,865	102,865
Senior notes due April 2022 at 5.875%, Premium	6,875	—
Senior notes due April 2022 at 5.875%, Amortization of Bond Premium	(148)	—
Advance royalty commitments (7.93% weighted average interest rate for September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013)	11,182	11,182
Other long-term notes maturing at various dates through 2031 (total value of $4,892 and $5,923 less unamortized discount of $736 and $1,050 at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively).	4,156	4,873
	3,239,730	3,118,920
Less amounts due in one year *	3,558	2,957
Long-Term Debt	$3,236,172	$3,115,963

* Excludes current portion of Capital Lease Obligations of $8,667 and $8,498 at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

Accrued interest related to Long-Term Debt of $93,709 and $63,272 was included in Other Accrued Liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

On April 16, 2014, CONSOL Energy closed on the private placement of $1,600,000 of 5.875% senior notes due 2022 (the "Notes"). The Notes are guaranteed by substantially all of CONSOL Energy's wholly-owned domestic restricted subsidiaries. CONSOL Energy used substantially all of the net proceeds of the sale of the Notes to purchase the 8.00% senior notes due in 2017.

On August 12, 2014, CONSOL Energy closed on an additional $250,000 of its 5.875% senior notes due 2022 at a price equal to 102.75% of the principal amount of the Additional Notes. CONSOL Energy used $235,200 of the net proceeds of the sale of the Additional Notes to purchase a portion of the outstanding 8.25% senior notes due in 2020.

NOTE 12—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

CONSOL Energy and its subsidiaries are subject to various lawsuits and claims with respect to such matters as personal injury, wrongful death, damage to property, exposure to hazardous substances, governmental regulations including environmental remediation, employment and contract disputes and other claims and actions arising out of the normal course of business. We accrue the estimated loss for these lawsuits and claims when the loss is probable and can be estimated. Our current estimated accruals related to these pending claims, individually and in the aggregate, are immaterial to the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of CONSOL Energy. It is possible that the aggregate loss in the future with respect to these lawsuits and claims could ultimately be material to the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of CONSOL Energy; however, such amounts cannot be reasonably estimated. The amount claimed against CONSOL Energy is disclosed below when an amount is expressly stated in the lawsuit or claim, which is not often the case. The maximum aggregate amount claimed in those lawsuits and claims, regardless of probability, where a claim is expressly stated or can be estimated, exceeds the aggregate amounts accrued for all lawsuits and claims by approximately $388,156.

The following lawsuits and claims include those for which a loss is probable and an accrual has been recognized.

Asbestos-Related Litigation: One of our subsidiaries, Fairmont Supply Company (Fairmont), which distributes industrial supplies, currently is named as a defendant in approximately 6,900 asbestos-related claims in state courts in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Texas and Illinois. Because a very small percentage of products manufactured by third parties and supplied by Fairmont in the past may have contained asbestos, and since many of the pending claims are asserted against dozens of defendants in any given action, it has been difficult for Fairmont to determine how many of the pending cases actually involve valid claims or plaintiffs who were actually exposed to asbestos-containing products supplied by Fairmont. In addition, while Fairmont may be entitled to indemnity or contribution in certain jurisdictions from manufacturers of identified products, the availability of such indemnity or contribution is unclear at this time, and in recent years, some of the manufacturers named as defendants in these actions have sought protection from these claims under bankruptcy laws. Fairmont has no insurance coverage with respect to these asbestos cases. Based on nearly 20 years of experience with this litigation, we have established an accrual to cover our estimated liability for these cases. This accrual is immaterial to the overall financial position of CONSOL Energy and was included in Other Accrued Liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Past payments by Fairmont with respect to asbestos cases have not been material.

Hale Litigation: A purported class action lawsuit was filed on September 23, 2010 in the U.S. District Court in Abingdon, Virginia styled Hale v. CNX Gas Company, et. al. The putative class consists of forced-pooled unleased gas owners whose ownership of the coalbed methane (CBM) gas was declared to be in conflict with rights of others. The lawsuit seeks a judicial declaration of ownership of the CBM, and Plaintiffs also allege CNX Gas Company failed to either pay royalties due to conflicting claimants, or deemed lessors or paid them less than required because of the alleged practice of improper below market sales and/or taking alleged improper post-production deductions. On September 30, 2013, the District Judge entered an Order certifying the class, and CNX Gas Company appealed the Order to the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. On August 19, 2014, the Fourth Circuit agreed with CNX Gas Company, reversed the Order certifying the class and remanded the case to the trial court for further proceedings consistent with the decision. CONSOL Energy continues to believe this action cannot properly proceed as a class action in any form, believes that the case has meritorious defenses, and intends to defend it vigorously. We have established an accrual to cover our estimated liability for this case. This accrual is immaterial to the overall financial position of CONSOL Energy and is included in Other Accrued Liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Addison Litigation: A putative class action lawsuit was filed on April 28, 2010 in the United States District Court in Abingdon, Virginia styled Addison v. CNX Gas Company, et al. The plaintiff class consists of gas lessors whose gas ownership is in conflict. The lawsuit seeks a judicial declaration of ownership of the CBM and damages based on the allegations that CNX Gas Company failed to either pay royalties due these conflicting claimant lessors or paid them less than required because of the alleged practice of improper below market sales and/or taking alleged improper post-production deductions. On September 30, 2013, the District Judge entered an Order certifying the class, and CNX Gas Company appealed the Order to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. On August 19, 2014, the Fourth Circuit agreed with CNX Gas Company, reversed the Order certifying the class and remanded the case to the trial court for further proceedings consistent with the decision. CONSOL Energy continues to believe this action cannot properly proceed as a class action in any form, believes that the case has meritorious defenses, and intends to defend it vigorously. We have established an accrual to cover our estimated liability for this case. This accrual is immaterial to the overall financial position of CONSOL Energy and was included in Other Accrued Liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The following royalty and land right lawsuits and claims include those for which a loss is reasonably possible, but not probable, and accordingly, no accrual has been recognized. These claims are influenced by many factors which prevent the estimation of a range of potential loss. These factors include, but are not limited to, generalized allegations of unspecified damages (such as improper deductions), discovery having not commenced or not having been completed, unavailability of expert reports on damages and non-monetary issues are being tried. For example, in instances where a gas lease termination is sought, damages would depend on speculation as to if and when the gas production would otherwise have occurred, how many wells would have been drilled on the lease premises, what their production would be, what the cost of production would be, and what the price of gas would be during the production period. An estimate is calculated, if applicable, when sufficient information becomes available.

Ratliff Litigation: On January 30, 2013, the Company was served with a complaint filed on behalf of four individuals against Consolidation Coal Company (CCC), Island Creek Coal Company (ICCC), CNX Gas Company, as well as CONSOL Energy itself in the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia. The complaint seeks damages and injunctive relief in connection with the deposit of water from mining activities at the Buchanan Mine into nearby void spaces at some of the mines of ICCC, voids ostensibly underlying their property. The suit alleges damage to coal and coalbed methane and seeks recovery in tort, contract and assumpsit (quasi-contract). The suit seeks damages of approximately $50,000 plus punitive damages. The defendants have asserted Virginia's Mine Void Statute as a defense to plaintiffs' claims and the plaintiffs have challenged the constitutionality of that statute. On March 18, 2014, the District Court concluded, in ruling on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, it could not resolve either the constitutionality or the applicability of the Mine Void Statute on the current record. Discovery is ongoing. CONSOL Energy intends to vigorously defend the suit.

Kennedy Litigation: The Company is a party to a case filed on March 26, 2008 captioned Earl Kennedy (and others) v. CNX Gas Company and CONSOL Energy in the Court of Common Pleas of Greene County, Pennsylvania. The lawsuit alleges that CNX Gas Company and CONSOL Energy trespassed and converted gas and other minerals allegedly belonging to the plaintiffs in connection with wells drilled by CNX Gas Company. The complaint, as amended, seeks injunctive relief, including removing CNX Gas Company from the property, and compensatory damages of $20,000. The suit also sought to overturn existing law as to the ownership of coalbed methane in Pennsylvania, but that claim was dismissed by the court. The suit further sought a determination that the Pittsburgh 8 coal seam does not include the "roof/rider" coal. The court held a bench trial on the "roof/rider" coal issue in November 2011 and ruled in favor of CNX Gas Company and CONSOL Energy. On March 3, 2014, the Company won summary judgment on Counts 1 through 10 of the Amended Complaint, each relating to the alleged trespass of horizontal CBM wells into strata other than the Pittsburgh 8 Seam. The Court rejected each of those claims, essentially holding that if CNX Gas Company went out of the coal seam, it had no intention to do so and, in any event, the plaintiff could not prove any damages as a result. The last remaining Count, seeking to quiet title to approximately 40 acres of Pittsburgh Seam coal, was nonsuited by Plaintiffs, without prejudice, on March 26, 2014. On March 28, 2014, Plaintiffs filed Notices of Appeal with the Pennsylvania Superior Court on all issues decided in CONSOL Energy's favor.

Rowland Litigation: Rowland Land Company filed a complaint in May 2011 against CONSOL Energy, CNX Gas Company, Dominion Resources Inc., and EQT Production Company (EQT) in Raleigh County Circuit Court, West Virginia. Rowland is the lessor on a 33,000 acre oil and gas lease in southern West Virginia. EQT was the original lessee, but farmed out the development of the lease to Dominion Resources in exchange for an overriding royalty. Dominion Resources sold the indirect subsidiary that held the lease to a subsidiary of CONSOL Energy on April 30, 2010. Subsequent to that acquisition, the subsidiary that held the lease was merged into CNX Gas Company as part of an internal reorganization. Rowland alleges that (i) Dominion Resources' sale of the subsidiary to CONSOL Energy was a change in control that required its consent under the terms of the farmout agreement and lease, and/or (ii) the subsequent merger of the subsidiary into CNX Gas Company was an assignment that required its consent under the lease. Rowland has recently been permitted to file its Third Amended Complaint to include additional allegations that CONSOL Energy has slandered Rowland's title. A hearing on the CNX Gas Company motion to dismiss will be held in the next few weeks. Mediation efforts have been unsuccessful. CONSOL Energy believes that the case is without merit and intends to defend it vigorously. Consequently, we have not recognized any liability related to these actions.

At September 30, 2014, CONSOL Energy has provided the following financial guarantees, unconditional purchase obligations and letters of credit to certain third parties, as described by major category in the following table. These amounts represent the maximum potential total of future payments that we could be required to make under these instruments. These amounts have not been reduced for potential recoveries under recourse or collateralization provisions. Generally, recoveries under reclamation bonds would be limited to the extent of the work performed at the time of the default. No amounts related to these financial guarantees and letters of credit are recorded as liabilities on the financial statements. CONSOL Energy management believes that these guarantees will expire without being funded, and therefore the commitments will not have a material adverse effect on financial condition.

	Amount of Commitment Expiration Per Period				
	Total Amounts Committed	Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	Beyond 5 Years
Letters of Credit:					
Employee-Related	$151,302	$71,915	$79,387	$—	$—
Environmental	39,363	37,635	1,728	—	—
Other	135,809	56,209	79,600	—	—
Total Letters of Credit	326,474	165,759	160,715	—	—
Surety Bonds:					
Employee-Related	204,884	204,884	—	—	—
Environmental	661,191				